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## ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**Minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2007 at 6.30 pm in the Mayor's Parlour, Shire Hall**

**Present:** The Chairman Councillor Mrs V Mitchell  
Councillor Mrs M Atkins, Councillor Mrs S Chivers, Councillor T Christopher,  
Councillor Mrs A Dewhurst, Councillor J Fletcher, Councillor D Stevens  
and Councillor Mrs S White

| Agenda Item | Details   | Action   |
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| 95.         | <b><u>To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda:-</u></b><br>None declared.  |  |
| 96.         | <b><u>To receive apologies for absence:-</u></b><br>Cllr R Hayward and Cllr L Robson  |  |
| 97.         | <b><u>To approve minutes of the previous meetings held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2007 and 19<sup>th</sup> November 2007:-</u></b><br>The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman. However, it was noted that under Item 79 it had incorrectly been reported that Roger Hoggins 'undertook to provide further catalogues of suitable racks' and it was requested that this statement be deleted  |  |
| 98.         | <b><u>To review action summary and receive Town Clerk's report:-</u></b><br><u>Ascertain cost of Heritage style lanterns from Bristol:</u> Cllr Mrs Mitchell reported that she had been in contact with the Bristol City Council. The cost of their Heritage style lanterns is about £600 but the Council deducts the cost of standard lanterns + bracket and thus the cost to the community is about £300 per lantern. It was agreed that MCC be approached with the request that they do likewise.<br><br><u>Location of cycle racks near Old Bridge:</u> Details had been sent by Roger Hoggins to Cllr Mrs Dewhurst and the appropriate departments at County Hall. It was however still necessary to obtain approval for the location from CADW and the Environment Agency. It was also necessary to ascertain how the location would be affected by construction of the Welcome Centre.<br><br><u>Quotes for cycle racks:</u> It was agreed that three quotes were needed together with illustrations of the proposed designs<br><br><u>Concrete post fence on Redbrook Road:</u> We have received a letter from Paul Keeble confirming that the fence is the property of the Boys' School, unless they can prove otherwise. Cllr Mrs Mitchell undertook to advise the school | <br><br><br><b>VM</b><br><br><br><b>CA</b><br><br><br><b>CA</b><br><br><br><b>VM</b> |

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|      | <p><u>Arrange to mend lights in Drybridge Park:</u> The email of 13<sup>th</sup> December from Mike Moran to the Town Clerk was noted. Members agreed that they only wanted the existing lights to be mended and that it was for these that £1,000 had been allocated. We did not wish for additional lighting to be installed along the new path as alternative lit routes were available.</p> <p><u>BMX track:</u> It was noted from the above email that 'there appears to be no support for this (a new track on the opposite side of the road adjacent to the Nature Reserve)'. Members would like to know who had been consulted for this conclusion to be reached</p> <p><u>Irrigation system in Monnow Street:</u> Cllr Mrs Mitchell reported that Mr Parkinson recommended that this be disconnected and removed as shop keepers were not interested in having hanging baskets in this part of town. It was agreed that quotes be obtained for this work</p> <p><u>Irrigation system in Church Street:</u> Cllr Mrs Mitchell reported that Mr Parkinson thought this system viable but that he could not afford to purchase it. It was agreed that £100 would be acceptable (bearing in mind that the system had recently cost £2,000 to repair, an ongoing cost that MTC did not wish to bear) and that the shopkeepers be asked if they would contribute</p> | <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>VM</p>    |
| 99.  | <p><b><u>To receive correspondence:-</u></b></p> <p><u>HMSG re litter policy:</u> Noted. A copy was requested by Cllr Mrs Atkins</p> <p><u>Litter picking on Chippenham:</u> Noted that this could not be undertaken on Sundays without payment by MTC; it was agreed that the issue be again considered in the Spring</p> <p><u>Pedestrian crossing in Cinderhill Street:</u> Reply to be sent to Mrs Dyche</p> <p><u>Manual for Street summary:</u> It was agreed that a copy be sent to all members</p> <p><u>Open Spaces:</u> It was agreed to renew this subscription as the Society would be able to assist in declaring the planned new allotment road illegal</p> <p>Other items were considered under separate agenda items</p>  | <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> |
| 100. | <p><b><u>To consider Strategic Working Party report:-</u></b></p> <p>It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting. Cllr Stevens expressed concern about the possibility that the renovation works on the Shire Hall would be taking place at the same time as construction of the new Welcome Centre and wondered whether the strategic implications of such disruption had been considered</p>   |   |
| 101. | <p><b><u>To consider additional items for inclusion in the Monmouth Regeneration Plan:-</u></b></p> <p>The following items were agreed:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It should be called a Monmouth Development Plan, not a 'regeneration' plan</li> <li>2. Redevelopment of 20-24 Monnow Street to include a covered marked and pedestrian access from Monnow Street to Chippenham and the car parks</li> <li>3. Planting of evergreen shrubs along the A40 to provide a noise barrier and to enhance the view of Monmouth from the A40, and particularly to block out the flats in Granville Street</li> <li>4. Car park behind the Queen's Head to alleviate the parking in Glendower Street car park and to alleviate the parking problem at the 'top' end of town</li> </ol>   | <p>VM</p>   |

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|             | 5. Members did not wish to support the proposed wood-fired power station but requested that Treenergy Ltd be requested to make a presentation at the Town Council meeting on 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2008  | <b>VM Clerk</b> |
| <b>102.</b> | <b><u>To discuss the Local Development Plan:-</u></b><br>It has now been agreed that this be discussed at a special meeting of the Planning Committee in February 2008. In the meantime Members are requested to inform Cllr Mrs Mitchell of items they wish to have included in the discussion document being prepared for that meeting  | <b>All</b>      |
| <b>103.</b> | <b><u>To receive update on Shared Space:-</u></b><br>MCC is to be the commissioning body for the initial study with Colin Phillips as the contact. Clarification of the work to be undertaken needs to be agreed with, inter alia, a Town Council representative. Cllr Christopher proposed that there should be two such representatives. It was agreed that these should be Cllr Christopher and Cllr Mrs Mitchell (For: 6; Against: 0; Abstentions: 2) |                 |
| <b>104.</b> | <b><u>To consider 'The Future of Waste Management &amp; Recycling in Monmouthshire':-</u></b><br>Members made no observations   |                 |
| <b>105.</b> | <b><u>Any other business:-</u></b><br><b><u>CCTV:</u></b> Cllr Mrs White proposed that Cllr Eric Saxon and Chris Norman, the new officer in charge of CCTV, address the next meeting of the Community Affairs Committee. It was agreed that all members of the Town Council be invited.   | <b>SW Clerk</b> |
| <b>106.</b> | <b><u>To confirm date of next meeting:-</u></b><br>The next meeting will be on Monday, 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2008 at 6.30 pm   |                 |

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