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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting
held on
26th February 2007
Community Room Shire Hall

Present: Councillor T Christopher, Councillor R Bond, Councillor G F W Buckland
Councillor Mrs S Chivers, Councillor Mrs A Dewhurst, Councillor J Fletcher and
Councillor D Stevens.

In the absence of the Chairman Councillor Mrs A Dewhurst chaired the meeting.

Agenda Item	Details	Action
1.	<u>To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda:</u> None received.	
2.	<u>To receive apologies for absence:</u> Councillor Mrs M C Atkins and Councillor L Robson	
3.	<u>To approve minutes of the previous meeting held on 15 January 2007:</u> This was deferred until the next meeting due to the absence of members.	
4.	<u>To review action summary and Town Clerks report:</u> Noted and Accepted.	
5.	<u>To receive correspondence:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Forward to Sarah Codlin, MCC Disability Officer regarding access and apologise for the delay.2. Same as above.3. Noted4. Noted5. Clerk to obtain an accurate breakdown of costs and details of where the border lies. In principal the committee made a decision to support this request up to a maximum of £650.00 from the match-funding budget subject to approval from F&P.	Town Clerk

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	<p>Proposed Cllr Stevens Seconded Cllr Mrs Dewhurst</p> <p>6. This committee is at the moment discussing litter problems. Thanks to Cllr Mrs Atkins for bringing the matter to the committee's attention.</p> <p>7. Noted.</p>	
6.	<p><u>To review budget and year to date expenditure:</u> Budget Noted.</p>	
7.	<p><u>To discuss a policy of combating littering in Monmouth and consider initiating a campaign to reduce the problem:</u> Member agreed to defer this item at present and the suggestion was made to set up a working party to look at this initiative. To be placed on the Town Council agenda for Tuesday 6 March.</p>	Town Clerk
8.	<p><u>To consider improved maintenance on the perimeter of Drybridge Park:</u> Deferred until the next meeting due to lack of information.</p>	
9.	<p><u>To consider programme of maintenance for Town Council benches:</u> The Committee agreed to give delegated authority to The Clerk to refurbish any benches that need work doing on them including donated ones before the tourist season begins. To be paid for from the Town Maintenance budget. Proposed Cllr Christopher Seconded Cllr Buckland Unanimous</p>	Town Clerk
10.	<p><u>To Consider arrangements for Christmas lighting for 2007:</u> The Town Clerk's report was accepted and noted. Members requested that The Clerk continues to seek an accredited and approved company to carry out the installation.</p>	Town Clerk
11.	<p><u>To Authorise payment of £3,500.00 to MCC to match funding for lighting at Chippenham Fields:</u> The committee agreed to authorise payment subject to satisfactory completion of the work. The Clerk was asked to contact MCC and ensure that the columns are painted in green.</p>	Town Clerk
12.	<p><u>To discuss any matters arising:</u></p> <p>A. Letter to be written to Monmouth Flower Project regarding renewal of contract and asking for a description of future plans. Advertise for tenders with applications to be returned by 22 March 2007.</p> <p>B. Monmouth Town Council will not be switching on the water irrigation system this year. Proposed: Councillor Stevens Seconded: Councillor Bond Unanimous.</p>	Town Clerk

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13.	<p><u>Any other business:</u> Councillor Mrs Chivers brought to member's attention that wheelchair access to Beaufort Court on Market days is blocked regularly by market traders. She reported that the market manager has not been supportive in trying to find an alternative way to set up the market so as to avoid blocking access. The Town Clerk to write to The Access Officer at MCC and The OSS to express concern that enforcement to prevent blocking access for disabled people has not been taken. Members discussed the closure of A466 between Redbrook and Tintern due to the recent landslide.</p>	Town Clerk
14.	<p><u>To agree next meeting date:</u> Agreed.</p>	
Meeting Closed at pm		

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Signature: _____

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