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COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**Minutes of the meeting
held on 19th January 2009
in Market Hall, Priory Street, Monmouth**

PRESENT: Chairman Councillor Mrs A Dewhurst.
Councillor Mrs S Chivers, Councillor T Christopher, Councillor J Fletcher,
Councillor Mrs B Smith, Councillor Mrs A Were and Councillor Mrs S White

A presentation was given by Ms Lorraine Wilson and Ms Kathryn Lewis from Crossroads S.E. Wales. Support is provided free of charge to carers of family, friend or neighbour, to give the carer a much-needed break, 'to be themselves.' The carer can relax safely in the knowledge that help is expert and reliable. The Monmouthshire branch of Crossroads has amalgamated with SE Wales in 2008, but money raised in Monmouthshire is only spent there. It receives funds from MCC and other sources. They could identify the need in Monmouth to support any future Community Grant application.

Kathryn Lewis described the support for Young Carers, which may include outings as well as relief care. Their Liaison Officer hopes to work more closely with Monmouth Comprehensive in the future as she does with Caldicot and Abergavenny Schools, but does liaise with the Comprehensive School over the 5 pupil-carers they presently support here.

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION
67.	To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda: None received	
68.	To receive apologies for absence: Councillor G Bright and Councillor M Jones	
69.	To approve and sign minutes of the previous meeting dated 8 December 2008: The minutes were confirmed correct and signed Standing Orders were suspended to allow item 76 to be brought forward	

76.	<p>To consider what action to take to reduce the speed limit to 20 mph outside Monmouth's primary schools: It was agreed by members to take the following course of action; Investigate 'Twenty is Plenty' campaign Investigate availability of flashing light like the one at Wyesham Check if funding is available to buy one if there is a waiting list.</p>	<p>AW AD AD</p>
Standing Orders were re-instated		
70.	<p>To review Action Summary: Monnow Vale Staff have visited the Dilke Hospital to see how it manages to open longer hours and there will be a report to their Users Group of which the Town Council has a representative. Report back to this committee.</p> <p>The Adult Training Centre (Monnow Vale) is starting a new round of consultation involving representatives of service users, staff and carers. It was agreed to respond to letter from S Birch (MCC) commending the new approach and asking if a member of the Community Affairs Committee can join the consultation group.</p> <p>Job Centre Press release. There have been eight very useful responses so far. Responses received to be written up and given to AD by end of January.</p> <p>Investigate how Chepstow Job Centre was rerieved.</p>	<p>TC</p> <p>TC/BS</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>AD</p>
71.	<p>To receive correspondence: CED's grants. Deadline 20/2/09. Surgery day to discuss proposed projects on 11/2/09 in Usk. It was agreed to check with Highways if school road signs could be purchased this way</p>	<p>AD</p>
72.	<p>To review the Christmas parade: The event was considered a great success in spite of the cold. There is still one Yellow jacket belonging to Mr Lloyd which is still missing. It was agreed to write offering compensation or replacement. It was noted that Jonanthan Russell may have a supply for next year. It was suggested that all Fancy Dress entrants get sweets if not a prize next year. Write to Sergeant Grey to thank Police for their help with the parade and afterwards.</p> <p>Councillor Mrs Were left the meeting at 8.10pm</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>BS</p> <p>Clerk</p>
73.	<p>To review gaps in provision of play facilities and Summer Play Activities: Councillor Mrs Dewhurst agreed to attend the next meeting of Wyesham Play Project by invitation of Councillor Liz Hacket Pain It was agreed to request money for two more benches for Wyesham from the Environment Committee budget . Also a letter to be sent to Mike Moran to ask for information on Summer Play Activities well in advance. The request should include details of what facilities will be organised this year in Monmouth and how they will be publicised.</p>	<p>AD</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

74.	To arrange second phase of Community Grant Awards: It was agreed that the closing date would be Friday Feb 27 th at Noon. There would be an additional meeting of the committee on March 3 rd at 2.30pm for all members to consider the allocation of funding	Clerk
75.	To consider what action to take to reduce the speed limit on the A40 to 40 mph: The members request that a letter be written to the Highways Agency and express dissatisfaction with the way that the 50mph speed limit is enforced. It was also suggested that a request for bigger signs to be installed should be made	Clerk
77.	To consider what action could be taken to reduce the misuse of Cowlings Lane to Vauxhall Field on Ministry of Defence owned land: Cowlings lane has recently been re-surfaced and is being used as a short cut by taxis and other vehicles at high speed ignoring the 10mph sign. Check who owns the lane. The committee agreed that there may be a need to urge that gates can be shut whenever possible for safety of school children. It was suggested that before that is auctioned there needs to be a record of traffic using this route. To be arranged at next meeting	Clerk AD
78.	To discuss MCC's report regarding cemetery provision within Monmouth and consider response: MCC have located five sites outside the town boundary but at present do not have a budget. The sites need to be 50 metres+ from the nearest watercourse, well drained/sloping and not designated for future industrial or residential use. A two acre site could provide a short-term solution. Prepare a report for the next F&P meeting to consider provision.	TC
79.	To agree contents of press release: The Community Grant Scheme invitation for applications. Invitation for further comments about the job centre before end of month	AD
80.	To agree items of business for forthcoming meetings: Survey of traffic on Cowlings Lane at next meeting Shaping Our Future: Ask Clerk to email copies and highlight areas that need further comment. Post copy to Councillor Mrs Chivers. Comments to Councillor Mrs Dewhurst.	Clerk ALL
81.	To confirm date of next meeting: Monday 9 th February 2009 at 7.00 pm.	

Signature: _____

Date: _____