

# Monmouth Town Council

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## ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**Minutes of the meeting held on  
15 November 2010  
in Market Hall, Priory Street, Monmouth  
(Location amended)**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Councillor T Christopher

Councillor R Bond	Councillor G Bright
Councillor Mrs A Dewhurst	Councillor Mrs J Gunter
Councillor J Fletcher	Councillor Mrs J Hall
Councillor B Hayward	Councillor M Jones
Councillor Mrs B Smith	Councillor Mrs A Were
Councillor Mrs S White	

Debbie Mather explained the dangers of crossing Hereford Road at the Junction with Osbaston Road, particularly for school children, the elderly and the disabled. She highlighted the dangers of using the desire line beside the Toll House which is slippery and leads onto the road as no pavement on that side.

She advocates a zebra crossing and ideally a redesigning of the junction. Mark Youngman (MCC) is keen not to restrict traffic flow and says she needs community support. She has a questionnaire prepared as part of the School Travel proposal that shows the junction as a reason for driving children to school. She agreed to check with the school how many pupils use the crossing.

AGENDA ITEM	DETAILS	ACTION
76.	<b>To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda:</b>  None Received	
77.	<b>To receive apologies for absence:</b>  Councillor Mrs Chivers and Councillor C Munslow	
78.	<b>To approve and sign minutes of the meeting held on 04 October 2010 and 15 October 2010:</b>  The minutes were approved and signed Proposed: Councillor R Hayward    Seconded: Councillor Mrs Hall	

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

	Unanimous	
79.	<p><b>To review action summary and receive the Town Clerk's report:</b></p> <p>All completed. Councillor Mrs Dewhurst reported that the car park trees have been ordered and help will be needed to plant them on November 20th or 27th. The Town Clerk's report was received.</p>	
83.	<p><b>To discuss writing a letter to MCC Highways to support the request to install a safe crossing point on the Hereford Road</b></p> <p>It was proposed to bring this item forward to discuss with Mrs Mather present.</p> <p>Proposed: Councillor Christopher Seconded: Councillor R Hayward Unanimous</p> <p>Please forward to the next agenda to enable Councillors Mrs Dewhurst Mrs Hall and Mrs Smith to undertake a survey of residents Parents &amp; children going to and from school in the area. Councillor Mrs Dewhurst will organise and contact Councillors for assistance. Mrs Mather will write to the Comprehensive School and HMSG as their pupils are also involved.</p> <p>Proposed: Councillor Mrs White Seconded: Councillor Mrs Gunter Unanimous</p>	AD, JH &BS
80.	<p><b>To receive Correspondence:</b></p> <p><b>16. Mr Horrex:</b> approved of the suggestion of a bench.</p> <p><b>28. MCC:</b> It was agreed that taking responsibility for the Agincourt Street toilet was not feasible without raising the precept to cover the cost. Discussions with Wetherspoons are continuing. The museum toilets could be advertised</p> <p><b>20. Town Map:</b> A letter has been sent asking for the original paperwork to prove costing of the map stand.</p>	
81.	<p><b>To review the Committee's expenditure to date:</b></p> <p>The litter bin costs are very high. Cost of cleaning Chippenham was queried as it is a MCC responsibility but it was considered a health and safety issue in the summer holidays.</p>	

