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Minutes of the Community Affairs meeting held on 22 March 2010 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 Mrs J Hall, Councillor M Jones, Councillor C Munslow, Councillor Mrs B Smith and Councillor Mrs S White

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION
98.	To receive declarations of Interest: None received	
99.	To receive apologies for absence: Councillor Mrs A Were	
100.	To approve minutes of the previous meeting dated 8 February 2010: The minutes were confirmed correct:	
101.	To Review Action Summary: Again, the actions from the previous minutes were referred to, as many had not been transferred to the Summary. Write to Jenny Lewis re help with lack of Jobcentre A reply had been received from Jenny Lewis. CAB are keen to negotiate with MCC to include room for rental of facilities for Jobseeker interview. While Agile Working is being introduced, all MCC property is still under discussion. Action completed Letter to Ann Jones Senior Librarian, Monmouthshire Councillor Mrs Dewhurst had met with Ms Jones as a result of the letter. She is very keen that the community should have proper use of the new room at Monmouth Library and will work actively on the Jobcentre problem.	TOWN CLERK

	<p>Press Releases The clerk is forwarding our press releases to Beacon, Free Press, Forest Review, Monnow Voice and Sunshine Radio</p> <p>Ensure meetings schedule is displayed on the three ward notice boards</p> <p>Community Grants Evening All the planning and preparation by the committee and the Clerk/Jane Lloyd had been worthwhile It was a very successful evening with effective, enjoyable networking between the volunteer groups. Special thanks to Councillors Jane Gunter and Jeana Hall for the superb and welcoming buffet. The Beacon had reported and photographed it well.</p> <p><i>(The Committee would appreciate it if only the current and on going Actions could be circulated before each meeting. The list of completed Actions could simply be stored in the Committee file)</i></p>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>AW/AD/CLERK</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>AD/CLERK</p>
<p>102.</p>	<p>To receive correspondence:</p> <p>*Action50+ had deposited their detailed report on Shopmobility progress, as related on the Grants Evening. We do not now; need to ask for a presentation to the committee.</p> <p>*Reply from Abergavenny Jobcentreplus. 97 Jobseekers travel from Monmouth</p> <p>*Letter from Monmouth CAB Deputy Manager. Strong, factual reasons for supporting the Committee's work on lack of Jobcentre and accessible, confidential DWP advice. A letter will be written to CAB, Deputy Manager, thanking her for invaluable support and requesting regular updates on the numbers of enquiries the CAB office fields concerning DWP work.(Monthly)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Councillor JF has received letters from people facing problems due to the closure of Jobcentre. These will be placed on file for inclusion in evidence ▪ Request for funding from Dance Blast, Summer project ▪ SARA <p>'The Committee regrets that the grant application annual schedule has to stand as it cannot set a precedent so please apply again in the winter for the next round.' Enclose application form</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ GAVO Celebration of Monmouth Volunteers Achievements 'The Committee runs a more local scheme. Feels unable to afford duplication' 	<p>AD</p> <p>TOWN CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>TOWN CLERK</p>

<p>103.</p>	<p>To Review Committee's Expenditure to Date: <i>(Statement not corrected. There is no overspend on Christmas)</i></p> <p>If Councillors are owed any reimbursement for Christmas Candlelit Celebration or Grants Evening, please claim before the end of the week.</p> <p>It was agreed that, if necessary, the Contingency or Communications budget may be used to facilitate materials for Landerneau.</p>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>ALL CLERK</p>
<p>104.</p>	<p>To discuss details for the Landerneau visit:</p> <p>Councillor Mrs Gunter reported on most recent communication. She was thanked for much work on this. Two representatives will be given hotel accommodation for two nights. Up to three others may attend. All Councillors offering to attend were thanked for their generosity. It was agreed to take up Councillor Bond on his offer to drive. One more official representative is needed. Please could any Councillors offering to go, confirm with AD by end of the week.</p> <p>A working party of those willing to put our presentation together will meet next week</p>	<p>AD</p> <p>JG,CM, SW,RB, AD,TC</p>
<p>105.</p>	<p>To discuss the planning of the Carnival/Festival:</p> <p>So far Councillors G Bright and Mrs Dewhurst have been attending the joint Carnival/Festival meetings. It was felt that in order to co-ordinate action now becoming necessary, a Carnival working party should be set up to start work after the next joint meeting at the 3 Horseshoes on 6th April</p>	<p>GB,AD,JG, TC,BS,SW</p>
<p>106.</p>	<p>Press Release:</p> <p>Landerneau visit, inviting input from local producers. After the first meeting of the working party.</p>	<p>AD</p>
<p>107.</p>	<p>To agree items of business for forthcoming meetings:</p> <p>Invite a police representative to give an update on local situation.</p>	<p>TOWN CLERK/AD</p>
<p>108.</p>	<p>To confirm date of next meeting:</p> <p>Tuesday 4 May 2010 at 7.00 pm</p>	
	<p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm</p>	

Signature: _____

Date: _____