

# Monmouth Town Council

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## ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**Minutes of the meeting held on  
1 December 2010  
in Market Hall, Priory Street, Monmouth**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Cllr T Christopher

Cllr R Bond	Cllr G Bright
Cllr Mrs A Dewhurst	Cllr Mrs J Gunter
Cllr J Fletcher	Cllr Mrs B Smith
Cllr B Hayward	Cllr M Jones

AGENDA ITEM	DETAILS	ACTION
92.	<b>To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda</b>  None received	
93.	<b>To receive apologies for absence</b>  Cllr Mrs S White, Cllr Mrs S Chivers, Cllr Mr J Fletcher, Cllr Mrs J Hall, Cllr Mrs A Were	
94.	<b>To discuss with Mr Roger Hoggins (Head of Operations, MCC) the Town Council's options regarding the future use of the Agincourt Street toilet block</b>  Roger Hoggins spoke of the decision to be made at Cabinet today on the proposal to close some public toilets across the county, including Agincourt Street on April 1 <sup>st</sup> 2011. MCC propose to offer town and community council's £1,200 p.a. to take over the management of the toilets opening them for a specific number of hours per year. Current costs are £16k per annum which is for cleaning twice daily plus emergency cleaning.  Cllr B Hayward pointed out that Monmouth had fewer public toilets than the other towns in Monmouthshire. Abergavenny will be left with 3 out of 5. The choices for closure were made on the basis of location rather than surveys of use.	

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<p><b>94. Continued</b></p>	<p>A decision does not need to be made immediately and MTC should decide how important the toilets are for this end of town. They do not have disabled facilities which are currently provided by Weatherspoons, The Punch House and the museum.</p> <p>Roger Hoggins agreed to enquire whether a pro rata payment could be made for a different arrangement and to meet with Cllr Hayward, Cllr Christopher and Cllr Jones will give a detailed breakdown of costs at this meeting. MTC would have to provide insurance.</p> <p>Des Pugh agreed to run a poll in the Beacon asking how often readers use the Agincourt St toilets.</p> <p>Cllr Christopher proposed to put the issue on the next agenda for further discussion including possible sponsorship.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Christopher Seconded Cllr J Gunter Unanimous</p>	<p><b>BH</b> <b>TC/MJ</b></p>
<p><b>95.</b></p>	<p><b>To receive a presentation from Debbie McCarty (Area Services Manager, MCC), on the future of Monmouth market</b></p> <p>Debbie McCarty explained that the decision had been taken for the Market to remain in Blestium St. The reasons given were</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Insufficient space for the Saturday stall holders</li> <li>▪ The need for emergency access and a muster area for Shirehall staff and visitors</li> <li>▪ Market traders prefer not to move.</li> </ul> <p>Cllrs were upset at the way the decision had been taken by Kellie Beirne, a senior Council Officer, and not elected members. Cllr R Bond described it as “the tail wagging the dog”.</p> <p>The members felt that the needs of traders in the locality, who had previously been told that the market would return along with the cost of lost parking spaces in the Cattle market car park, had not received sufficient consideration.</p> <p>Cllr T Christopher proposed we should invite Kellie Beirne to a meeting to challenge her assumptions.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Christopher Seconded Cllr R Bond Unanimous</p>	

