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COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Minutes of the Meeting Held on 6th November 2006 Community Room, Shire Hall

PRESENT: Chairman Councillor Mrs A Dewhurst.
Councillor T Christopher, Councillor J Fletcher, Councillor Mrs V Mitchell,
Councillor Mrs A Were and Councillor Mrs S White.

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor G F W Buckland and Councillor R Hayward.

Agenda Item	Details	Action
1.	<u>To Receive Declaration of Interest of Items on the Agenda:</u> None received.	
2.	<u>Apologies:</u> None received Cllr Mrs A Dewhurst was delayed, Cllr Mrs A Were deputised as had been previously arranged.	
3.	<u>To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 25th September 2006:</u> Confirmed Correct. Proposed: Cllr Christopher Seconded: Cllr Mrs V Mitchell.	
4.	<u>To Receive Action Review Plan:</u> Need to update at next meeting.	AD
5.	<u>To Receive Correspondence:</u> Monmouth Rowing Club re. Father Christmas arriving by boat thanking them for their offer but explain that the Rotary Club organise that part but perhaps they would consider doing something during Festival week. Letter to write. Border Town: ask for more information on the cost of staging the event and the sort of donation they would like from MTC. If possible, Jane Harvey could attend a meeting and explain the event.	Town Clerk Town Clerk

	<p>Woodland View play area: Following a reply from the Housing Department with their reasons for the removal of the play equipment Councillors Robson, Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Pearce will speak to residents about preferred use of that area. Depending on the responses a letter will be written to MCC to request that they reconsider replacing the play equipment.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs A Dewhurst took over the Chair at this point.</p> <p>Gwent Clinical Futures public consultation document: A response is required by Dec 7th Cllrs Mrs Dewhurst, Mrs S White and Mrs V Mitchell will attend the road show on 7th November in order to make outline recommendations for the 13th November meeting.</p>	<p>VM LR CP</p> <p>VM AD SW</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><u>To Consider 2007/8 Budget Proposals for Submission to next Finance and Policy Meeting:</u> It was agreed to propose increasing the allowance to the Carnival - separate from the Festival and a small contingency fund for this Committee but to maintain the same Budget as this year in all other respects.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p><u>To Confirm payment of £3000 to MCC for Summer Playscheme:</u> The Committee felt forced to withhold payment pending agreed action by MCC. Town Clerk to contact Mike Moran for information he promised. The committee will send flyers to the schools to survey parents regarding lack of attendance. Item deferred until the above information has been collated.</p>	<p>Town Clerk</p> <p>AD AW Will prepare flyers</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p><u>To Review feedback on the effect of the closure of the cash desks in the One Stop Shop:</u> Following our letter in the local press, we have had responses from people who feel disadvantaged by the withdrawal of the service. Neighbouring shops have reported a severe drop in custom since that date. Town Clerk to write to MCC with following questions: How much money have they saved in the year since closure? How much money were they taking prior to closure? What is the reduction in footfall since closure? How many people paid via One Stop Shop? How much would a security service charge to pick up cash from OSS as the Leisure Centre do?</p>	<p>Town Clerk</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p><u>To Review Recommendations following Playground Site Visits:</u> [The Chair's report was circulated to members, for checking and additions. Carbonne Play Area: Please write to Charter Housing to request removal of Japanese Knotweed from the development. (The area adjacent to Elstob Way).</p>	<p>Town Clerk</p>

	<p>The four ward members to meet and consider possible solutions to the bund/bikers problem. Cllr Fletcher has succeeded in having the dead trees felled since the visit. Woodland View Play Area: See Correspondence 3. Ideas requested for Osbaston, as there are no play areas in this ward.</p>	<p>SC JF SW AW.</p> <p>AD RH</p>
10.	<p>Expenditure for Christmas Event: Hiring of stilt walker approved. Cllr. Fletcher will donate a Christmas tree. The suggested date for installation is prior to 26th November. Contact CP to liaise with contractors.</p>	<p>Town Clerk.</p>
11	<p><u>Any other Business:</u> The Forward Plan needs to be revised. Please agenda for December Meeting.</p>	<p>Town Clerk</p>
12.	<p><u>To Agree Next Meeting Date:</u> Monday. 13th November 2006. 7pm. (Christmas event arrangements) All Councillors have been urged to attend. Monday 18 December 2006.</p>	
<p>Meeting Closed at 9.00 pm</p>		

Date: _____

Signature: _____