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COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

**Minutes of the meeting
Held on 3 July 2006 at 6.00PM
In The Community Room, Shire Hall**

Present: Chairman Councillor Mrs A Dewhurst, Councillor Mrs C Atkins, Councillor Mrs S Chivers, Councillor J Fletcher, Councillor Mrs C Pearce, Councillor T Christopher, Councillor Mrs V Mitchell and Councillor Mrs A Were.

Agenda Item	Details	Action
1.	<u>To Receive Declaration of Interest of Items on the Agenda:</u> Councillor R Hayward Agenda Item 6 - Housing.	
2.	<u>Apologies:</u> Councillor Mrs S White and Councillor L Robson.	
3.	<u>Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd and 30th May 2006:</u> Confirmed Correct.	
4.	<u>To Receive Action Review List:</u> Already received before AGM. Discussed and checked.	
5.	<u>To Receive Correspondence:</u> Noted.	
6.	<u>To Consider Forward Plan for 2006/2007:</u> Councillor Dewhurst suggested a site visit to play areas to identify gaps in provision; date in second week of August seemed suitable. A public meeting was suggested to discuss Council house reorganisation, before ballot takes place in September. Possible venues – Community room Shire Hall, Community Centres at Rockfield Estate or Wyesham, or the Leisure Centre. It was suggested that County Councillors be invited.	AD: To organise. AW: To liaise with the Town Clerk to organise meeting.

7.	<p><u>To Consider Scope of Play Facilities and Community Centres:</u> Agreed that we should have a tour of existing facilities.</p>	
8.	<p><u>To Review Progress re Town Map, Plotting Areas of Responsibility:</u> Town map displayed by Councillor Mrs A Dewhurst. It has been laminated (at a cost of £10) but not mounted permanently on a board so that it can still be rolled up. Councillor R Hayward offered to laminate 1-2 spare copies, and suggested town council interests such as position of dog bins, litter bins, seats, etc be marked on maps.</p>	<p>AD: Agreed to bring equipment to mark the town map at the next meeting.</p>
9.	<p><u>To Organise Mounting of Town Map for Display:</u> Currently mounted by Velcro strips.</p>	
10.	<p><u>To Consider Publicity for Community Grants Scheme:</u> Agreed that we should follow the same procedure as last year and that applications should be made over the period of 12th July to 12th August. A standard letter should be sent to those that applied last year. Posters should be placed in the One Stop Shop, the Library, the Spar shop in Wyesham, the new Rockfield notice board etc; Advertisements should be placed in the Beacon, Free Press and the website.</p>	<p>AW: Will design the poster. AD: Agreed to write the press release.</p>
11.	<p><u>To Discuss Funding request by Monmouth Comprehensive re Trip to Kenya as part of Duke of Edinburgh Scheme:</u> Agreed that Monmouth Comprehensive be asked to apply for a Community Grants Scheme. Following a letter from Councillor Buckland it was noted that it was not possible for councillors to donate their telephone expenses.</p>	
12.	<p><u>Any Other Business</u> a) Hedges growing near public seating: (corner Osbaston Road/St Mary's road) need cutting back. Who is responsible if not MCC? AD suggests asking Rudolph. b) Councillor Fletcher: Asked why was the wrong seat moved outside Shire Hall, it has not improved disabled access. c) Councillor Dewhurst: notified members of Summer Drumming in aid of Fair Trade outside Shire Hall on 8th July, and also about the availability of The Attiks Duck Race forms, at £1 each. d) Councillor Atkins: informed members that the notice board at Rockfield Estate is now up and functional. e) Councillor Mrs A Dewhurst asked if we should get involved with trying to keep the Vauxhall Fields bridge open since the Army is unable to repair it. f) Councillors: asked that the time of the Community Affairs meeting remain at 7pm in future.</p>	<p>AD: Will test support from community by placing a notice asking people who would like the bridge kept open, to contact her.</p>

	<p>g) Involvement with Festival: Agreed that individual Councillors offer their services as 'Bucket Babes'. Councillors Mrs Dewhurst, Mrs Were, Christopher and Fletcher agreed to do so</p> <p>h) Involvement with Carnival: This will take place starting at 1 pm on 30th July from the Leisure Centre. Councillor Dewhurst requested that we 'spread the word' and encourage more participants.</p> <p>i) Friends of Monmouth Cemetery: Councillor Mitchell reported that it seemed promising that attention would at last be given to the cemetery</p> <p>j) Proposed bandstand: Quotes ranging from £24,000 to £35,000 had been obtained. It was noted that the bandstand could not be placed on Chippenham; a site near the Old Monnow Bridge was thought appropriate within the new Welcome Centre design.</p> <p>k) Letters Concerning Out of Hours Service at Monmouth Hospital: Provision of Care to the Elderly, and Police Service Restructure in Wales: Defer to next meeting.</p> <p>l) Councillor Pearce: Requested that it be noted that she had received a letter of apology from Gary Witcombe.</p>	<p>AD: Agreed to organise the distribution of leaflets encouraging such participation at other carnivals in Ross, Coleford etc if possible.</p> <p>Town Clerk</p>
13.	<p><u>To Confirm Date of Next Meeting:</u> Monday 14 August 2006 at 7.00 pm</p>	
<p>Meeting Closed at 19.55pm</p>		

Date: _____

Signature: _____