

MINUTES OF CAERWENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD 9TH MARCH 2017

Present: Councillors:
K Haddow (Chair)
B Counsell
G Cousins
B Dawson
K Evans
P Lewis
P Murphy
R Trayler Smith

In attendance: L McKeon, Clerk to the Council
1 Member of the Public

M4538 APOLOGIES

Received from Councillor Swift.

M4539 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Councillor K Evans	Caerwent Historic Trust	Trustee
Councillor P Murphy	Caerwent Community Centre	Trustee
Councillor P Murphy	All planning applications	Member of MCC Planning Committee

M4540 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

M4541 15 MINUTES PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr P Edwards from Crick wished to raise concern about the speed of traffic in Crick. He advised that following a questionnaire from Councillor Swift the majority of villagers wanted a lower speed limit on the A48. He was advised that Councillor Swift has been pressing for this for some time and indeed a traffic island was installed previously and reduced limits on the Crick and Shirenewton Roads. Mr Edwards informed the Council that the water company had recently arrived to carry out some works but decided to delay this as they felt that traffic lights were required due to speeding traffic. Previous objections to lowering the speed limit had come from the police as they deemed it unpoliceable. Councillor Murphy agreed to request that Highways install a strip across the road to monitor the traffic.

M4542 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING HELD 9TH FEBRUARY 2017

These were agreed as a true record.

M4543 MONTHLY POLICE REPORT

Council were disappointed to note that there was no report from the police.

Received reply from Inspector re lack of police attendance at our meetings. He has asked the Neighbourhood Sergeant to look into this, will review the commitment to meetings throughout all of the wards and then update us.

M4544 PLANNING

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2017/00051 10 Eastgate Crescent, Caerwent

Extend to the rear of the existing dwelling with a 2 storey and part single storey extension creating additional bedroom, larger kitchen and living area.

This Council recommends Approval

To consider any planning applications received after despatch of agenda.

There were no further applications to consider.

To consider notes taken at meeting called by Spitalfields Historic Buildings Trust

Council noted minutes from this meeting.

Councillor Murphy advised that a photographic team will be attending the site to draw up a pictorial set of evidence as it stands. The first task will be to weatherproof the building. The Historic Trust will be able to liaise with Spitalfields to enter and carry out a documented survey of before and after.

M4545 GWENT CRIME & POLICE COMMISSIONER TALK

To consider any questions to put to the Commissioner

Councillor Dawson put forward questions regarding lack of police attendance at Council meetings and funding for first aid to school children being met from the Local Health Service rather than the police budget. Council agreed.

M4546 WELSH NATIONAL ANTHEM

To consider proposal from church to include the Welsh National Anthem in our Remembrance Service 2017

Councillor Counsell advised that this is a community service not a church service and the National Anthem covers the whole of the UK. We had consulted on this previously through the newsletter/social media and there was no call for this to be included. Agreed that we consult again and Councillor Murphy will seek advice from the Welsh Language Officer.

M4547 WAR MEMORIAL

To consider applying for a grant from the War Memorials Trust for any works required.

Agreed to make enquiries regarding a grant and to seek advice from the Heritage Manager of MCC as this is a listed building.

M4548 TO RECEIVE REPORTS

CLERK'S REPORT

Dates for Diaries

MoD Meeting – Friday 28th April, 10.00 a.m. for 10.30 a.m., at Caerwent Training Area).

Community Council Elections – Thursday 4th May.

St Brides Flooding

Welsh Water have now spoken to the land owner who is in agreement for them to access the land to complete the works. They are required to serve notice of entry. They will update us on 4th April.

Carrow Hill Noticeboard

Sent two emails to resident interested in the noticeboard confirming ownership of the land but no reply. Councillor Lewis has also asked them to respond. Agreed that the Clerk telephone them to ask for a decision within two weeks.

Poor Wood – Commoners Rights

No replies from Cadw or the MoD.

Transfer of Village Hall

Solicitor will be sending an email with a few queries.

Xmas Lights

Shirenewton Community Council are not responsible for their Xmas lights – arranged by their church and they are not interested in being involved with any others.

Caldicot School Funding Request

Still no reply.

Northgate Interpretation Board

Cadw confirmed that the owners of the B & B are aware of the access right of way. Clerk had asked Cadw to get in touch with MCC regarding re-siting of board.

North Gate Wall

Written to Cadw re state of this wall and others – no reply as yet. Also informed them of possible Japanese knotweed. It had been established that this is not a notifiable plant.

Time Team Field Wall

Chair had spoken to the current leaseholder who advised that the wall was in this state when they took it over and their lease (one year) says they need to return it in the same (or better) condition so they do not feel responsible. Clerk now written to Estates. Councillor Murphy agreed to chase this up.

SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT

247 members

Comments regarding dogs off leads around the Roman Wall and dog fouling – agreed to ask if the PcsO could attend the site occasionally and also that we inform villagers in the newsletter that persons with the authority to patrol at unspecified times will identify those not collecting dog fouling with zero tolerance. If this practice does not

cease Cadw could withdraw this right to walk with dogs around the wall. Ask for consideration from all, possible photographic evidence and to support each other.

A complaint had been received by Facebook regarding us posting as Caerwent Council – Facebook have asked for identification. The page was set up by a previous Councillor who does not now have the original set up details. The Clerk will send any info to Councillor Evans to investigate.

M4549 CORRESPONDENCE

Monmouthshire Meadows – Wet Meadow Work Day
Drill Hall (Chepstow) awarded £50,000 from Big Lottery Fund
Mr R Lloyd regarding information for the Llanvair Discoed website – agreed to put him in touch with Councillor Evans.
Caerwent Baptist Chapel - invitation to new Pastor's ordination.
MCC – contractors at Caldicot School looking for small projects – passed to Caerwent Community Centre and the Village Hall Committee.

M4550 FINANCE

To consider balances/payment and approval as per finance schedule dated March 2017:

Balances as at 28th February:

Moneymaster Account	£19,790.06
Community Account	£ 1,663.01
Petty Cash	£ 70.71

1. Clerk's Salary, Allowances, Mileage (30)	as per NALC scales
2. Inland Revenue	£54.73
3. Torfaen Pension Fund	£226.47
4. Waters Construction (final contract payment)	£5967.54
5. Merlin Waste (dog bins)	£135.60
6. Petty Cash	£180.00

Council agreed.

To consider quotes re tree works/bus shelter painting

Agreed to accept the quote of £500 for tree works/clearing ivy and brambles/treating with weed killer and £240 for painting of bus shelter woodwork.

M4551 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY

To report any highways/rights of way issues

A lot of rubbish near the tip area – this has already been reported and should be removed this week.

Numerous wine bottles/cans at St Brides/Carrow Hill.

Councillor Murphy had reported again to MCC about netting on loads. Insecure loads by the public is a police matter and residents should be informed.

The central reservation on the A48 has been cleared following a meeting with MCC and Councillors Murphy and Cousins.

M4552 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillors Murphy and Cousins had met with David Wilson residents and all claims had now been pushed aside due to lack of agreement.

Councillor Murphy had met with Barratts Directors and the Site Manager. Once the drainage of the Play Area has been fixed MCC will adopt. Trees had been planted along the A48 – sparse at the moment but need time to mature.

M4553 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Councillors to inform Clerk of any items to be added.

Chair Date