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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**Minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2008 at 6.30 pm in the
Community Room, Shire Hall**

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

In attendance: Mrs J Middleton

Agenda Item	Details	Action
122.	<u>To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda:-</u> Cllr Mrs White declared an interest in Item 128: To consider request for match funding from the Nelson Garden Committee	
123.	<u>To receive apologies for absence:-</u> Cllr Mrs M C Atkins and Cllr L Robson	
124.	<u>To approve minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th February 2008:-</u> The minutes were approved as correct and signed by the Chairman	
125.	<u>To review action summary and receive Town Clerk's report:-</u> <u>Lights in Drybridge Park:</u> Cllr Mrs Mitchell reported that, following a site meeting with, inter alia, Mike Moran, Roger Joy and Jenny Lewis, it had been agreed that the eight lights which weren't functioning would be linked to a power supply shortly. However, the lanterns are obsolete and it was agreed that these be replaced together with the four lanterns of similar style. MCC would pay for this work to be undertaken apart from the £1,000 agreed by MTC. The only remaining issue was to decide on the style of lantern <u>Overmonnow School: Ascertain litter education programme:</u> Cllr Mrs White reported that a response had now been requested on two occasions and that Cllr Mrs Atkins had agreed to contact the school <u>Concrete post fence on Redbrook Road:</u> It was noted that no response had been received. Cllr Mrs Mitchell agreed to write a further letter to the Boys' School <u>Irrigation system in Monnow Street and Church Street:</u> Cllr Mrs Mitchell reported that two quotes had been received for dismantling the system in Monnow Street: £750 from Paul Korn and £790 from Phil Parkinson. Following lengthy debate it was decided no further monies should be spent on either system and that they both be offered to Phil Parkinson free of charge on the basis that the system in Monnow Street be made good as	VM CA VM

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	<p>required, water supplies be blanked off as required, and the parts of the system no longer to be used be dismantled and removed. (For: 7; Against: 0; Abstentions: 1) It was noted that Jack Roodcroft wished to acquire the Monmouth system <u>Town Maps: Write to David Evans re raised symbols:</u> David Evans has responded to say that Perspex with integral raised symbols is extremely expensive and that sticking raised symbols on to flat sheets of Perspex would be subject to vandalism. However, he will bear the request in mind for the future <u>Obstructions on Old Bridge: Obtain advice from One Voice Wales:</u> Cllr Mrs Dewhurst reported that such advice is only given via the Town Clerk and should be addressed to Ken Burton. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Mr Burton with respect to the County Council not supporting us <u>Replace dog litter bin on Rockfield Estate:</u> The contractor has suggested that the bin be fitted with a chute so that the contents cannot be accessed. It was agreed that this was a satisfactory solution and it was noted that a provisional sum of £20 had been allocated <u>Install dog litter bin on river walk behind Somerfields:</u> The contractor has offered to supply a reconditioned bin for £100 to include fixing. This expenditure was agreed <u>Write to press re missing plants:</u> Cllr Mrs Mitchell was not satisfied with the letter she had drafted; Cllr Mrs White and Cllr Mrs Chivers agreed to redraft it <u>Town Clerk's report: -</u> <u>Town Field:</u> The Clerk has not been able to find the deeds at the Shire Hall and they are not at the bank. The Legal Department at County Hall is continuing to search for them. It was suggested that the Clerk should contact the Land Registry and Cllr Mrs White offered to ask Maggie Harris if she knew of their whereabouts <u>Dog litter bin on Vauxhall:</u> Cllr Hayward reported that the existing bin was inadequate. It was agreed that we obtain quotes for:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An additional bin • Getting the existing bins emptied more often 	<p>VM</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
126.	<p><u>To receive correspondence:-</u> <u>MCC: Letter regarding match funding for litter picking machines:</u> It was noted that these machines, to which MCC had provided £1,000 match funding, had now been purchased <u>Monmouth Rowing Club request to use the Town Field:</u> It was agreed that the request be met</p>	Clerk
127.	<p><u>To receive and approve the summary of expenditure:-</u> Members noted that £32,559 had been spent to date and that an additional £16,869 had been allocated to specific projects, many of which were likely to be paid before the end of the financial year. It was agreed unanimously that monies allocated but not spent before the end of the financial year be placed in earmarked reserves. This left £7,417 not spent or allocated. Cllr Mrs Mitchell suggested this too be placed into earmarked reserves; the Overlooking the Wye project was agreed appropriate. Cllr Hayward questioned whether we could do this and Cllr Stevens agreed to check with the Town Clerk</p>	DS

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128.	<p><u>To consider request for match funding from the Nelson Garden Committee:-</u> A request for funding essential repairs was considered; a quote of £1,974.36 had been obtained from Peter Meredith. It was agreed that the Town Council should meet 50% of this amount. (For: 7; Against: 0; Abstentions: 1)</p>	Clerk
129.	<p><u>To finalise Local Area Projects:-</u> <u>Cycle racks on Old Bridge:</u> Following a site meeting to assess the suitability of a site near the Old Bridge and also at the entrance to the Oldway Centre, Cllr Mrs Mitchell reported that she had consulted Jenny Lewis and had been told that we would not be given permission for the installations of racks at the present time for two reasons:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Town Council had requested from the County Council a moratorium on non-essential resurfacing and signage • The Monmouth Links Project includes cycle racks at each end of the town <p><u>Refurbishment of garages in Woodland View:</u> Outstanding</p>	LR
130.	<p><u>To consider Strategic Working Party Report:-</u> Cllr Stevens requested that this item be deleted from the agenda</p>	
131.	<p><u>Any other business:-</u> Standing Orders were suspended. Mrs Middleton commented on the planting in and around Monmouth; Cllr Mrs Mitchell undertook to send her copies of the planting plans Cllr Hayward requested that the Waldbronne bench be bolted to the ground Cllr Mrs Dewhurst requested the support of members for a sponsored litter pick on Saturday, 29th April at 2 pm starting at the Somerfield car park Cllr Christopher advised members of the Feet of Green project, an unassisted crossing of Greenland. Local schools have had presentations from the project team whose progress, starting in May, can be followed on www.feetofgreen.com</p>	VM Clerk
132.	<p><u>To confirm date of next meeting:-</u> The next meeting will be held on Monday, 21st April at 6.30 pm – venue to be confirmed There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00 pm</p>	

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