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COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**Minutes of the meeting
held on 8th December 2008
Market Hall, Priory Street, Monmouth**

PRESENT: Chairman Councillor Mrs A Dewhurst,
Councillor G Bright, Councillor Mrs S Chivers, Councillor T Christopher,
Councillor J Fletcher, Councillor M Jones, Councillor Mrs B Smith,
Councillor Mrs A Were and Councillor Mrs S White

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION
55.	<u>To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda:</u> Agenda Item 62: Councillor Christopher declared a personal interest Agenda Item 60: Councillor Mrs Dewhurst declared a personal interest	
56.	<u>To receive apologies for absence:</u> None received	
57.	<u>To approve minutes of the previous meetings dated 20th October 2008:</u> The minutes were confirmed correct and signed	
	Standing Orders were suspended to allow item 62 to be taken out of turn.	
62.	<u>To confirm final arrangements for Christmas Event and agree budget:</u> The following budget was agreed: £75.00 for expenses towards the stage, lighting and sound to include transportation costs to be paid to Jeff Harris. £290.00 payment for performance of Juggling Elf The cost of a tin of sweets to give to Monmouth Band The committee gratefully accepted a £50.00 cheque offered anonymously by one of the committee members to pay MCC to keep the public toilets open for an extra two hours. The committee was divided over whether it should fund this. It was resolved to mention MCC's insistence on this fee in the Press Release.	Clerk Clerk JH

	<p>The arrangements for the Christmas Event were confirmed and the Clerk was asked to confirm that the Police would be ultimately responsible for the safe crossing of pedestrians at Blestium Street.</p> <p>Individual responsibilities were agreed.</p>	<p>Clerk ALL</p>
	<p>Standing Orders were re-instated</p>	
58.	<p><u>To review Action Summary:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring low flying aircraft over Drybridge Ward <p>As the committee was divided over whether a complaint should be sent once the frequency of flights has been established, it was decided that Councillor Jones would follow this up as an individual councillor of behalf of his constituents who had complained to him</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working Group on Proposed Changes to Monnow Vale <p>The group reported back on its meeting with Ms Kate Crosby (Manager) and Dr Payne (GP Representative at Monnow Vale). Once a visit has been made to the Dilke Hospital where it is understood that a doctor is on duty 24 hours, as arranged by Monnow Vale User Group the working group can be more specific. However the meeting had been useful and detailed. Ms Crosby had volunteered to be active in publicising the progress in staffing and increased facilities, now that she could relay a positive story, after a very difficult start.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Setting Local Speed Limits – Ongoing All other actions completed 	<p>MJ</p> <p>TC/AD/MJ</p> <p>AW</p>
59.	<p><u>To receive correspondence:</u></p> <p>1 & 20 – Send a letter to advise no support unless a local charity 2 – See Agenda Item 60 6 – LHB – Distributed 9 – Wales Air Ambulance – copies to SC/GB 12 & 13 – Put on mailing list for Community Grants 14 – Councillor Fletcher reported that no response had been received even via David Davies MP, who had also written 15 & 19 – Closure of Monmouth Jobcentre – The committee is very keen to improve the present situation and is happy to join forces with the OSS. However actual examples of problems and anxieties are needed if pressure for improvement is to be valid. All councillors are requested to notify the Clerk or bring their records to the next Committee Meeting even if the constituents' complaints have to be made anonymously. A further Press Release will be made requesting residents' examples of problems caused by the closure of Monmouth's Jobcentre, or urging residents to contact their local Town Councillor All other correspondence noted.</p> <p>Councillor Mrs Were left the meeting at this point.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk Clerk</p> <p>ALL</p>

60.	<p><u>To confirm contribution of funding towards Summer Play scheme 2008:</u> After the email sent by Mike Moran on 21st November was read out the Committee voted to confirm the contribution of £6500.00 for Summer Play Activities 2008. The significance of the new title was noted and will be used in future (i.e. the Committee are supporting a scheme spread over a much wider age group and more venues than the Play scheme at the Leisure Centre alone). Please could the Clerk forward the cheque to MCC. The Committee feels it necessary to stipulate that much more specific definitions are needed of how any future funding has been spent. For: 4 Against : 0 Abstentions: 3</p>	Clerk
61.	<p><u>To confirm payment of invoice from Contingency Budget for Mayor's Civic Awards Presentation Plates £360.00:</u> This was agreed unanimously by the members.</p>	
63.	<p><u>To review liaison arrangements with Monnow Vale Health & Social Care Facility:</u> This matter was dealt with under 'Action Review'.</p>	
64.	<p><u>To agree contents of Press Release:</u> Part 1 Thanks to everyone involved for a successful Candlelit Carols Event. A copy to be included with these minutes. Part 2 Reminder to report instances of problems encountered due to the closure of the Jobcentre</p>	AD AD
65.	<p><u>To agree items of business for forthcoming meetings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To consider what action to take to reduce the speed limit on A40 to 40 mph • To consider what action to take to reduce the speed limit to 20mph at the 3 Primary Schools 	AD
66.	<p><u>To confirm date of next meeting:</u> The next meeting is Monday 19th January 2009 at 7.00pm</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40 pm</p>	