82.	<p><b>To receive reports</b></p> <p><b>a. To receive report from the Christmas decorations working group:</b> The cost of lights includes installation and storage. Robert Price has blocks for Christmas trees, it was proposed that we approve and accept the revised quote for 500mm icicles as they will be higher than the statutory limit. It was proposed that next year we should investigate the purchase of an artificial tree as in Usk to be placed behind the railings in the Shire Hall if Mr Booth agrees.</p> <p>Proposed: Councillor R Bond      Seconded: Councillor Mrs Hall For: 9      Against: 3</p> <p><b>b. To receive report from planting scheme supervisory working group:</b> The raised beds and some of the planters look very neglected. Penny Thomas will attend the next meeting to explain her ideas for the planting. The group will meet with Mike Frost as soon as possible. Councillor Mrs Dewhurst is to rejoin the group. £50-£100 Additional funds for replacement plants is required. Proposed by Councillor R Bond Seconded by Councillor Mrs Dewhurst. Unanimous</p> <p><b>c. To receive and report to CSATS working party:</b> Needles found in a bin which was reported to the police who promised extra patrols. Councillor J Fletcher reported that he had picked up needles since and informed the police. Councillor A Were queried whether they were diabetic needles as it was odd to find so many at once. Councillor G Bright asked that ward Councillors should be informed immediately if it happened again. Councillor Bright said he had not heard back from Councillor Hackett Pain about the matter he raised previously and was asked to contact him again. Councillor White was asked to report the open window at the Clinic building as Redcliffe Homes had not done anything about it since they had been notified by Councillor Hall. Councillor Bright reported that school buses had been seen parking in the coach bay in Blestium Street. Councillors were asked to take their numbers and report this to MCC if observed again as only coaches are allowed to park there.</p> <p><b>d. To receive report from the working party on litter/bin policy:</b> The group are meeting Glyn Edmunds on Friday November 19<sup>th</sup>. to suggest new sites. He is sighting recycling bins in some town car parks.</p> <p><b>e. Update from 10:10 Working Group</b></p>	<p>SW</p> <p>ALL</p>

	No meeting	
84.	<p><b>To consider additional Heritage Blue Plaques:</b></p> <p>Grahame Thomas thinks there are sufficient. A possible site would be Clawdd Du Bridge though there is nowhere obvious to put it. Councillor Mrs Were and Councillor Mrs White to discuss where it could be placed. Write to G Thomas for information regarding Clawdd Du Bridge</p>	<p><b>TOWN CLERK</b></p> <p><b>AW/SW</b></p>
85.	<p><b>To discuss hazards of Chinese Lantern lights on their return to the ground.</b></p> <p>Councillor Jones reported that as these are currently sold legally there is not a lot we or Trading Standards can do about them. They cause 3-400 accidents a year.</p> <p>It was proposed to write to the AM and the MP about our concerns.</p> <p>Proposed: Councillor Mrs Dewhurst seconded: Councillor Mrs White.. For: 9      Against: 0      Abstentions: 3</p>	<p><b>TOWN CLERK /TC</b></p>
86.	<p><b>To discuss progress of placing benches in memory of Jamie Gunn and Graham Powell at Shire Hall or alternative locations</b></p> <p>Mike Booth agreed that a bench for Graham Powell to be sited in the glass loggia of Shire Hall is subject to space availability.</p> <p>Mrs Gunn is happy for the bench for Jamie to be sited outside the Punchouse. (Town Clerk to contact for confirmation)</p> <p>Councillor Mrs Gunter will check if they have received permission from Head Office.</p> <p>Benches to be purchased as soon as possible</p>	<p><b>TOWN CLERK</b></p> <p><b>JG</b></p> <p><b>TOWN CLERK</b></p>
87.	<p><b>To discuss the request from MCC to move the Town Map located at the bus station a few metres to put in a new bus shelter</b></p> <p>Town map to be moved to allow extension of the bus shelter at the expense of MCC.</p> <p>Proposed: Councillor Mrs Hall      Seconded: Councillor Hayward. Unanimous</p> <p>Councillor Hall to write to Attik commending their work on the garden by the bus station and thanking them for their help with the town bonfire</p>	<p><b>JH</b></p>

<b>88.</b>	<b>To discuss new lower cost offer of 500mm icicle down drops for Christmas lights from Centregreat</b>  As agreed in Working Groups report	
<b>89.</b>	<b>To agree contents of press release:</b>  Councillor Christopher to write the press release	<b>TC</b>
<b>90.</b>	<b>To agree items of discussion for future meetings:</b>  Update on Hereford Road crossing and benches	
<b>91.</b>	<b>To confirm date of the next meeting:</b>  Monday 20 December 2010	

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.27pm**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_