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COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

**Minutes of the meeting
held on
16th June 2008
Community Room Shire Hall**

PRESENT: Chairman Councillor Mrs A Dewhurst.
Cllr G Bright, Cllr Mrs S Chivers, Cllr T Christopher, Cllr J Fletcher, Cllr M Jones,
Cllr Ms J Williams and Cllr Mrs A Were

AGENDA ITEM	DETAILS	ACTION
1.	<u>To receive declaration of interest of items on the agenda:</u> None received	
2.	<u>To receive apologies for absence:</u> Councillor Mrs S White	
3.	<u>To elect Chairman of the Community Affairs Committee:</u> Councillor Mrs Dewhurst was unanimously elected as Chair Proposed: Cllr T Christopher Seconded: Cllr Mrs A Were	
4.	<u>To elect Deputy Chairman of the Community Affairs Committee:</u> Councillor M Jones was unanimously elected as Deputy Chair. Proposed: Cllr T Christopher Seconded: Cllr G Bright	
	<u>At this point Mr David Hill from Action 50 + made a presentation about NHS out of hours in Monmouth</u> Mr Hill listed his main concerns: the Minor Injuries unit at Monnow Vale, the G P out of hours service and the duty pharmacy system. The clinical futures proposals of one central Critical Care Hospital means more services will be needed locally, yet in fact, more and more are being withdrawn. Already there is confusion at Monnow Vale after 6pm and out of hours e.g. a lady took four hours to reach hospital after a stroke. The 6 Primary Care out of hours units have been reduced to 3. This impacts on Monnow Vale. The G P contract has been used as one of the excuses for the withdrawal of duty Pharmacists 'experiment'. Mr Hill feels that the communities concerns must urgently be brought to the attention of decision makers and he requests urgent action by the Committee.	

	<p>After questions from the committee members and lengthy discussion, it was resolved to put a list of concerns and questions to Dr Pain who represents the G P's at Monnow Vale.</p> <p>Cllr Jones offered to liaise on the committee's behalf.</p> <p>Meanwhile Mr Hill would research the number of potential patients within the Monmouthshire catchment area.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Dewhurst repeated the importance of reporting all problems encountered as a result of the Duty Pharmacy 'experiment' until September.</p>	<p>MJ</p> <p>ALL</p>
5.	<p><u>To approve the minutes of the meeting held 31st March 2008:</u> <u>The minutes were approved and confirmed as correct.</u></p>	
6.	<p><u>To receive action review plan and review matters arising:</u> All the actions completed.</p>	
7.	<p><u>To receive correspondence:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. S Gilbert Pharmacy closure concerns: Letter will be used in support of rejecting the trial 2. Christian Lewis Trust: Not a local charity, refusal. 3. SARA Community Grant applications: To be listed on Community Grants application list. 4. D Davies MP: Hammett Court Wyesham access to upper floors/emergency services: Cllr T Christopher will write to David Davies MP so that all actions on this matter are co-ordinated. 5. & 6. Noted 7. David Davies MP: as letter number 4 8. Local Health Board: Out of Date 9. Mrs Joan Phillips: Noted 10. MCC: Please send Agenda 21 to 'Environment' 11. WRVS: To be listed on Community Grants application list. 12. Shelter: Please enquire what support they give in Monmouth 13. David Davies MP: See items 4 & 7 14. MCC Youth Service: Re sports sessions: Write a thank you for letter and request that as the Town Council is financially supporting this it would appreciate some acknowledgement in the publicity. It would also like to be kept informed. The information has gone out to schools, but there is nothing about prices and times for older children when parents enquire, the Leisure Centre cannot help. Could the schools be informed before the end of term. 	<p>Clerk Clerk</p> <p>TC</p> <p>Clerk Clerk Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
8.	<p><u>To consider forward Plan for 2008/2009:</u> Members had not received the previous 'Forward Plan' and so discussion was limited. The plan to be circulated as soon as possible</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

9	<p><u>To consider annual report for 2007/2008:</u> To be written by last year's Chair as soon as possible and circulated to members as draft</p>	AD
10.	<p><u>To discuss arrangements for Monmouth Carnival and Festival:</u> Cllr T Christopher and Cllr Mrs Dewhurst are publicising requests for Carnival procession participation. More help with this is requested. Cllr Ms Williams will help in Wyesham Cllr Mrs Were will come to the next Carnival meeting Cllr Mrs Chivers will ask Andy Williams of Monmouth Comprehensive if the 6th Form would like to help e.g. escorts at parade for Health & Safety Carnival Day is Sunday 27th July 2008</p>	<p>TC & AD</p> <p>JW AW SC</p>
11.	<p><u>Any other Business:</u> It was suggested that ten minutes only should be allowed for presentations to the committee. <u>For the next agenda:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agree timing and criteria of Community Grants Scheme 2. Agree whether to run a Civic Awards Scheme or an alternative e.g. a party 3. Look at the results of the informal Ward surgeries 4. Report back on the Monnow Vale/GP enquiry 5. To confirm the second payment to shopmobility 6. Town Clerk will e-mail all members with venues and times of informal ward surgeries which will be completed by the next Community Committee meeting. 7. A letter will be sent to County Councillor Mrs L Hackett Pain regretting her non attendance at this meeting to discuss Wyesham play facilities asking the following questions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What she wanted to say. b. As questionnaires have now gone out to the schools, what will happen with the results? c. Mystification as to why we are not being involved, as our concerns and work in this matter are on record over the last three years. 8. Press release after this meeting to include: research into the NHS out of hours cover, Carnival call, Wyesham Play facilities and informal ward surgeries. 	<p>Chair</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk Cllr Jones</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>AD</p> <p>AD</p>
12.	<p><u>To confirm date of next meeting:</u> Monday 28th July 2008 7.00 pm</p>	
<p>Their being no further business the meeting Closed at 8.55pm</p>		

Date: _____

Signature: _____