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## COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

### Minutes of the Community Affairs meeting held on 14 June 2010 Market Hall Priory Street Monmouth

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

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION
1.	<b>To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda:</b>  Councillor Mrs Gunter, Councillor Mrs Hall and Councillor Christopher agenda item 7 (Correspondence Letter Number 4)	
2.	<b>To receive apologies for absence:</b>  Councillor J Fletcher and Councillor M Jones	
3.	<b>To elect the Chair of the Community Committee:</b>  Councillor Mrs Dewhurst agreed to continue in office.  Proposed: Councillor Hall Seconded: Councillor Munslow Unanimous.	
4.	<b>To elect the Deputy Chair of the Community Committee:</b>  Councillor M Jones agreed to continue in office  Proposed: Councillor Mrs Dewhurst Seconded Councillor Christopher Unanimous	
5.	<b>To approve minutes of 4 May 2010:</b>  Signed as correct with the following amendment Agenda item 114, accounts not available.	AD and MJ

6.	<p><b>To review the Action Summary:</b></p> <p>Schedule of meetings to be put up in the three areas of town.</p>	
7.	<p><b>To Receive Correspondence:</b></p> <p><b>1. Roy Nicholas:</b> Letter to Mr Nicholas acknowledging recent problems with communications. Town Clerk's office now back on track. Direct information from MCC about local events will be displayed on the new screen on the Shire Hall.</p> <p><b>2. MCC Advert for Summer Playscheme:</b> vacancies, paid and voluntary. Letter/phone Craig Sulway enquiring about closing date and whether the Jobcentre had been notified that the vacancies were available.</p> <p><b>3. Jonanthan Russell – Waldbronn:</b> The office will list details for 2010/2011 Community Grant Scheme.</p> <p><b>4. Day Services Re-modelling Group:</b> Cllr Mrs Smith is our rep. and will attend the next meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> July meeting.</p> <p><b>6. Simon White – One Voice Wales:</b> Climate Change event 23<sup>rd</sup> June Newport. BS will attend ,if public transport allows.</p> <p><b>7. Damien Weeks:</b> W3 Bus Route in Wyesham. Councillor Mrs Were has responded and is awaiting a reply to her letter.</p> <p><b>8. Welsh Assembly</b> encouraging links with Africa. Noted</p> <p><b>9. Norman Lewis:</b> Campaign to keep Respite Care home open in Caldicot. AD had contacted Mr Lewis. He agreed to contact us directly if any support was urgent. (It has now been announced that Budden Crescent will remain Open)</p> <p><b>10. MONEW newsletter:</b> Noted</p> <p><b>11 Transition Monmouth newsletter:</b> To Environment Committee</p> <p><b>12. Historic Towns Forum –</b> Traffic management in Historical towns (out of date)</p> <p><b>13. Assembly Petitions Committee:</b> Notice of next hearing of our petition calling for Support for the Unemployed in Monmouth which is to be held on 15 June 2010. We will ask CAB to forward us their latest figures showing the 'fallout' they are coping with daily, this information will be sent as further evidence to the Petitions Committee and Chief Executive MCC</p>	<p><b>Town Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Town Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Town Clerk</b></p> <p><b>BS</b></p> <p><b>BS</b></p> <p><b>AW</b></p> <p><b>AD</b></p>
8.	<p><b>To Review Committee's expenditure to date:</b></p> <p><b>Landerneau Trip interim verbal report:</b> Publicity costs and sales about even.(approx £30) Councillors Munslow and Councillor Bond will finalise the accounts for the next meeting.</p>	<p><b>CW/RB</b></p>

<p>9.</p>	<p><b>To receive reports from working parties</b></p> <p><b>i) Carnival/Festival:</b> Carnival / Festival. Both going ahead but some funding being withdrawn. Police cutbacks mean that there will be no help will with traffic management. Possible problems with Rolls Royce's being driven through the old bridge. Carnival preparations coming together nicely. Offers sought for suitable vehicles for community groups who want to enter the parade.</p> <p><b>ii) To receive and report to CSATS working party:</b> Concerns to be communicated to our representative Councillor Hacket Pain Lack of police on the beat and concerns about the area around St Thomas Church Concerns about dangerous parking and speeding around the Albion need to be reiterated</p> <p><b>iii) Day in the Life of Monmouth 26 June to 2 July 2010:</b> Meeting of all photographers involved on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June. Articles have been published in the Beacon and Monnow Voice. Another press release will follow. Letters have gone out to schools asking if staff could make arrangements to take photographs to involve school children.</p> <p><b>vi) Landerneau:</b> Chairman thanked Councillor Munslow and Councillor Bond for their successful preparation, visit and presentation report on Monmouth's behalf, also thanked Councillor Gunter for setting up and greatly assisting in the event. Councillor Munslow has prepared a press release for the Beacon</p>	<p><b>TC/GB/ AD/JG</b></p> <p><b>JF/SW/ Town Clerk/ N HP</b></p> <p><b>CM</b></p> <p><b>CM</b></p>
<p>10.</p>	<p><b>To discuss access to national bus and coach transport:</b></p> <p>To discuss access to national bus and coach transport. Councillor Mrs Dewhurst will attend the next meeting of Sustainable Transport group on 16<sup>th</sup> June. Richard Cope (Passenger Transport MCC) will be present. Concerns to report to him were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lack of facilities at bus station</li> <li>▪ No out of town parking for 'day trip' coaches, so blocking cattle market spaces.</li> <li>▪ New low level buses welcomed, but concerns over difficulties negotiating parts of Wyesham and Osbaston. One resident reported them as noisy. Others disagreed.</li> <li>▪ Lack of timetables at bus stops</li> <li>▪ Query cost, 90p from Bus Station to Dixton Road</li> <li>▪ No connections with National coach network.</li> </ul>	<p><b>AD</b></p>

	Request that coach companies reconsider calling in to pick up passengers in Monmouth, rather than drive past on the A40 as the Aberdeen/Cardiff service does. If this is still not possible, we are interested in plans to make a pull-in at the Dixton roundabout.	<b>AD</b>
<b>11.</b>	<b>To agree press release:</b>  Abergavenny Eisteddfod, Carnival, Landerneau and Day in the Life of Monmouth.	<b>CW/AD</b>
<b>12.</b>	<b>To agree items of business for next meeting:</b>  Abergavenny residential care (Councillor Bright) Day in the Life of Monmouth. Carnival report Connecting Monmouth to the national coach network	
<b>13.</b>	<b>To confirm date of next meeting:</b>  Monday 26 July 2010	

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

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