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## COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

### Minutes of the Community Affairs meeting held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2009 Market Hall Priory Street

**PRESENT:** Chairman Councillor Mrs A Dewhurst.  
 Councillor G Bright, Councillor T Christopher, Councillor J Fletcher,  
 Councillor Mrs J Gunter, Councillor Mrs J Hall, Councillor C Munslow,  
 Councillor Mrs B Smith and Councillor Mrs A Were

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION
44.	<b>To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda:</b> None received	
45.	<b>To receive apologies for absence:</b> Councillor Mrs S Chivers, Councillor M Jones and Councillor Mrs S White	
46.	<b>To approve minutes of the previous meeting dated 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2009:</b> The minutes were confirmed correct and signed	
47.	<b>To review action summary:</b>  <b>Job Centre:</b> The Committee is continuing to record problems regarding signing on at the Job Centre. Investigations to be made that Coleford and Ross offices understand the position <b>Job Centre petition:</b> A letter has been sent by Councillor Mrs Dewhurst commenting on letters received from WAG Deputy Secretary for Skills and Jobcentre Plus in time for the next Petition Committee meeting. It was agreed to write to Parliamentary Candidates to ask them to lobby on the committee's behalf emphasising the cost and stress the current situation causes to families.  Write to Ann Jones to clarify library plans for jobseekers.	<b>ALL</b>  <b>AW</b>       <b>TC</b>  <b>AD</b>

	<p><b>Secret Millionaire:</b> The fund is not open yet, the details will be circulated when it is.</p> <p><b>Civic awards:</b> Put out feelers to test for sponsorship – On-going</p> <p><b>Play site at Osbaston School:</b> Councillor Hayward visited with the Head Teacher who was apparently in agreement.</p> <p><b>Carbonne Close bench:</b> The bench is now to be moved to Beech Close because of fires at Carbonne Close, the best quote for installing it is £80 but Tim Bradfield (MCC) is not able to pay this. Agreed to put it this item on the Environmental Affairs agenda.</p> <p><b>“Where were you day”</b> : Open meeting at Museum on Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm. Propose an application is made for a Community Grant to cover costs and involve the Film School with the recording.</p> <p><b>Landerneau</b> : Inform David Evans that the poster is no longer required.</p>	<p><b>BS</b></p> <p><b>AW/SW</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>CM</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
48.	<p><b>To receive correspondence:</b> Include Air Ambulance, Shelter Cymru, Bobath Centre and Victim Support on the mailing list for Community Grants.</p> <p><b>No 14:</b> MCC OPS Strategy for Older People. WAG funding being phased out and MCC to take responsibility. Please file in the office for members to refer to</p> <p><b>No 17:</b> Members to check MCC website for Draft Economic Development Strategy consultation paper. An additional Community meeting has been arranged for 7pm on Monday November 9<sup>th</sup> for preparation of the response before the deadline of Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December</p> <p><b>No 19:</b> Write 100 word article for Herefordshire Life re Christmas lights etc</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>All/ Clerk</b></p> <p><b>AW</b></p>
49.	<p><b>To review Committee’s expenditure to date:</b> The members reviewed the summary of expenditure.</p>	
50.	<p><b>To review contributions made to outside organisations:</b> The contributions were reviewed and it was agreed to keep the funding for Attik, Carnival and CAB at the same level for the coming financial year.</p>	
51.	<p><b>To discuss and confirm the Budget for the Committee for 2010/2011:</b> It was agreed to increase the contribution to the Summer Play Activities Scheme to £5k following a discussion based on clearly presented options from Mike Moran. The additional £2K will be obtained by increasing the Community Affairs portion of the Precept by £500, reducing the Community Grants Scheme funding by £1k next year and earmarking £500 of this year’s Christmas budget to the Playscheme next year. It had been anticipated that a special Christmas event at the Shire Hall would take place but this will not now be possible, so the one-off increase in funding will not be needed. Agreed unanimously</p>	

52.	<p><b>To confirm details of Community Grants Award scheme for 2009/2010:</b>  It was agreed to hold the event once again at Monmouth Priory for the celebration on 24<sup>th</sup> February or 4<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> of March This depending on the availability during the Women's Festival. Closing date for applications will be Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January with a meeting to take place on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 9.30 am to allocate the grants.  This scheme will be publicised in the Press releases before Christmas.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>AD</b></p>
53.	<p><b>To discuss arrangements for Christmas Event:</b>  This year the event will be held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December on the old Monnow Bridge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invite vicar of Wyesham to lead the carols</li> <li>• Invite the Town Band and Ross and Monmouth Sea Cadets</li> <li>• Contact Sergeant Grey regarding the parade from Castle to Monnow Bridge and carol singing.</li> <li>• Contact Primary Schools regarding the event date, fancy dress competition and carols</li> <li>• Contact the Landlord at the Robin Hood regarding the Grotto and sponsorship of fancy dress</li> <li>• Prizes</li> <li>• Buy presents for Father Christmas to distribute</li> <li>• Request to borrow red suit from David Evans</li> <li>• Father Christmas</li> </ul>	<p><b>AW</b></p> <p><b>TC</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>BS</b></p> <p><b>BS</b></p> <p><b>AD</b></p> <p><b>AD</b></p> <p><b>GB</b></p>
54.	<p><b>To agree contents of Press Release:</b>  Invite applications for Community Grant Awards of up to £750</p>	<p><b>AD</b></p>
55.	<p><b>To agree items of business for forthcoming meetings:</b>  As per Forward Plan</p>	
56.	<p><b>To confirm date of next meeting:</b>  Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 7.00 pm.</p>	

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.53 pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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