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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**Minutes of the meeting
held on
21st May 2007
Community Room Shire Hall**

Present: The Chairman Councillor L Robson, Councillor Mrs M Atkins, Councillor Mrs S Chivers, Councillor T Christopher, Councillor Mrs A Dewhurst, Councillor J Fletcher, Councillor R Hayward, Councillor Mrs V Mitchell, Councillor D Stevens and Councillor Mrs Sue White

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> None.	
3.	<u>Election of Chairman:</u> Cllr Mrs Mitchell was elected as Chairman, nominated by Cllr Mrs Dewhurst, seconded by Cllr Mrs Atkins.	
4.	<u>Election of Deputy Chairman:</u> Cllr Robson was elected as Deputy Chairman, nominated by Cllr Stevens, seconded by Cllr Mrs Chivers.	
5.	<u>To approve minutes of the previous meeting held on 25th April:</u> Approved with amendment of Cllr Dewhurst and Cllr Christopher arriving at a later point in the meeting.	
6.	<u>To review action summary and receive Town Clerk's report:</u> <u>Monmouth Flower Project:</u> It was agreed that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The use of the bowser be offered to Mr Parkinson. The balance of monies remaining from last year be returned to the Environment Committee. Since it was a little late for planting this year, the monies could perhaps be used for the purchase of more mature plants for the raised beds and planters. The irrigation system in Church Street be offered for the use of Mr Parkinson. This would be covered under MTC public liability insurance but otherwise all repairs or other problems would be the responsibility of Mr Parkinson. The Clerk was requested to provide a timetable and programme for the new contract. <u>Drybridge Park:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was noted that the Town Council had not earmarked funding for additional lighting in Drybridge Park and this did not form a 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<p>part of the council's work for the year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members were asked to provide ideas for improvement schemes in individual wards. It was agreed there was a need to prioritise. It was agreed to request a site visit with the County Council tree officer at Drybridge Park. <p><u>Blue Plaque Scheme:</u> It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Mitchell would send a letter to the Civic Society requesting further information on developing a Monmouth Blue plaque scheme.</p>	<p>All Councillors</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>VM</p>
7.	<p><u>To receive correspondence:</u></p> <p><u>Irrigation System:</u> Agreed to discuss ownership of the irrigation system other than in Church Street with current contractor but agreed that it was difficult to reinstate the system.</p> <p><u>Modbury Campaign:</u> It was agreed to support the Modbury campaign being developed by The Town Crier web site but that the council need to be cautious about how active it could be given other priorities.</p>	
8.	<p><u>To Consider Forward Plan:</u></p> <p>Deferred to next meeting. Cllr Robson offered to update the plan</p>	LR
9.	<p><u>Reclaiming Our Town Centre:</u></p> <p>Cllr Robson introduced his proposal to co-ordinate town centre regeneration activity via the Council's Environment committee. There was a lively and wide ranging debate particularly about the ideas of Shared Space and the role of the Town Council. No decision was reached and the item was deferred to the next meeting.</p>	
10.	<p><u>Any other business:</u></p> <p>Cllr Christopher reported that there was still a problem with rats along the river bank between the two bridges. It was agreed that MCC and the Environment Agency should again be contacted to deal with the problem</p>	Clerk
11.	<p><u>To agree next meeting date as Monday 2nd July at 7.00pm</u></p>	
Meeting Closed at 8.30pm		

Date: _____

Signature: _____