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## ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**Minutes of the meeting held on  
12<sup>th</sup> July 2010  
in Market Hall, Priory Street, Monmouth**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Councillor T Christopher

Councillor G Bright	Councillor Mrs S Chivers
Councillor Mrs A Dewhurst	Councillor J Fletcher
Councillor Mrs J Gunter	Councillor R Hayward
Councillor M Jones	Councillor C Munslow
Councillor Mrs B Smith	Councillor Mrs A Were

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs S White

Presentation by Alan Llewellyn and Peter Brundet of the Angling Society.

The society exists to provide quality coarse fishing at low cost in and around Monmouth for up to 200 members. They own the fishing between Somerfield and the MOD land. 100 years ago the Monnow was famous for trout fishing but the policy of removing all fallen trees, which used to slow the river down while in spate, and the pollution caused by intensive farming means that it is now unsightly and dangerous with the banks seriously eroded.

In partnership with the Environment Agency and with the agreement of Mr Jones the farmer, they plan to address the problem of the erosion on the 1350 metres of river opposite Priory St. Where the river turns the corner they plan to remodel the bank using natural materials to create a 30degree slope stabilised a hidden membrane. The trees, apart from the sycamore will be pollarded and one allowed forming a break into the river. Willow slips and other trees will be planted and the area fenced off to allow it to regenerate. Surveys of wildlife habitats have been done and the work is recommended to start in late August. A notice will be put on the railings in Priory Street explaining the project and using the logos of MTC, the Angling Society and the Environment Agency with a contact number for further information.

The aim of the 10:10 campaign was outlined as being to get individuals, companies and institutions to reduce their carbon footprints by 10% during 2010. 10:10 would like to work with more councils and groups and are looking for further partners to develop projects with. Monmouthshire County Council is already signed up. Examples of work completed include school energy audits with modifications and suggestions being identified -such as reducing overheating. No finance is directly available but some community environment grants may be awarded.

AGENDA ITEM	DETAILS	ACTION
23.	<p><b>To receive declaration of interest of items on the agenda:</b></p> <p>None received</p>	
24.	<p><b>To receive apologies for absence:</b></p> <p>Councillor R Bond, Councillor M Jones</p>	
25.	<p><b>To approve and sign minutes of the previous meeting dated 19/04/2010:</b></p> <p>The minutes were confirmed correct and signed with the correction of Colette Mooney's name.</p> <p><b>Proposed:</b> Councillor Mrs Hall <b>Seconded:</b> Councillor Mrs Smith Unanimous</p>	
26.	<p><b>To review Action Summary and Town Clerks' report:</b></p> <p>The 10:10 working party had met and propose;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Devising a grid to assess the environmental impact of all future projects and planning,</li> <li>• Introducing divided bins to encourage the separation of recyclables, possibly with a grant,</li> <li>• Investigating recyclable packaging for fast food.</li> <li>• Energy saving grants should continue</li> </ul> <p><u>Town Clerk's report.</u></p> <p>Mr Brain insists that the narrow pavement by Drybridge House is essential because of the road layout and the proximity of the roundabout. It was agreed the Clerk should write to the Accessibility Officer about the dangers, exacerbated by the parking on the corner. Yellow lines are also needed.</p> <p>Play Equipment - The report does not require immediate action.</p> <p>Hanging Baskets on the Toilet Block: A letter has been sent to Jack Roocroft setting the strict criteria for planting and maintenance.</p> <p>No response yet from Karen Williams</p>	Town Clerk
27.	<p><b>To discuss the Tidy Towns Town Ditch project:</b></p> <p>It was agreed that the town council should take part</p> <p><b>Proposed:</b> Councillor T Christopher <b>Seconded:</b> Councillor Mrs Chivers</p>	

	<p>It was agreed that the ward members should join the group to ensure that background issues and local knowledge were properly considered.</p> <p><b>Proposed:</b> Councillor Mrs Hall <b>Seconded:</b> Mrs Gunter</p> <p>The very detailed report is available from the office and should be read before the meeting. Inform Deserie of the decision.</p>	Town Clerk
28.	<p><b>To discuss Ryder Cup – Tidy Towns initiative:</b></p> <p>The town and the approaches need to be cleaned to a standard similar to 12 July (Rolls Event)</p> <p>Invite Tidy Towns spokesperson to a meeting to explain what would be available</p> <p>Contact Glyn Edmunds to check what he would be able to arrange</p> <p>The A40 and the Dixton roundabout are covered in weeds including ragwort and very unattractive. Contact Highways Department to remind the Welsh Office to clear</p>	<p>RH</p> <p>TC</p> <p>TC</p>
29.	<p><b>To receive correspondence:</b></p> <p>1 Letter from Roger Hoggins Re the future of public toilets – the proposal goes to cabinet for a decision on July 21<sup>st</sup>. The County Councillor now responsible for public toilets is Brian Jones</p> <p>4 Simon White of OVW. Request for information on allotments. Forward letter to MCC who have responsibility for Chippenham allotments.</p> <p>5 Letter from Mr Alan Horrex re memorial for John and Alison Edwards. Forward to MCC who have jurisdiction over Monnow Bridge area.</p> <p>10 Speak to Sue Middleton about the untidy area around the benches by the Quay.</p> <p>In future Councillors who are interested in particular letters should request a copy from the clerk or read them in the office</p>	<p>Town Clerk</p> <p>Town Clerk</p> <p>TC</p>
30.	<p><b><u>To review the Committee’s expenditure to date and to approve payments:</u></b></p> <p>No up to date report available</p>	

31	<p><b><u>To receive reports:</u></b></p> <p><b>a) Christmas Decorations working group:</b> Three companies have been asked to submit reports by July 5th but not yet received.</p> <p><b>b) Planting scheme supervisory working group:</b> Most of the raised beds were looking ok apart from the Rockfield Road one. The plants from the two planters moved to the Shire Hall have been planted in the gaps Many of the violas and nasturtiums in the planters have died in the hot weather as their roots didn't reach the reservoir. The lavenders are beautiful. Additional plants were bought from Millbrook in the sale to fill the gaps and add colour and to replant the Shire Hall planters when the Millbrook planting is removed.</p> <p>Thank Millbrook for the beautiful arrangement provided for the Rolls celebration.</p> <p>Speak to Mon TV reporter who sat on one of them damaging some plants.</p> <p>Hold future working party meeting on Thursdays or in the evening so that Ann Were is free to attend.</p> <p>Ryder Cup organiser will put up lamp post banners all over town.</p> <p><b>c) CSATS:</b> Report at next meeting about mess in planter nearest the Punch house and on steps opposite the Kings Head. The Kings Head refused to clear it up. Write to the landlords to remind them of their responsibilities.</p>	<p>Town Clerk</p> <p>Town Clerk</p> <p>JH</p> <p>TC</p> <p>Town Clerk</p>
32.	<p><b><u>To agree the contents of the press release:</u></b></p> <p>NB The letter thanking those responsible for the success of the Rolls celebration should be signed by the working group members. The press release should refer to the benches on the river bank and in Wyesham</p>	
33.	<p><b><u>To agree items of business to be discussed at the next meeting:</u></b> Policy on litter and dog bins Sites for litter bins at the back of Iceland and the end of Elstob Way</p>	
34.	<p><b><u>To confirm the date of the next meeting:</u></b> Date of next meeting: Monday 24 August 2010 6.30 pm venue to be confirmed</p>	

There being no further business the meeting closed at .8.20pm