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## COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

**Minutes of the Community Affairs meeting  
held on  
11 January 2010 at 7.00pm  
Market Hall Priory Street Monmouth**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Councillor Mrs A Dewhurst,  
Councillor G Bright, Councillor T Christopher, Councillor Mrs S Chivers,  
Councillor J Fletcher Councillor Mrs J Gunter, Councillor Mrs J Hall, Councillor C  
Munslow and Councillor Mrs S White

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION
72.	<b>To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda:</b>  None received	
73.	<b>To receive apologies for absence:</b>  Councillor Mrs A Were and Councillor Mrs B Smith	
74.	<b>To approve minutes of the previous meeting dated 19<sup>th</sup> October &amp; 9<sup>th</sup> November 2009:</b>  The Minutes were confirmed correct and signed with the correction of agenda item 65, should read, 'The Committee will meet on February 4 <sup>th</sup> (not March) to decide on allocation of Community Grants.	
75.	<b>To review action summary:</b>  <b>A Day in the Life of Monmouth:</b> The meeting scheduled for 6 <sup>th</sup> January was cancelled due to weather. Proposed new date is Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> January 6pm in the Nelson Museum.  <b>Jobcentre</b> Write to Ms Ann Jones of Library Service to ensure she is aware that no Jobseeker facilities are planned at the modernised Library by Jobcentre Plus. Members will continue to collate evidence of difficulties caused by closure of Monmouth's Jobcentre	<b>CM/SC/TC+</b>  <b>AD</b>  <b>ALL</b>

	<p><b>Christmas Candlelit Celebration</b> It was agreed that the event had been very popular and successful. The two primary school choirs had been excellent.</p> <p>The Committee had worked well together. Next year the committee should be prepared for much larger crowds regarding the candles and sound system.</p> <p>Complete record of its budget including contribution for supply of PA system and stage</p> <p>Proper thanks still to be made to all the volunteers and professionals involved. Letter in the paper from the Mayor</p> <p>Letter to Sgt Gray and his team</p> <p><b>Osbaston School grounds.</b> Check progress with Bob Hayward</p>	<p><b>AD/CLERK</b></p> <p><b>AD/AW</b> <b>AD/AW</b> <b>JH</b></p>
<b>76.</b>	<p><b>To receive correspondence:</b></p> <p><b>Llangollen Eisteddfod:</b> Send application form for Community Grants.</p> <p><b>Invitation to Built Bridges in Europe Celebration, from Landerneau 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> May:</b> It was decided to send two self-funding delegates; Cllr Mrs Gunter will look into fares and timings.</p> <p>Acceptance is required by 18th January 2010</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>JG/ AD</b></p>
<b>77.</b>	<p><b>To review Committee's expenditure to date:</b></p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Could the Clerk clarify why CAB allocation is paid in tranches. Would it not be more valuable to them in a single payment?</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<b>78.</b>	<p><b>To review response from Jobcentre Plus:</b></p> <p>Our reply to the Assembly's Petitions Committee has been agreed via internal consultation and sent in time for the next hearing. (copy filed)</p> <p>The visit to the One Stop Shop by External Relations Manager, Jobcentre Plus Manager SE Wales may possibly bring progress. Further action; meanwhile enquire at the Coleford, Ross and Abergavenny Jobcentres, how many Monmouth Jobseekers use them.</p> <p>Retain on file letter from Jobcentre Plus 23.04.09 re home visits. Press release asking for up to date experiences of local Jobseekers.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b> <b>AD</b></p>
<b>79.</b>	<p><b>To discuss possibility of further participation with the Carnival:</b></p> <p>Meeting of Festival/Carnival postponed to Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Jan because of snow. Cllr Mrs Gunter and Cllr Mrs Dewhurst will definitely go.</p> <p>Sue White is making progress with the exhibition of old photos</p>	<p><b>AD/JG</b></p> <p><b>SW</b></p>

	of the Carnival.	
<b>80.</b>	<p><b>Informal review of Community Affairs for the year 2009:</b></p> <p>A useful, largely very positive review. We are busy, relatively effective and people 'know where to come' for help. Always need to keep under review how we allocate funds. We are sure the funds we presently allocate are valued and properly spent.</p> <p><b>Ongoing:</b> Continue to work with and challenge if necessary, 'Connecting the Spheres' and 'Model Charter'. Take our questions to Chief Executive at next Forum.</p>	<b>TC</b>
<b>81.</b>	<p><b>Agree Contents of Press Release:</b></p> <p>1.Community Grants deadline reminder 2.Request to local Jobseekers' for further evidence 3.Thanks for everyone's help at Christmas Candlelight Event</p>	<b>AD</b> <b>AD/AW</b>
<b>82.</b>	<p><b>Agree Items of business for next meeting:</b></p> <p>Landerneau visit A Day in the Life of Monmouth Suggested newsletter/events diary</p>	
<b>83.</b>	<p><b>To confirm date of next meeting:</b></p> <p>9.30 -11.30am Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2010 Allocation of Community Grants</p> <p>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2010 7pm Committee meeting</p>	

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm**

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

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