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COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Community Affairs meeting held on 4 April 2011 Market Hall Priory Street Monmouth

PRESENT: Chairman Councillor Mrs A Dewhurst.

Cllr G Bright
Cllr Mrs S Chivers
Cllr T Christopher
Cllr J Fletcher
Cllr Mrs J Gunter

Cllr Mrs J Hall
Cllr M Jones
Cllr C Munslow
Cllr Mrs B Smith
Cllr Mrs S White

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION
1.	To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda None received	
2.	To receive apologies for absence Cllr Mrs A Were	
3.	To approve minutes of the meeting of 21 February 2011 The minutes were confirmed as a true record and signed	
4.	To review the Action Summary Jobcentre A second meeting has been held with Kellie Beirne. Representatives from Melyn Housing, (M.Y.S.) and Torfaen CC were also there. Our reps were Cllr Mrs Dewhurst, (Chair of Community Affairs,) Cllr T Christopher (Chair of Environmental Affairs) Lou Allerhand (Dept Manager, Monmouth CAB). Items discussed were alleviating rural isolation, transport problems, increasing unemployment and low pay. Job Clubs in the four main towns were proposed. Bridges was proposed as a venue in Monmouth. It was agreed that unless Jobcentre Plus (Department of Work and Pensions UK) have a practical presence, this would not help Monmouth jobseekers' access problems. First hand evidence of these problems continues to come to the Town Clerk's office and CAB.	

	<p>This was emphasised by us at the meeting. A follow-up meeting is expected within three weeks. Not all councillors are convinced that this is sufficient action.</p> <p>Careline Telecare System: following the presentation at Town Council, Cllr Mrs White will question MCC in more detail on cost and availability of the individual items</p> <p>Monnow Vale: Sign at Rockfield Road: The quotation to replace with a clearer sign will be discussed at the next Monnow Vale Service Users meeting on Wed 20th April</p> <p>Beech Road roundabout proposal: No progress to date even though Cllr Munslow has made several efforts to contact necessary authorities. Cllr Munslow requested that a letter be sent to Mr Paul Keeble (MCC) from this committee</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>TC</p> <p>AD</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>To Review Committee's expenditure to date</p> <p>New percentage indication of Budget clarifies the situation for members. It is regrettable that the underspend cannot be earmarked for remaining needs, but has to be returned to reserves.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>To receive correspondence</p> <p>Letter number 6: Proposed crossing near Iceland , forward to Environment Committee</p> <p>Letter number 12: GAVO Town Clerk to distribute to all Councillors</p>	<p>Town Clerk</p> <p>Town Clerk</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>To receive reports from working parties</p> <p>i. Carnival/Festival:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The first of three quotes received regarding traffic management that Police specify for Carnival is £5,000 ▪ Kymin Dash is also in danger of not going ahead. ▪ Councillor Christopher had e-mailed K Bernie (MCC) regarding this issue and received a reply stating that MCC are not in a position to help. ▪ Further urgent requests will be made for sponsorship to Chamber of Commerce and local businesses. ▪ Cllr Christopher proposed a special meeting be held after the decision by the Festival Committee is made. 	<p>AD</p> <p>Town Clerk/AD</p>

	<p>ii. To receive and report to CSATS working party:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cllr Hayward will report that allotment vandalism seems to be happening late at night ▪ Activities at the football stand Chippenham 	
9.	<p>To review the Community Grants Scheme and presentation evening</p> <p>A vote of thanks was given to Cllr Mrs Gunter and Cllr Mrs Smith for the food and help on the evening. Press release will be written by Cllr Mrs Dewhurst</p>	AD
10.	<p>To discuss progress on ward notice boards.</p> <p>Cllrs Mrs Smith and Mrs White will look into costs for the notice board at Overmonnow</p>	SW BS
11.	<p>To discuss illegal parking: the need for signs and lines, and co-ordinating the matter with Paul Keeble, list of solutions, powers of PCSO's to impose on-the-spot fines</p> <p>The improvements to signage at Cinderhill St car park have been effective. Now needs to be monitored.</p> <p>All Councillors on this Committee will monitor parking offences in their ward as well as central town and report to the police on 101. Figures will be reported back to the next meeting on 16 May 2011</p>	SW ALL
12.	<p>To discuss the Three Counties Play Project and Summer Activities Scheme</p> <p>Lottery funded project – Community play team staff are available for projects in Monmouth for children aged 5-15. Rockfield Community Centre is to be the base for one project and initial consolation will take place at a junior disco, being publicised in the neighbourhood by the team. More venues and needs to be sent to the Project team.</p>	TC ALL

13.	<p>To discuss condition/use of football spectator stand at Chippenham</p> <p>The misuse of the shelter is apparent, again with the obvious danger to those who gather there and the structure itself. The structure is the responsibility of the Sports Association, who have been working hard to maintain it against the odds. Request contact be made with Tim Bradfield and the chairman of the Sports Association for an update.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs White will bring this up at CSATS.</p>	<p>Town Clerk</p> <p>SW</p>
14.	<p>To agree Press release</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Community Grants Evening ▪ Parking monitoring and reporting to 101 	<p>AD</p>
15.	<p>Items for discussion for future meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monitoring of parking by the Committee ▪ Reminder of actions re Football Stand and Trevor Bowen Court 	<p>Town Clerk</p>
16.	<p>To confirm date of next meeting:</p> <p>Monday 16th May 2011</p>	

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