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## COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

### Minutes of the Community Affairs meeting held on 26 July 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 M Jones
Councillor C Munslow	Councillor Mrs B Smith
Councillor Mrs A Were	Councillor Mrs S White.

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION
14.	<b>To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda</b>  None received	
15.	<b>To receive apologies for absence</b>  Councillor J Fletcher	
16.	<b>To approve minutes of 14 June 2010</b>  The minutes were confirmed correct and signed	
17.	<b>To review the Action Summary</b>  Osbaston School: Investigate possibility of Under 5's Play area  Withdrawn as the pupils' survey showed objections and grant unsuccessful.  Need for/potential of play area behind Elstob Way and Henry V Drive Withdrawn at request of Councillor Mrs Chivers.  Request to CAB for regular updates of numbers of jobseekers needing assistance. TC and SW will follow this up at the next CAB Meeting.	<b>Town Clerk</b>  <b>Town Clerk</b>  <b>T Christopher /SW</b>

	<p>W3 bus route. Councillor Mrs Were has been told by the bus company that extending the route to the top of Tudor Road is not viable due to parked cars. Councillor Mrs Were will enquire what action may be possible with MCC Highways</p> <p>Bus and Coach relating to Monmouth: Take Committee Members' questions to Sustainable Transport meeting with Richard Cope (Passenger Transport MCC) See Item 22</p> <p>All other Actions completed</p>	<p><b>AW</b></p>
<p><b>18.</b></p>	<p><b>To Receive Correspondence and CD from Year 10 Monmouth Comprehensive School</b>  Letter number 9: Ros Robertson Launch of new guide-Wye Valley &amp; Forest of Dean.  Copy of letter Requested by Councillor Mrs Hall</p> <p>Letter number 7: Monmouthshire Housing Starter and Demoted Tenancies  All members requested a copy</p> <p>Letter number 6: Fairtrade project by year 10 Baccalaureate students Monmouth Comprehensive CD  The Committee watched the presentation, which showed the results of the pupils' survey in school and the town.  Councillor Mrs Smith will write to thank the pupils for alerting the Council to the lack of knowledge about the Town's Fairtrade status</p> <p>Letter number 12: Consultation on Closure of courthouses  Concern was expressed about travelling distance, particularly for witnesses if Newport became the nearest court.  A factual report from JP's in the County (copy had been given to AD) can be used as basis for a reply Councillor Jones will write a draft reply.</p> <p>All members requested a copy of the report.</p> <p>Each member will let Councillor Mrs Dewhurst and Councillor Jones know if they support our reply once they have read the report</p> <p>Letter number 13: Time and Place  Letter to be sent thanking for invitation to their next presentation at Monmouth Comprehensive. Many members, however had already seen it and been impressed</p>	<p><b>Town Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Town Clerk</b></p> <p><b>BS</b></p> <p><b>MJ</b></p> <p><b>Town Clerk</b></p> <p><b>AD/MJ</b></p> <p><b>Town Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>19.</b></p>	<p><b>To Review Committee's expenditure to date</b>  No details available yet.</p>	

<p><b>20.</b></p>	<p><b>To receive reports from working parties</b></p> <p><b>i. Carnival/Festival</b></p> <p>The Carnival had been extremely well received. This was partly due to it being led by the European Rolls Royce Rally and dry weather but there were more local entrants than ever. A huge amount of creativity had gone into the preparations .The Mayor and Mace Bearers rode in the last two Rolls Royce's and the rest of the procession joined on linking the two parts very well.</p> <p>The Carnival working party (Councillor Bright, Councillor Christopher, Councillor Mrs Dewhurst, Councillor Mrs Gunter and Councillor Mrs White) as well as the Mayor were thanked for a good job.</p> <p>However, concerns were expressed about health and safety and crowd control as the procession reached the route between the market stalls. Although the leading marshal (Councillor Bright) had experienced no problems, he recommends two marshals to each float. Where walkers should be placed in the procession will have to be re-assessed as this year the crowds tended to close in before they had come through.</p> <p>Festival volunteers had had to cope with difficult situations at road junctions, where the traffic was re routed Incidents of assault on marshals gave concern to members. It was felt that as volunteers are asked to take more and more responsibility for traffic and crowd control during a street closure, this duty will only work if far more volunteers come forward next year and further discussions take place with the police. The Festival/Carnival partnership has yet to meet to review the events.</p> <p><b>ii CSATS</b></p> <p>No report from Councillor Hacket Pain</p> <p>The Committee wants to report that Disabled parking outside Wetherspoons is being blocked by taxi drivers, while they eat breakfast there.</p>	
<p><b>21.</b></p>	<p><b>To agree Forward Plan monthly meetings</b></p> <p>Timetable agreed, as printed, once meeting dates are corrected for this year.</p> <p>Ideas for Christmas procession which could avoid street closure were put forward.</p> <p>TC to enquire about position of Christmas tree. This matter needs to be agreed before the scheduled discussion in October</p> <p>The Civic Awards will be attempted in two year's time, the final year of the present council.</p>	<p><b>TC</b></p>

22.	<p><b>To receive report from Sustainable Transport meeting with Richard Cope (Passenger Transport)</b></p> <p>All the Committee's question had been put to Richard Cope. His responses have been summarised by the Chair of Sustainable Transport. All members will receive a copy.</p>	<b>Town Clerk</b>
23.	<p><b>To receive MCC Summer Play Scheme publicity</b></p> <p>The fold-out leaflet was thought to be much more informative and attractive than previous versions. The Mayor will make arrangements to visit Monmouth Leisure centre's Playscheme and report back.</p>	<b>JH</b>
24.	<p><b>To agree Press Release</b></p> <p>Thanks to all concerned with the Carnival</p>	<b>AD</b>
24	<p><b>Items of Business for next meeting</b></p> <p>Coach Transport (Councillor Jones) Christmas Event</p>	
25	<p><b>To confirm date of next meeting:</b> Tuesday 31 August 2010</p>	

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