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COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

**Minutes of the Community Affairs Committee meeting
held at
7.00 pm on Monday 2nd September 2009
Market Hall, Priory Street, Monmouth**

PRESENT: Chairman Councillor Mrs A Dewhurst,
Councillor G Bright, Councillor Mrs S Chivers, Councillor J Fletcher,
Councillor Mrs J Gunter, Councillor Mrs J Hall, Councillor M Jones,
Councillor C Munslow, Councillor Mrs B Smith and Councillor Mrs A Were

In Attendance: Mr Mike Moran, Mr Richard Simpkins, Mr Nick Butler (Manager Monmouth Leisure Centre), County Councillor Giles Howard and County Councillor Mrs E Hackett Pain

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION
30.	To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda: None received	
31.	To receive apologies for absence: Councillor T Christopher and Councillor Mrs S White	
32.	To approve minutes of the previous meeting dated 27th July 2009: The minutes were confirmed correct and signed For: 8 Abstentions: 2	
	Standing orders were suspended to allow item 37 to be brought forward	

<p>37.</p>	<p>To review summer play activities and consider proposals for the coming year: Mike Moran, Nick Butler and Richard Simpkins gave a brief summary of this summer's play activities at the Leisure Centre. Attendance numbers for both age groups had been down on last year despite a full offer being made for the under 8's.(The Committee had requested that its £3,500 funding be for the younger children, as a choice had to be made) Good feedback from the 5, 6, and 7 age- group was received. Each town's scheme cost £15,000. Of this, £10,000 covered staff, and the CRB checks. A charge of £6.00 per session was made to parents. There was a suggestion to start employing people from half term with fixed contracts but lack of funding could prevent this. It is unlikely the scheme will break even this year. C.C. Hacket Pain described briefly the summer activities that had been achieved at Wyesham at the Woodland View play area and Kymin View with much voluntary input from local parents. C.C. Howard did not want to dwell on this summer's problems, but wanted to look forward. After a full discussion, it was agreed that there should be much more effective partnership now, between the Town and County Council in our common aim to offer good Summer play activities to the youngsters of Monmouth, despite a finite budget.</p> <p>Mike Moran has agreed to work on a set of forecasts for next year so the committee can make informed decisions within given range of budget contributions from the Town Council of £3,500-£5,500 .The forecast options will be prepared in good time for full discussion by the committee.</p>	<p>Mike Moran</p>
	<p>Standing Orders were reinstated.</p>	
<p>33.</p>	<p>To review action summary: County Cllr E. Hacket Pain, Wyesham report of play work with parents in Wyesham Wyesham's scheme has been running for two years based on a group of parent volunteers. Outside organisations were asked to help as there was no funding. The scheme runs through term time (on Mondays) as well as the summer. Football is available for under 5's and Juniors, with help from Wyesham Wanderers. Funds raised by the group have bought portable play equipment. The Tudor Rd and Woodland View play areas will take longer to restore with permanent equipment after much had to be removed due to vandalism. The Housing Association also had a week of events in the summer.</p>	

	Carbonne Close - a seat has been donated by Councillor J Fletcher for Carbonne Close, approx £100 will be required for the concrete base, Councillor Fletcher is having a meeting with Mr Tim Bradfield (MCC) regarding this matter.	JF
34.	To receive correspondence: Noted Response from Jobcentreplus S.E. Wales will be raised in the Committee's next submission to the Assembly Petition hearing on 22 nd Sept.	AD
35.	To review Committee's expenditure to date: Members agreed for this to be included on a permanent basis. The Clerk is requested to make payments to CAB and ATTIK, if this is still due.	Clerk Clerk
36.	To discuss invitation from Landerneau, France to take part in exhibition and celebration of European fortified bridges Autumn 2010: Ongoing - a request has been made to Platform One for a poster of (2m x 1m) of Monnow Bridge plus other photos reflecting the Town to be used as a surround. The design will be submitted to the Community Committee.	SW,CM,JG, SC & JH
38.	To review the criteria for the Community Grant Awards for 2009/2010: Unchanged	
39.	To consider projects eligible for funding under the 'Secret Millionaire' scheme: Councillor Mrs Smith will find out if the Committee can apply for picnic tables and bandstand under this scheme.	BS
40.	To discuss initiating a 'where were you' day, a photographic archive of the community: Councillors Munslow and Bright will contact Mr Derek Jones (Archive Photographer) and the Photography Group re archive photographs and report back at next meeting.	CM & GB
41.	To agree contents of Press Release: Summer play activities meeting and the Jobcentre	AD
42.	To agree items of business for forthcoming meetings: Community Grants Scheme and Civic Awards Publicity	
43.	To confirm date of next meeting: Monday 19 th October 2009 at 7.00pm	

There being no further business the meeting closed at _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

