

## **MINUTES OF CAERWENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2015**

Present: Councillors:  
B Counsell (Chair)  
G Cousins  
K Evans  
K Haddow  
P Murphy  
E Saville  
K Stock  
K Swift  
R Trayler Smith

In attendance: PcsO T Norville  
L McKeon, Clerk to the Council

### **M4225 APOLOGIES**

Councillor P Lewis

### **M4226 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman wished to bring forward the item on Social Media as Councillor Saville had to leave the meeting early.

### **M4227 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Councillor K Evans	Caerwent Historic Trust	Trustee
Councillor B Counsell	Mons County CAB	Trustee
Councillor P Murphy	Caerwent Community Centre	
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Councillor K Stock	Caerwent Playing Fields Assoc	Committee Member

### **M4228 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

### **M4229 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2015**

These were approved as a true record.

### **M4230 MONTHLY POLICE REPORT**

PcsO Norville reported on crime this month.

He advised on an organisation called Action Fraud - the UK's national reporting centre for fraud and internet crime. He advised that we list [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) on our website.

Numerous calls had been received regarding sheep on the A48. Councillor Evans advised PcsO Norville that he can assist in the identification of owners by the ear tags on sheep.

Pcso Norville advised that we advertise the Owl notification system through our newsletter and on our website - [www.owl.co.uk/gwent](http://www.owl.co.uk/gwent). If you inform your insurance company that you are signed up to owl notifications this may bring your premium down.

Pcso Norville recommended that anyone away from their property for a length of time should not inform others on social media. Electricity timers are a good deterrent to possible burglaries.

The new Inspector is hoping to carry out a drop-in session in Caerwent on 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Pcso Norville will contact us regarding room availability.

A red Mitsubishi L200 warrior registration number BG09 URZ with a male and child had been seen acting suspiciously on Lawrence Crescent. Anyone spotting this vehicle should call 101 quoting the Gwent Police Incident Number 218 12/03/15.

#### **M4231 SOCIAL MEDIA**

##### ***To consider the re-instatement of our Facebook page***

Agreed to set up a Working Group of Councillors Saville, Haddow and the Clerk to consider this and report back to the next meeting.

#### **M4232 PLANNING**

##### **2015/00163 Land Known as Merton Green**

**New Pathway to Edge of Play Area (opposite Plot 45) to Allow Existing Residents Access to Footway. Rearrangement of Plot 84 Parking and White Lining of Existing Residents Parking Area  
*This Council recommends Approval.***

*Condition: Transfer of Ownership of those parking spaces to residents in 17 – 24 when Barratts have completed their responsibility in the area.*

##### **Appeal re Planning Application 2014/00113 Myrtle Cottage, Caerwent, Outline Application for Dwelling at the Rear**

Informal Hearing will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> April at 10.00 a.m. at County Hall, Usk.

##### **Consultation on Community Infrastructure Levy: Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule.**

Council Noted.

(Councillor Saville left the meeting)

#### **M4233 WELCOME TO CAERWENT COMMUNITY BOOKLET**

Amendments had been sent to Councillor Lewis. It was believed that this was now with the printers.

#### **M4234 CAERWENT COMMUNITY CENTRE**

***To consider starting discussions with the Community Centre Committee regarding drawing up Terms of Reference***

Council agreed that it would be beneficial to agree on Terms of Reference for both the Community Centre Committee and the Playing Fields Association at the same time. Councillor Murphy will be attending a meeting at MCC on 13<sup>th</sup> March to start the procedure regarding the transfer of the Village Hall.

Councillor Evans was concerned that if the Fields are not transferred who will take responsibility for the grasscutting, play area and Trail. It was agreed that we should be involved in any discussions. Councillor Swift reminded Councillors of a company based in Bristol who can advise on taking on assets.

#### **M4235 TIME TEAM FIELD, CAERWENT**

##### ***To consider Monmouthshire Meadows site visit***

Agreed to suggest Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May p.m. and to make a donation of £25.

Quote received for wall repairs. Agreed to have cock and hen repair at £450 and a further section repair of a metre and a half of £180. Agreed to consider at a later date the repointing quote of £1350 and in the meantime Councillors to look for grants available, ie Welsh Church Fund.

Councillor Murphy had written to Operation Nightingale – no reply to date.

#### **M4236 END OF WORLD WAR 1 CENTENARY PLANS**

##### ***To consider any suggested projects***

There had been no response to our appeal in the newsletter. Agreed to defer.

#### **M4237 WELSH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION - Reforming Local Government: Power to Local People Consultation**

Agreed that Community Councils should not be merged or enlarged as this would take us further away from the population that we serve.

We consider that cluster working is the way forward.

Regarding time limits for serving as Councillors – agreed that there should be none. If they are prepared to put the time in and are elected there should be no problem.

Community Councillors serving on more than one Council – agreed that this should still be allowed. Our County Councillor also serves on our Community Council and he has a wealth of experience and information which we find extremely useful.

