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COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Community Affairs meeting held on 29 November 2010 Market Hall Priory Street Monmouth

PRESENT: Chairman Councillor Mrs A Dewhurst.
Councillor G Bright
Councillor T Christopher
Councillor Mrs J Gunter
Councillor C Munslow
Councillor Mrs S White.
Councillor Mrs S Chivers
Councillor J Fletcher
Councillor M Jones
Councillor Mrs B Smith

Sara Burch of the Gateway Credit Union Ltd gave a presentation giving details of the ethics of the scheme which works from the reception of the Shire Hall on Monday mornings. Sara also distributed leaflets and answered members questions, very fully

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION
57.	To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda None received	
58.	To receive apologies for absence Councillor Mrs J Hall	
59.	To approve minutes of 18th October 2010 The minutes were approved and signed	
60.	To review the Action Summary 'Access to tunnel at A40' renamed 'A40/Cinderhill roundabout proposal'. Councillor Munslow will be giving presentations to the Partnership Forum and Vision Monmouth Christmas Event –on going	CM ALL

<p>61.</p>	<p>To Review Committee's expenditure to date</p> <p>All allocated support to outside organisations for this financial year has have been sent out. The Committee is working within budget to arrange the Christmas Event.</p> <p>It was agreed at the previous Full Council to cover the costs of training for road closures from the Council training budget.</p>	
<p>62.</p>	<p>To receive correspondence</p> <p>Number 2. Newspapers in the Library: Councillor Mrs Gunter will liaise with the librarian to clarify the usage and possibility of placing the papers in a more visible position</p> <p>Number 4. Measures to deal with closure of Agincourt Street toilets: There will be an update from Roger Hoggins at the Environment meeting at 12.30pm on Wed 1st December.</p> <p>Number 5. Fields in Trust Queen Elizabeth ii Playing Fields Challenge: The Town Fields will be nominated as an 'expression of interest' in the scheme. Proposed: Cllr Mrs Chivers Seconded: Cllr Bright Unanimous</p> <p>Numbers 8,10,will be listed for to receive Community Grant application forms</p> <p>Number 14. Open Spaces Society: Request for definition of an 'open space' under national consultation and request for funds to cover resulting increased expenses. Individuals will consider this and discuss at next meeting if required.</p> <p>Number 15. MCC initiative on 'Careline Telecare System': The Committee would be pleased to hear a presentation on this scheme as soon as the booklets are available. It was suggested that this might be best at a Full Council meeting</p> <p>Number 18. MCC 2012-2014 Draft Children and Young People's Plan and the Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Strategy: The Committee would much appreciate further understanding of this document before responding to the consultation and request a representative giving the committee or the Full Council a presentation on this. (Next Community meeting as information is required by 7 February and already presentations at Full Council meetings)</p>	<p>JG</p> <p>Town Clerk</p> <p>Town Clerk</p> <p>All</p> <p>Town Clerk/JH</p> <p>Town Clerk</p>

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63.	<p>To receive reports from working parties</p> <p>i. Carnival/Festival: An offer has been received from two Festival Committee members to take part in the Road Closure training, if there are vacancies</p> <p>ii. To receive and report to CSATS working party Nothing to report since Town Council meeting</p>	Town Clerk/AD
64.	<p>To discuss progress with Job Centre service in Monmouth</p> <p>There has not been a response to date to our letter to MCC Chief Executive.</p> <p>Councillor Mrs Dewhurst was invited to attend a CAB meeting for their volunteers to hear from Jobcentre SE Wales Communication manager, Ms Ceri Jenkins, regarding the changing situation for jobseekers and benefit needs. The continuing, situation in Monmouth was made clear to her by many CAB volunteers, who were speaking from experience but Ms Jenkins explained that she thought the regular presence of a Jobcentre advisor was most unlikely.</p> <p>The Committee agreed to contact both MCC Chief Exec and Ian Williams at Jobcentre Plus SE Wales again, with further evidence of need from members and pleading that they work together to get some contact point in Monmouth.</p> <p>Councillor Mrs Dewhurst to write on the Committee's behalf.</p>	AD
65.	<p>To finalise plans for the Christmas Event</p> <p>Updated plans and responsibilities were distributed to everyone for checking.</p> <p>HMSG, David Evans, Mike Booth, Karin Molson, Brian Cleary, Inspector Mike Boycott, Lee Robson, The Punch House and many others, being extremely helpful.</p> <p>Serious concerns about how members should cope with the road closure at Priory Street. This needs to be clarified at the training session on Wednesday 15th Dec, as members will not undertake confronting motorists or directing traffic.</p> <p>Councillor Bright volunteered to be at the bus station exit to work with motorists who need to leave at the bottom of town.</p> <p>The Town Clerk is liaising with the Police and Highways on our behalf.</p> <p>Hot Chocolate to be offered by the Punch House to Primary-aged groups of children who sing a good carol after the main celebrations. It was felt that this should take place outside the pub unless the children are accompanied by parents.</p> <p>If more presents need to be purchased, Councillor Mrs Dewhurst has permission from the Committee, (within the budget.)</p>	All/Town Clerk

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<p>66.</p>	<p>To discuss the criteria and outline arrangements for the Community Grants Scheme, including publicity.</p> <p>The same criteria as last year was agreed. Applications to be received by last Friday in January 2011. Clerk to send application forms to all relevant groups who have enquired</p> <p>Publicity via a press release.</p> <p>Agree booking of the Priory at next meeting</p>	<p>Town Clerk</p> <p>AD</p>
<p>67.</p>	<p>To agree profit from sales of 'A Day in the Life' to be donated to the Mayor's Charities.</p> <p>Proposed AD Seconded MJ Unanimous</p>	
<p>68.</p>	<p>To review liaison with Monnow Vale and to discuss how to progress the improvement of signs at the road side entrance.</p> <p>Councillor Christopher as Chair of Users' Group, reported on the work to encourage a wider range of users to participate. Meanwhile we understand that the report that the Group submitted, concerning the Minor Injuries Unit, is being taken seriously by the Aneurin Bevan Area Health Board, as part of urgent improvements across the Area. A letter requesting action to make road entrance signs much clearer will be sent to the Trust.</p>	<p>AD</p>
<p>69.</p>	<p>To discuss possible dates for Rolls Royce to try and arrange Spitfire Flyover (25/6th June and w/c 31st July not available).</p> <p>March 4th 2011 - Royal Welsh Freedom March through Monmouth? Request that the Town Clerk contacts MCC Chair person Mr Peter Clark</p> <p>90th Anniversary of the British Legion was also mentioned, but this is likely to be based in Cardiff</p>	<p>Town Clerk</p>
<p>70.</p>	<p>To agree Press release</p> <p>1. Day in the Life books on sale 2. Invitation to apply for a Community Grant 3 .Christmas Candlelit Procession reminder</p>	<p>AD</p>
<p>71.</p>	<p>Items for discussion for future meetings</p> <p>Finalise Community Grants arrangements</p>	

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72.	To confirm date of next meeting: Monday 10 th January 2011	
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