

# Monmouth Town Council

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**COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of the meeting**  
**held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2009 at 7.00pm**  
**in 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 Mrs J Gunter, Councillor M Jones,  
Councillor C Munslow, Councillor Mrs B Smith Councillor Mrs A Were  
and Councillor Mrs S White.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillor Mrs J Hall

Standing orders were suspended to allow Mr David Hill from the Monmouth Shop mobility scheme to give a progress report on the feasibility study into the proposed scheme in Monmouth.

**Proposed:** Councillor T Christopher      **Seconded:** Councillor Mrs S White

Mr Hill reported that they had inquired at Abergavenny, Hereford and Leominster on how they operated the schemes in those particular areas. Mr Hill informed the committee that the Monmouth scheme would have to rely upon charitable income; they had applied to Monmouthshire County Council for a CED's grant but had been unsuccessful.

They plan to investigate the viability of hiring a garage which is situated in the vicinity of the Waitrose car park to undertake a six month trial of the scheme. They have had six mobility scooters and one wheelchair donated to date. This initiative will depend on the cost of the hire of the garage. During this trial period it is hoped to liaise with the local Tourist Information Centre to distribute information to tourists.

Standing orders were reinstated

**Proposed:** Councillor T Christopher      **Seconded:** Councillor Mrs S White

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION
1.	<b>To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda:</b> Councillor Mrs Dewhurst declared a personal interest in agenda item 9	
2.	<b>To receive apologies for absence:</b> None received	

3.	<b>To elect Chairman of the Community Affairs Committee:</b> Councillor Mrs Dewhurst accepted the nomination of Chairman and the members agreed unanimously to her selection	
4.	<b>To elect Deputy Chairman of the Community Affairs Committee:</b> Councillor Jones accepted the nomination of Deputy Chairman and the members agreed unanimously to his selection.	
5.	<b>To approve and sign minutes of the previous meeting dated 5<sup>th</sup> May 2009:</b> The minutes were confirmed correct and signed	
6.	<b>To review Action Summary:</b> All actions complete except for the following: Jobcentre - Ongoing (see item 12) Carnival King & Queen - Ongoing	
7.	<b>To receive correspondence:</b> <b>No. 3:</b> Gwent Police re speeding vehicles. It was agreed to write a reply to Roger Sweet and Welsh Assembly. <b>No. 6:</b> One Voice Wales Secret Millionaire to be put on the next agenda. (Councillor Mrs Smith to research this item). All other correspondence noted.	<b>AD Clerk BS</b>
8.	<b>To confirm Forward Plan for 2009/2010:</b> The draft Forward Plan was accepted with the inclusion of a review of the Civic Awards scheme at the September meeting.	<b>Clerk</b>
9.	<b>To consider funding for 'Play in the Park' sessions in Wyesham:</b> It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Mr Mike Moran (MCC) advising that unfortunately no monies are available from the budget.	<b>Clerk/TC</b>
10.	<b>To agree criteria and timetable for Community Grants Scheme:</b> The committee agreed to publicise this event in October and the presentation to take place in February 2010. Closing dates for the application will be 12.00 noon 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2010. There were several amendments to the criteria including the deletion of bullets 2 and 3. It was agreed to keep the wording about the community benefit in the four categories but to review again in September prior to the launch of the scheme.	
11.	<b>To consider the report given at previous meeting by P.C. Bolwell:</b> It was decided to invite the Police as and when appropriate, this could be decided when setting the next agenda or if the police wish to come and speak to us on any particular issues that they wish to raise. It was suggested that copies of future agendas be forwarded to the Police.	
12.	<b>To agree the response to WAG petitions committee concerning unemployment in Monmouth:</b> Councillor Mrs Dewhurst will respond to the letter highlighting our concerns regarding the Ministers' comments. There was a full and useful discussion based on the three main points that Councillor Mrs Dewhurst proposed to make.	<b>AD</b>

<b>13.</b>	<b>To agree contents of Press Release:</b> Update actions regarding the jobcentre To start advertising the Community Grants scheme	<b>AD</b>
<b>14.</b>	<b>To agree items of business for forthcoming meetings</b> To discuss applying for the grant for the Secret Millionaire	
<b>15.</b>	<b>To confirm date of next meeting.</b> Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2009 at 7.00 pm.	

**With no further business the meeting closed at 8.35**

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

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