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COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Minutes of the Community Affairs meeting held on Monday 9th November 2009 in Market Hall Priory Street

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor L Robson

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION
57.	To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda: None received	
58.	To receive apologies for absence: Councillor Mrs Were and Councillor Mrs White Those members not attending due to Appointments Panel meeting at the same time: Councillor Christopher and Councillor Mrs Hall	
59.	To consider consultation paper of Draft Economic Development Strategy 2010 - 2014: Responses need to be received by Rick Longford (MCC's Economic Development Manager) by Dec 4 th . The meeting had been called to discuss this single issue. It was decided that the chair should summarise our discussion having had the opportunity, with other members, to clarify some points at the Partnership Forum on 18 th Nov. At the Forum Mr Longford would be giving a presentation on the document. The main concerns were: an impression that the recession and economic crisis had happened since the report was written and up-to-date facts need to be gathered by visiting local businesses	

	<p>There needs to be more imaginative ideas on increasing local small businesses and making this community more sustainable.</p> <p>*Tourism concerns including reliance on low rates of pay, still no obvious plans for coach parking in Monmouth or clear prospects for new hotel.</p> <p>*Little support for 'pockets of poverty' and low wages and lack of access to services here. MCC needs to take the message more powerfully to WAG</p> <p>*Public transport .Shortening the food transport chain</p>	
60.	<p>To confirm date of next meeting: Monday 30th November 2009 at 7.00 pm.</p>	

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.35 pm

Signed: _____

Date: _____