Community Groups should be included in ownership of assets.

#### **M4238 CRICK VILLAGE MAP**

##### ***To consider installation of a noticeboard in Crick to house a 'Village Map' to help with location of properties.***

Councillor Swift explained that 43 of the 60 houses in Crick are all on the same postcode which constantly causes problems for delivery companies. All delivery vehicles end up at Bradbury Farm. Proposal for a map to be sited in the Walnut Grove area. It was agreed that before deciding on a map that Councillor Murphy will talk to Highways about this. It was agreed that the map could possibly be placed in the existing noticeboard.

## **M4239 IT WAS AGREED TO EXTEND STANDING ORDERS FOR 45 MINUTES**

### **M4240 TO RECEIVE REPORTS**

Clerk's Report:

#### **Dates for Diaries**

Joint Community Councils Meeting with MoD – 29<sup>TH</sup> April, 2.00 p.m., Shirenewton.

#### **Pedestrian Barrier, A48, Merton Green**

Highways Engineer reported that barrier has now been extended.

#### **Dog Waste Bin, Merton Green**

Councillor Cousins had agreed with Tidy Towns Officer location of bin. He has informed local residents.

#### **Valuation of Caerwent Community Centre**

Carried out 3<sup>rd</sup> March by Newlands – reinstatement value for insurances purposes is £355,000. Information passed to Caerwent Community Centre Committee.

#### **Caerwent Toilets**

Quote received for plastic windows, £130 per window. Agreed.

Councillor Murphy agreed to contact Mr Peter Edwards regarding works he had previously offered to carry out.

#### **Rogiet School Governing Body**

Requested expressions of interest in newsletter – no replies as yet. Councillor Haddow agreed to contact some villagers regarding this vacant position.

#### **Outstanding Merton Green development issues**

Barratts advised that they will not number parking spaces.

Agreed to remind Barratts of planting of hedgerow along the A48.

At the side of Block 1 there is a triangle of land where there remains a lot of debris and bricks, Barratts were supposed to rotivate and seed.

#### **Cluster Group Working**

Councillors Murphy and Counsell will be attending a further meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> March.

### **M4240 CORRESPONDENCE**

National Library of Wales – invitation to participate in the UK Web Archive.  
Council agreed.

Welsh Government consultation – Proposals for a Land Transaction Tax to Replace Stamp Duty Land Tax in Wales in 2018.

Council Noted.

Forresters Car Club – notification of Car Rally Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.  
Council Noted.

### **Late Correspondence Received**

Mr D Morgan - concern about litter in village.  
Agreed to contact Keep Wales Tidy to seek advice.

Mrs A Spooner - concern regarding rear pathway of 11 Ash Tree Road. Agreed to reply that according to the existing plan the planning permission as granted has been completed.

### **M4241 FINANCE**

Council agreed payment and approval as per finance schedule dated March 2015.

***To consider membership of Monmouthshire Meadows at a cost of £10 per annum.***

Council agreed.

***To consider reviewing requests for donations to a couple of times a year rather than the current adhoc basis to help with budgeting.***

Council agreed not to change the current system.

### **M4242 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY**

***To consider request from residents in Crick for a street name sign on what is historically known as Bradbury Farm Lane.*** Councillor Swift explained that one of the residents had made contact with the Street Naming and Numbering Officer at MCC in January 2014. The Officer was going to write to the other residents on the lane to inform them of the request to name the road and provided that there were no objections then the street would be named. The resident had heard nothing since and Councillor Swift asked if we could chase this matter up. Councillor Murphy agreed to contact Highways.

The Chairman had met with Ryan Pritchard of Highways. The ruts at Carrow Hill will be dealt with, two new signs will be installed at the crossroads at Carrow Hill and drains will be cleared at Five Lanes.

Lights still too bright in centre of village (remind).

St Brides - Common y Coed to Redhouse footpath blocked and gate padlocked.

Potholes Bradbury Farm Lane.

Silver birch trees overhanging A48 at eastgate.

Stop line at crossroads needs re-painting.

A48 lights at end of single carriageway – dangerous. Councillors will take a look.

Planting troughs – have been planted with bulbs. Councillor Counsell will speak to

Mr Madox re cost. We could consider putting in poppies.

Council noted School Lane, Caerwent, Traffic Order.

Unsafe conifers at Crick had been taken down. Councillor Swift wished to thank Councillor Murphy for his help with this. Also agreed to thank Martyn Evans of MCC.

New play areas at Merton Green appear to have drainage problems.

#### **M4243 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Councillor Swift reported on the Community Led Plan. She confirmed that the MCC funding had ceased. There are however still six people who want to be involved including Councillors Swift, Haddow and Cousins. Therefore as a Steering Group they need to get together to decide on the final questionnaire. The cost of the printing was considered and Councillor Murphy offered to help with this.

#### **M4244 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Report from Facebook Working Group.

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