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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 24th September 2007 in the Community Room, Shire Hall

Present: The Chairman Councillor Mrs V Mitchell, Councillor Mrs M Atkins,
Councillor T Christopher, Councillor Mrs A Dewhurst, Councillor J Fletcher,
Councillor D Stevens

In attendance: Councillor Mrs A Were, Mr Richard Lewis of Centre Great Limited

Agenda Item	Details	Action
	<p><u>Presentation by Mr Richard Lewis re Christmas Lights:-</u> Mr Lewis presented members with a brochure describing the company's products and terms and conditions. It was agreed that for the next meeting of the Committee the company would provide:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quotes for Christmas tree lights and provide two samples • A quote for new strings • Following consultation with the Town Clerk, a quote for eyebolts <p>It was also agreed that the company would have a representative for the switching on of the lights. So far as ongoing maintenance was concerned, Mr Lewis explained that a call by system was always in operation. It was agreed that the lights would be switched on around the 19th of November and be taken down as soon as possible after Twelfth Night.</p>	Town Clerk
	<p><u>Presentation by Cllr Mrs A Were re the MCC Draft Paper on Climate Change and Efficiency:-</u> Cllr Were presented a paper with her response. This was discussed and agreed, and Cllr Were agreed to provide a response to MCC based on the discussion.</p>	AW
50.	<p><u>To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda:-</u> Cllr Dewhurst declared an interest as a member of the Monmouth Links Project Board.</p>	
51.	<p><u>To receive apologies for absence:-</u> Cllr Mrs S Chivers, Cllr R Hayward, Cllr L Robson and Cllr Mrs S White</p>	
52.	<p><u>To approve minutes of the meeting held on 13th August 2007:</u> Approved and signed by the Chairman</p>	
53.	<p><u>To review Action Summary and receive Town Clerk's Report:</u> <u>Improvement Schemes in Individual Wards:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Cycle Racks near Old Bridge:</u> It was agreed that this should be a covered shelter in a modern style in keeping with the proposed Welcome Centre. Cllr Mrs Atkins undertook to ascertain whether there was a suitable site that would not be in the way of the proposed building works. The favoured design costs £2,700 	CA

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Benches at bus stops on the Hereford Road, Osbaston Road and Dixon Road:</u> It was agreed that these should be of Heritage style at a cost of around £750 each. Cllr Dewhurst agreed to ascertain suitable locations • <u>Mowing of river bank between the two bridges:</u> MCC has provided a quote of £136 per mow. It was agreed that, in addition to the mow undertaken by the Environment Agency, MCC should mow three times in the coming year • <u>Make good allotment road:</u> An application has been submitted for a grasscrete road under Axis 3. In the meantime it was agreed that work should be undertaken in accordance with the quote provided by Frost Landscapes at a cost of £1,993 <p><u>Town Clerk's Report:</u> Inspector Geoff Smith has asked the Neighbourhood Team and the Community Officers to police the Old Bridge and book offending parked vehicles where appropriate. With a view to keeping traffic moving in Monmouth, loading vehicles may be exempt. He has undertaken to inform the Town Council at the beginning of each month on totals booked</p>	AD AD Town Clerk
54.	<p><u>To receive correspondence:</u> <u>Pedestrian crossing in Cinderhill Street:</u> Mrs Dyche together with a number of neighbours outlined the problems of crossing this road. It was agreed to send a letter of support and pass the matter to MCC Highways Department <u>Litter picking machine:</u> MCC is seeking match funding for four litter pickers, one for each town area, which are particularly good at picking up small objects such as needles and broken glass. Match funding of £1,000 was agreed <u>Monmouth Comprehensive and Agincourt School response to litter letter:</u> For consideration under Item 56. Other items noted</p>	VM VM
55.	<p><u>To consider Forward Plan for 2007/2008:-</u> Forward Plan accepted</p>	
56.	<p><u>To further discuss proposals from the Litter Policy Working Group:-</u> Deferred to next meeting.</p>	
57.	<p><u>Monmouth Links Project:-</u> A: <u>To consider formally supporting the project:</u> Agreed B: <u>To receive information regarding the Connect2 Community Day:</u> Leaflets were made available and members were asked to support the initiative C: <u>To consider funding for Phase 1 detailed design work:</u> Match funding of £1,500 was agreed though concern was raised on the ability of the project to find sufficient match funding</p>	
58.	<p><u>To consider options for the Town Field:-</u> Deferred to next meeting</p>	
59.	<p><u>To consider options for the irrigation system:-</u> Deferred to next meeting</p>	
60.	<p><u>Any other business:-</u> Deferred to next meeting</p>	

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60.	<u>To Confirm Date of Next Meeting:</u> The next scheduled meeting is at 7 pm on Monday, 5 th November 2007. However due to the amount of unfinished business, members decided to hold an extra meeting at 7.15 pm on Monday, 15 th October 2007	Clerk
The meeting closed at 9.00 pm		

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