

# Monmouth Town Council

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## COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Minutes of the meeting  
held on  
Monday 29 January 2007  
Community Room Shire Hall

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillor R Hayward.

AGENDA ITEM	DETAILS	ACTION
1.	<b><u>To Receive Declaration of Interest of Items on the Agenda:</u></b> None received.	
2.	<b><u>To Receive Apologies for Absence:</u></b> Councillor Mrs S White.	
3.	<b><u>To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 December 2007:</u></b> One correction – should read Lyndon Webb, not Lyndon Owen. Confirmed Correct.	
4.	<b><u>To Receive Action Review Plan and Review Matters Arising:</u></b> Cllr. Mitchell reported that Cllr Hackett Pain has formed a residents association with regard to the play area at Woodland View. She will organise fundraising for fencing and equipment. We would like to invite Cllr. Hackett Pain to our next meeting to inform us of her progress. Please send an application form to the Carbonne twinning association for next years Community Grants awards. Please contact local primary schools to ask if they would be prepared to distribute and collect questionnaires regarding the summer play scheme.	Town Clerk  Town Clerk  Town Clerk.

<p>4. (Cont.)</p>	<p>It was noted that Inglis bridge will be repaired by the Army in the near future.</p> <p>Monmouth Museum – various ideas have been suggested to provide more space and extended opening hours. The staff cost is being calculated for an increase in opening of one hour daily during the summer only.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p><b><u>To Receive Correspondence:</u></b>  Please send a Community grants award application form to the Alzheimer’s Society.  Please check the correspondence to see if we received an invitation for Councillors to attend a Clinical Futures meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> November. Write to Mr. Coffey thanking him for his letter and asking him to keep us informed of future developments.  No.7 Ask the author to nominate J. Morgan for a Civic Award.  No. 8 Thank for letter. Point out that M.C.C. collects money from the library, car parks, leisure centre, market etc so would it not be possible to allow the small number of people wanting to pay cash at the OSS to do so? Please ask for a copy of the May, June and July contacts list.  No. 9. Check whether or not we support no bottles on Chippenham.  No 11. There is no application form with the letter. Would funds be available under this scheme to install lights in the car park behind Dorothy Perkins?  No. 13 More discussions needed regarding the site of the market during the Shire Hall renovations.</p>	<p>Town Clerk  Town Clerk    Town Clerk  Town Clerk    Town Clerk  Town Clerk  /Cllr AD</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><b><u>To Discuss Arrangements for Civic Awards Scheme:</u></b>  It was agreed that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The event should be held either in the main ballroom at Bridges or at The Priory; the venue last year was too small for the event</li> <li>• All nominees should have recognition; those not declared winners should receive a certificate</li> <li>• Each nominator should prepare a statement of 100 words describing the achievements of the nominee.</li> <li>• Cash prizes should not be given as last year when they had to be donated to charity</li> <li>• Up to £100 should be spent on a trophy for the winners</li> <li>• The categories should be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Arts and culture</li> <li>○ Sports and recreation</li> <li>○ The environment</li> <li>○ Supporting people</li> <li>○ Building communities</li> <li>○ Looking Outward (new category)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>£1,000 has been budgeted by Community Affairs for the event. Additional monies need to be raised from sponsors. It was agreed that a letter, signed by the Mayor requesting sponsorship should be sent to a number of local businesses.</p>	<p>Cllr AD  Town Clerk  Cllr C</p>

7.	<p><b><u>To Develop Involvement with the Carnival Committee to Help Arrange This Year's Event:</u></b>  Councillor Dewhurst and Councillor T Christopher working with the Festival Committee but more Councillors are needed  N.B The next Carnival meeting is Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00pm in The Gatehouse.</p>	<p><b>Cllr AD</b>  <b>Cllr TC</b></p>
8.	<p><b><u>To Discuss Closure of the Job Centre:</u></b></p> <p>It was noted that the Job Centre in Monmouth was due to close in early April. Cllr Dewhurst reported that the operators of the Job Centre refuse to send someone to Monmouth even on one day a week to hold a surgery in the OSS; however, a hot line will be available at the OSS to the Job Centre in Abergavenny. The aim is for the work to be done over the net.</p>	<p><b>Cllr AD:</b>  Agreed to contact One Voice Wales and Mike German AM  <b>Cllr TC:</b>  Agreed to contact David Davies on the matter.</p>
9.	<p><b><u>To Review Budget and Year to Date Expenditure:</u></b>  Deferred to next meeting due to pressure of time.</p>	
10.	<p><b><u>To Agree Funding for the 'World Challenge Expedition' by Students from Monmouth Comprehensive School:</u></b>  It was agreed that £400 should be made available so long as this amount of money remained in this year's budget.</p>	<p><b>Cllr AD:</b>  To liaise with Town Clerk.</p>
11.	<p><b><u>Any Other Business:</u></b>  It was noted that the Library Bus Reading Express Service was under threat of closure. A Letter was received from a parent of child at the 'Busy Bodies' playgroup in Trellech.</p>	<p><b>Cllr RH:</b>  Agreed to take the issue to the Scrutiny Committee of the Community Economic &amp; Development Committee.</p>
12.	<p><b><u>To Agree Next Meeting Date:</u></b>  Date of next meeting: 12<sup>th</sup> March 2007 at 7 pm.</p>	
<p><b>Meeting Closed at 9.25 pm</b></p>		

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_