

## **MINUTES OF CAERWENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2014**

Present: K Evans (Chairman)  
G Cousins  
K Haddow  
K Stock  
R Trayler-Smith

In attendance: L McKeon, Clerk to the Council  
E Powell, Caerwent Parish Church  
R Joy, Street Lighting Manager, MCC  
3 Members of the Public

### **M4130 APOLOGIES**

Received from Councillors Counsell, Lewis, Murphy and Swift.

### **M4131 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman announced that a Community Commemoration Service "The Great War Remembered" will be held at Caerwent Parish Church on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00 p.m. Mr Powell from the church thanked the Council for their support in funding the service publication. He outlined the programme for the evening and asked if Councillors would be able to read out the names and details of those who died. The Clerk agreed to inform Mr Powell of the names of readers.

### **M4132 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Councillor Evans	Historic Trust	Committee Member
Councillor Stock	Playing Fields Assoc	Committee Member

### **M4133 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mrs Edwards reported a highways triangle sign on the Caldicot Road totally covered by vegetation.

Mr Edwards reported scaffolding on Green Lane House encroaching onto the footpath.

Mrs Edwards reported that her boundary wall is now cracked, she believes due to the heavy traffic now using the Old Roman Road since the closure of School Lane. She queried if Highways were now going to review the 18 month trial period.

Mr Harris hoped that the Community Council will rectify what he thought was poor workmanship on the toilets. Mr Edwards, who was keen to see the toilets stay open, offered to help the Council with any works required on the roof. Mr Edwards was thanked for his offer.

Mr Harris referred to a document Caerwent Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Proposals 2009-2014 produced by MCC where it mentions that the toilets/bus shelter will be removed at some point. He hoped that we would not be

spending money on these if this is the case. The Chairman advised that we had not seen or been consulted on this document and suggested that this was a draft document which had not actually yet been approved.

#### **M4134 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014**

These were agreed as a true record.

#### **M4135 MONTHLY POLICE REPORT**

Pcso Noville had sent his apologies. There was no written report.

#### **M4136 ROGER JOY, STREET LIGHTING MANAGER, MCC**

Reduction of street lighting within Monmouthshire

Mr Joy advised that street lights had been dimmed from 8.00 p.m., switched off at midnight and put back on at 5.00 a.m. in Abergavenny, Monmouth, Chepstow, Usk and Little Mill. There had been a small number of complaints but overall the new scheme appeared to be successful.

The areas of Caldicot/Magor/Undy/Rogiet and Caerwent will probably be switched to this scheme next financial year. If the Council feel that any particular lights should stay on he will look into it. We will receive approximately two weeks notice of this.

MCC hope to make a saving of £120-140,000 per annum within the authority.

Mr Joy was asked if any street lighting could be provided at the west entrance into Caerwent off the A48 and also at Trewen. He stated that this was not possible due to the very high costs involved.

#### **M4137 PLANNING**

##### **2014/01048 Rock Cottage, Caerwent**

Extension to Build Sunroom

*This Council recommends **Approval***

##### **2014/00657 Pound Cottage, Pound Lane, Caerwent**

Replace conservatory with two storey timber framed extension off existing dwarf walls and new rear porch.

*This Council recommends **Approval***

Roof lights changes the character of the building

#### **M4138 WELCOME TO CAERWENT COMMUNITY BOOKLET**

There was no progress on this. Agreed to put onto next month's agenda.

#### **M4139 SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS**

The Clerk reported that we are unable to progress the Service Level Agreements until the transfer of the Village Hall takes place. She advised that the Community

Asset Transfer which is part of the Asset Management Plan is scheduled to come before Cabinet in December. A letter from HMRC had been received re VAT.

**M4140 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE – SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

The Clerk reported that she had requested a road closure, ordered all wreaths and spoken with the buglar. Agreed that she ask Councillor Counsell if he will read the names. Agreed that the planters remain and that the wreaths be placed against them. Councillor Cousins will inspect the planters and add additional plants if required.

The Clerk had also arranged for poppies to be sold at the Post Office.

**M4141 MoD COMMUNITY GROUPS SUPPER – 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

Council agreed on invitations to community groups re this supper.

**M4142 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO ROGIET PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Councillor Haddow advised that she can no longer be our Representative on the Rogiet Primary School Governing Body due to the fact that the timings of the meetings are 4.00 p.m. which makes it impossible for her due to work commitments. Agreed to defer this to the next meeting.

**M4143 CAERWENT TOILETS MAINTENANCE**

Agreed to defer this to the next meeting.

**M4144 TO RECEIVE REPORTS**

**CLERK'S REORT:**

### **Dates for Diaries**

Remembrance Service – 9<sup>th</sup> November 10.50 a.m.

Community Commemoration Service – 9<sup>th</sup> November 7.00 p.m.

MoD Meeting/Community Groups Supper – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2014, 6.00 p.m.,  
Caerwent Village Hall

### **Community Literary Award**

Headteachers from Rogiet and Shirenewton Schools are progressing this. Agreed to arrange dates for judging.

### **Unofficial Walkways – A48, Merton Green**

Councillor Murphy had met with Barratts. They will be repairing broken fences and planting in any gaps. Agreed to check this again in the Spring.

### **Poor Wood**

Further reply from MoD that the position remains that no information in scope of our request is held. Clerk to check previous minutes re permits.

### **Cadw Garden**

MCC Officer has visited the site again with a tree surgeon and will send report asap.

### **Llanfair Discoed Councillor Vacancy**

Council will be considering any applications received so far.

### **“Old School” for sale signs**

Now removed.

### **A48 Trewen - Highways Queries**

Reply from Highways that this has previously been deliberated but at that time it was not feasible to provide street lighting at this location. However they will shortly be reviewing the speed limit along the A48 and will give the matter further consideration as part of that process.

### **M4145 CORRESPONDENCE**

One Voice Wales – Consultation on Draft Enforcement Policy re Welsh Language  
One Voice Wales’ response to Welsh Government White Paper (Devolution,  
Democracy and Delivery – Reforming Local Government)

### **M4146 FINANCE**

