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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on
Monday 20th April 2009
in Market Hall, Priory Street, Monmouth

PRESENT: Chairman Councillor Mrs A Were
Councillor G Bright, Councillor Mrs S Chivers, Councillor T Christopher,
Councillor Mrs A Dewhurst, Councillor J Fletcher, Councillor Mrs J Hall,
Councillor R Hayward, Councillor M Jones and Councillor B Smith

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor C Munslow

AGENDA ITEM	DETAILS	ACTION
150.	<u>To receive declaration of interest of items on the agenda:</u> None received	
151.	<u>To receive apologies for absence:</u> Councillor R Bond	
152.	<u>To approve and sign minutes of the previous meeting dated 9th March & 23rd March 2009:</u> The minutes were confirmed correct and signed	
153.	<u>To review Action Summary and receive Town Clerk's report:</u> Parking on Monnow Bridge: Town Clerk to write to Police to ask them to enforce double yellow lines. Old Dixton Rd bin: Occupants of the house on the corner are objecting to the site of the bin as it "will encourage school children to sit on wall which is already causing problems". This item to be placed on the next agenda. The Wormtech/Materials Recycling Facility visit is postponed until the summer, to be confirmed. Riverbank benches have been repaired and painted by Councillor Fletcher and Councillor Mrs Dewhurst.	Clerk Clerk Clerk

	<p>Lighting St Thomas' Church: No quote received to date. Councillor Mrs Chivers will chase this up.</p> <p>Williamsfield Lane: A reminder letter to the Highways Dept that a "No through road "sign is still required as previously promised.</p> <p>Dog bin on Vauxhall: Check with contractor if possible to site second bin at the "crossroads".</p>	<p>SC</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
154.	<p><u>To receive correspondence:</u></p> <p>1. Letter from Homemakers: Forward details for Community Grant application.</p> <p>4. Highways concerns: Flooding in Blestium Street, it was agreed that this needs prioritising. Councillor Bright will speak with County Councillor Alan Wintle. Councillor Mrs Dewhurst will write to Mr Grove Risby regarding widening the road between Waitrose and Chippenham to allow access to further car parks when there is a tailback.</p> <p>Councillor Mrs Chivers complained that Councillors are not receiving an up-to-date correspondence list.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>GB</p> <p>AD</p> <p>Clerk</p>
155.	<p><u>To discuss quote for installing lights on the old Monnow Bridge and re-consider earmarking donation towards the project from the Match Funding budget 08/09:</u></p> <p>The members confirmed that the original offer of £5k earmarked last year would remain and that no further offer should be made to make up the shortfall. It was agreed that it was necessary that only the gatehouse should be lit. The committee requested that MCC obtain 3 quotes and that feasibility of re-using the existing lamps should be considered.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
156.	<p><u>To consider making a donation towards the repairs at Llangattock churchyard and ear marking the expenditure from the Match Funding budget 08/09:</u></p> <p>Members agreed to allocate £1k from 2008/2009 match funding budget.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Mrs S Chivers Seconded: Cllr Mrs A Dewhurst. For: 7 Against: 1 Abstention: 1</p>	
157.	<p><u>To consider the Offa's Dyke Country Regeneration strategy and discuss potential future involvement:</u></p> <p>Councillor Jones agreed to complete the questionnaire.</p>	<p>MJ</p>
158.	<p><u>To discuss amendments to the Vision Monmouth consultation in relation to the section on 'Sustainable Monmouth':</u></p> <p>The consultation deadline had already passed, however as the Town Council has a number of representatives on the Partnership Forum it was agreed that no further action was necessary.</p>	

159.	<p><u>To discuss the invitation to join the Consortium of Wye Valley Councils:</u> It was agreed that the Council did not need to be represented in the consortium of Wye Valley Councils. A letter to advise of decision to be sent.</p>	Clerk
160.	<p><u>To consider whether to continue funding for the cleaning of road signs in town:</u> It was unanimously agreed that the committee should continue to pay for this service. The invoice to Nigel Morris for £55 to clean the signposts was confirmed to be paid out of the Town Maintenance budget.</p>	Clerk
161.	<p><u>To review the future of the map stand outside the Oldway Centre:</u> The members agreed to earmark £2k to renovate the Oldway Centre stand and replace the map from 2008-09 Contingency budget. It was confirmed that quotes should be obtained for a replacement map.</p>	Clerk
162.	<p><u>To consider a formal request to MCC Highways Department to install pedestrian safety barriers at Ash Lane and Craig y Dorth View, Monmouth:</u> It was agreed that a letter should be written to Mr Mark Davies at MCC to ask for safety barriers to be included in the current work on the footpaths at Ash Lane and Craig y Dorth View.</p>	Clerk
163.	<p><u>To consider offer from Monmouth Volunteers Group to undertake voluntary maintenance work in and around town:</u> Councillor Bright will provide a written proposal on what work the Monmouth Volunteers Group could do and exactly what costs would be incurred.</p>	GB
164.	<p><u>To discuss the management of the Dog Bins owned by the Town Council:</u> Councillors agreed to check if their local dog bins are being emptied on the next few Fridays and report omissions to the Clerk.</p>	ALL
165.	<p><u>To review expenditure for 2008/2009 and consider earmarking reserves for capital projects:</u> £9,185 left in the budget to allocate for capital spending next year. It was proposed that £3,185 should be allocated to Transport Schemes for the Allotment Road and £6,000 to Street Decorations for Christmas Lights and to include provision of a bandstand.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr R Hayward Seconded: Cllr Mrs A Dewhurst For: 7 Against: 1 Abstention: 1</p>	

166.	<u>To agree contents of Press Release:</u> Councillor Mrs Were to write the press release	AW
167.	<u>To agree items of business to be discussed at next meeting:</u> Gates at Vauxhall Field – Community Affairs Committee	
168.	<u>To confirm the date of the next meeting:</u> Date of next meeting: Monday June 1 st 2009	

Date: _____

Signature: _____