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## ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

### Minutes of the Meeting Held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2006

**Present:** The Chairman Councillor L Robson.  
Councillor R Bond, Councillor G F W Buckland, Cllr Mrs S Chivers,  
Councillor T Christopher, Councillor Mrs A Dewhurst, Councillor J Fletcher.  
Councillor R Hayward and Councillor D Stevens.

In attendance: Councillor Mrs S White, Monmouth Flower Project. (two reps)

Agenda Item	Details	Action
1.	<b><u>To Receive Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda:</u></b> None.	
2.	<b><u>To Receive Apologies for Absence:</u></b> Councillor Mrs M Atkins	
3.	<b><u>To Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2006:</u></b> Approved.	
4.	<b><u>To Review Action Summary and Clerks report.</u></b> List of actions were prioritised. <b>Purchase of Litter Bin for Drybridge Park.</b> Agreed as part of street scene review provided that there would be no revenue implications. <b>The Town Centre and Community Safety.</b> The Police have been invited to attend the meeting to discuss these issues.  It was agreed unanimously to undertake additional works to Christmas lighting from the capital budget. The work is necessary in order to supply power to the new motifs that are situated on the lighting columns. The company that have been given the contract are MCC' s preferred contractors. The total cost is £765.00	Town Clerk
5.	<b><u>To Receive Correspondence:</u></b> Lights at Chippenham. The chairman reported that proposals had been made but that it has been requested that the supplier provide 'artists impression' of the scheme before any decision can be made.	

6.	<p><b><u>To Review Monmouth Flower Project proposals.</u></b>  A presentation was given by MFP. The key issue was the loss of volunteers leading to capacity issues.  There were proposals to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revert to low maintenance on edge of town flowerbeds and planters.</li> <li>• Replace plastic bins with metal heritage products on Agincourt Square.</li> <li>• Revert to private provider for hanging baskets and watering of hanging baskets.</li> </ul> <p>The committee felt that although progress had been made it was disappointing that the project had not delivered the original brief and that they had struggled to maintain volunteers due to other pressures.  It was agreed that the Chairman would liaise with the project to produce a proposal for the next meeting.</p>	Councillor L Robson
7.	<p><b><u>To Consider Street Scene proposals</u></b></p> <p>The Chairman's report was discussed and agreed. The Main points were: -</p> <p>Capital purchases need to be made with due regard for revenue consequences, particularly with litterbins and benches.</p> <p>That we are adequately covered with regard to dog waste bins but there may need to be some follow up on volume of bins rather than number and location. (Note: Dog waste now classified as non-hazardous).</p> <p>Heritage products need to be consistent colour (green and gold) and of good quality. Request that MCC agree this approach.</p> <p>Play facilities need to be prioritised. LR to liaise with AD over possible capital revenue implications for the future.</p> <p>Consideration be given at a later date to future use, management and ownership of town field.</p>	Town Clerk/ Councillor L Robson
8.	<p><b><u>To consider provision for parking HGV's in and around town.</u></b>  Cllr Mrs Chivers proposed that the Council write to the County Council requesting that provision be made to allow overnight parking for HGV's in Monmouth. It was agreed that other amenities should be considered and that the clerk write to MCC to begin discussions about what could be done to make the town more welcoming.</p>	Town Clerk
9.	<p><b><u>Any Other Business:</u></b>  Bench at Monnow Vale: It was agreed that the twinning association be invited to the unveiling ceremony.</p>	

	<p>Police liaison: PC Smith and PCSO Celine attended and informed the meeting of a themed campaign against anti social behaviour that would be underway in the New Year. Members also urged the Police to be more vigilant with regard to parking offences.</p> <p>Clr Stevens wanted to encourage more use of Storenet and requested information to make sure that the system was made more affordable.</p> <p>The meeting was informed of the need to tackle an issue at Rockfield regarding the misuse of dog waste that had been left at the side of waste receptacles. It was agreed to review the provision in that area.</p>	
11.	<p><b><u>To Confirm Date of Next Meeting:</u></b> Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2006 at 6pm</p>	
<p><b>Meeting Closed at 7.25pm</b></p>		

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