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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting Held on 23rd October 2006.

Present: The Chairman Councillor L Robson.
Councillor R Bond, Councillor T Christopher, Councillor Mrs A Dewhurst,
Councillor R Hayward and Councillor Mrs C Pearce.

In attendance: Councillor Mrs V Mitchell and Sarah Robson Town Clerk

Agenda Item	Details	Action
1.	<u>To Receive Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda:</u> None.	
2.	<u>To Receive Apologies for Absence:</u> Councillor Mrs M Atkins, Councillor G F W Buckland, Councillor J Fletcher, Councillor D Stevens, Councillor Mrs S Chivers and Councillor Mrs S White	
3.	<u>To Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 11th September:</u> Approved. <u>To Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 27th September:</u> There was an addition to read that 'Councillor Robson will prepare a press release regarding the decision re the purchase of new Christmas Lights and an appeal for a donation towards the cost of this years Christmas Tree'.	
4.	<u>To Review Action Summary and Clerks report.</u> List of actions were prioritised. Purchase of Litter Bin for Drybridge Park. It was agreed that this would be deferred until the audit of town furniture had been completed and a list of recommendations drawn up. The Town Centre and Community Safety. The Police have been invited to attend the meeting to discuss these issues. Street Decorations. Chairman to follow up review of existing provision with MFP to be invited to next meeting. It is proposed that there should be better integration of areas and that objectives for the MFP group should be considered to include Wales in Bloom contest. Transport Review: Following the working party that was held to discuss the initiation of a town council policy it was decided that	Councillor L Robson.

	<p>this item needs to be reviewed again in the light of the recommendations of the sub committee of the Partnership Forum. Copy of that report to be circulated</p>	<p>Councillor Mrs V Mitchell</p>
5.	<p><u>To Receive Correspondence:</u> David Davies: Re Cycle Rack Provision. It was suggested that the resident from Hereford Road who made the request would be invited to join the cycle/walking group. Heddlu Gwent Police: Response to complaint re speeding along Redbrook Road – Noted MCC: Response to complaint re traffic problems in Wyesham. It was noted that the lighting along Redbrook Road is inadequate but members agreed to consider this when the next phase of Safe Routes to School comes under review.</p>	<p>Councillor Mrs A Dewhurst</p>
6.	<p><u>To Develop a Community safety policy.</u> It was agreed to defer this item until after discussions have taken place with The Police. Councillor Mrs Dewhurst advised members that this item had also been included on the Community Affairs Forward Plan for 2006/2007 however as there was no money set aside within their budget for developing this, it has been suggested that the Environmental Affairs Committee tackle this issue.</p>	
7.	<p><u>To Consider 2007/2008 Budget Proposals for submission at next F&P.</u> Members agreed that there would be some changes to next years budget to allow for some specific projects to be considered, amongst them a 'blue plaque' scheme to be incorporated into developing town tourism, updating the town maps, banners etc. The budget will be prepared by The Clerk and the Chair for submission to the next F&P meeting. Members also requested that the reporting details could be more comprehensive by including more sub headings to make the analysis of expenditure more detailed.</p>	<p>Town Clerk/ Councillor L Robson</p>
8.	<p><u>To Consider match funding lighting at Chippenham project.</u> A request from the OSS has been received asking members to consider match funding a project to install lighting at Chippenham Mead. A grant for £5500.00 has been obtained with other monies available from the OSS budget. The total estimate for the project is £11000.00. Members agreed to set aside £3500.00 for this from the match funding budget subject to the details of the scheme and with the proviso that there is full consultation and representation by the Town Council.</p>	
9.	<p><u>To Discuss Any Matters Arising:</u> A letter has been received from a resident at Monnow Keep requesting a dog bin. It was agreed that this would be deferred pending recommendations re the audit of town furniture.</p>	

10.	<p><u>Any Other Business:</u></p> <p>Councillor R Hayward read out a letter from Councillor Mrs Atkins regarding the policy of MCC in relation to recycling at the Mitchel Troy site. It was noted.</p> <p>Councillor R Hayward asked members why the decision had been taken last year not to continue to cut the grass at the car park site at The Buckholt. Members were reminded that this land is privately owned and not the responsibility of the Town Council, and that concerns had been expressed at that time with regards to setting a precedent.</p> <p>Councillor Mrs C Pearce advised members that the catenary wires for the Christmas Lights were in the process of being erected in preparation for the lights and that essential work had been carried out at a number of premises to replace the bolts that were no longer meeting current legislative requirements. A number of bolts needed to be replaced following the load testing of the equipment. It was also reported that a lot of bulbs needed to be replaced in the strings of star lights and that also some of the frames would need to be refurbished due to wear and tear.</p>	
11.	<p><u>To Confirm Date of Next Meeting:</u></p> <p>Monday 4 December 2006 at 6.00pm</p>	
<p>Meeting Closed at 7.25pm</p>		

Date: _____

Signature: _____