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## COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

### Minutes of the Community Affairs meeting held on 18 October 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 C Munslow	Councillor Mrs B Smith
Councillor Mrs S White.	

#### **Presentation by Mrs Lesley Jenkins: Update on Caring Activities at Bridges**

Mrs Jenkins gave an outlined summary on how Bridges started. Today Bridges has four full time and ten part time members of staff, the rest are made up of volunteers which includes all the Trustees. A positive development is the involvement of young people especially at the Tea Dances, helping the volunteers who maintain the gardens, improving the reception area and reducing the buildings carbon footprint.

The support groups based at Bridges include COMIC, Mind, Bereavement Support, The Visual Impaired Group, Memory Group, Breast Cancer Support Group, St David's Foundation Counselling Group. A minibus is bookable on a 'Dial a Ride' system by anyone who needs transport. The full list of activities contact numbers and times are all on the Bridges leaflet or by contacting Bridges on 01600 715638.

Recently new boilers have been installed at a cost of £60,000

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION
40.	<b>To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda</b>  Councillor Bright Councillor Mrs Dewhurst Councillor Mrs Smith and Councillor Christopher for Agenda Item number 47	
41.	<b>To receive apologies for absence:</b>  Councillor M Jones, Councillor Mrs A Were	

42.	<p><b>To approve minutes of 31 August 2010:</b></p> <p>The minutes were confirmed correct and signed</p>	
43.	<p><b>To review the Action Summary:</b></p> <p><b>A40 Traffic:</b> Councillor Munslow had discussed his plans for a roundabout on the A40 Cinderhill Street junction with the Sustainable Transport Group who were supportive and worked to further develop the presentation. This and an aerial view will be forwarded to all Councillors.</p> <p>Councillor Christopher requested a plan for the roundabout be put on the next agenda of the Partnership Forum and Vision Monmouth.</p>	<p><b>CW/AD</b></p> <p><b>TOWN CLERK</b></p> <p><b>TC</b></p>
44.	<p><b>To Review Committee's expenditure to date:</b></p> <p>Request a letter to be written to the Library regarding their lack of communication with us on an overdue payment for newspapers. Meanwhile local readers had been concerned that the newspaper service had been withdrawn. £300 has now been forwarded but clarification is required on how this is spent i.e. which newspapers are purchased, and an estimation of how many citizens use the service.</p>	<p><b>TOWN CLERK OFFICE</b></p>
45.	<p><b>To receive correspondence:</b></p> <p><b>Letter Number 5:</b> Eisteddfod funding. Councillor Mrs White requested we write and ask the number of Monmouth people involved</p> <p><b>Letter Number 7:</b> Grant funding 2011 – listed</p> <p><b>Letter Number 8:</b> Grant funding 2011, ask Bobath for details re locality of schools</p> <p><b>Letter Number 13:</b> Grant funding 2011 ask Victim Support for information on victims in our postcode area</p>	<p><b>TOWN CLERK OFFICE</b></p>
46.	<p><b>To discuss the Summer Play Scheme allocated contribution:</b></p> <p>A report had been received from Mike Moran detailing the huge increase in the Scheme's use this summer</p> <p>Proposal for funding the playscheme  For: 9            Against: 1</p>	

<p>47.</p>	<p><b>To review contributions to outside organisations:</b></p> <p>Presentations from all three outside organisations have been heard within the last year. Written information to support this were received at the meeting, as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Attik:</b> Monmouth Young Peoples Centre, update from Mr Barry Englefield and report from centre co-ordinator</li> <li>2. <b>CAB:</b> Annual Report</li> <li>3. <b>Festival/Carnival:</b> Out going Chair's report</li> </ol>	
<p>48.</p>	<p><b>To set the budget for the forthcoming year:</b></p> <p>Each budget heading was discussed in detail, resulting in a proposal to maintain the same support as last year.</p> <p>The Committee decided to award Attik £8,000, on the condition that it reserved the right to review the amount depending on an understanding that MCC is to arrange additional funding to the Attik.</p> <p>The only other alteration being to include 'Library Newspapers' within 'Contingency' pending enquires concerning newspaper purchasing. See agenda item 44.</p> <p>Proposed to retain budget from last year  Proposed Councillor C Munslow Seconded Councillor Mrs Smith</p> <p>Unanimous</p> <p>The Committee submits this budget for approval by the Finance and Policy Committee</p>	<p><b>TOWN CLERK</b></p>
<p>49.</p>	<p><b>To receive reports from working parties:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <b>Carnival/Festival:</b> A shopkeeper in Monnow Street has volunteered to become involved in helping next year's Carnival and expects to involve his Facebook contacts who have replied to his ideas. Next meeting 21 October 8.00pm</li> <li>ii. <b>To receive and report to CSATS working party:</b>  Councillor Bright requested a report on the CSAT's issue discussed with Councillor Hacket Pain</li> </ol>	<p><b>GB/TC/AD</b></p>

50.	<p><b>To discuss progress with Job Centre service in Monmouth</b></p> <p>Ongoing. No reply to date from the Chief Executive regarding our letter asking for support and enclosing data from CAB. All new reports of local jobseekers concerns are being collated. CAB continue to pass on monthly figures</p>	ALL
51.	<p><b>To discuss Christmas Event and agree outline spending.</b></p> <p>Date set for the candle lit procession for Thursday 16 December With a working party meeting to be arranged for Thursday 28 October 7.00pm at TIC office to organise the event.</p>	ALL  TOWN CLERK
52.	<p><b>To discuss production of “Day in the Life “booklet of photographs. Agree quote.</b></p> <p>It was agreed to print 300 copies at the given quote using funds loaned from the general reserves as suggested by Councillor R Hayward Chair of F&amp;P. Any profit after sales, will be donated to the Mayor’s charity</p>	TOWN CLERK
53.	<p><b>To resolve to request F &amp; P Committee for funding from general Reserves to cover overspend of Rolls Event (of £351 +£50 St John's Ambulance)</b></p> <p>Agreed unanimously</p>	
54.	<p><b>To agree Press release</b></p> <p>Production of ‘A Day in the Life before Christmas Date of the Candle lit procession</p>	
55.	<p><b>Items for discussion for future meetings</b></p> <p>Candlelit Christmas event Criteria and outline arrangements for the Community Awards</p>	
56.	<p><b>To confirm date of next meeting:</b></p> <p>Monday 29 November 2010</p>	

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

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