

# Monmouth Town Council

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## Finance & Policy Committee

**Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Policy Committee of Monmouth Town Council  
held on Monday 17 May 2010  
in Market Hall, Priory Street, Monmouth starting at 7.00 pm**

**Present:** Chairman Councillor R Hayward  
Councillor G Bright Councillor Mrs S Chivers, Councillor T Christopher,  
Councillor Mrs A Dewhurst, Councillor J Fletcher, Councillor J Gunter,  
Councillor N Hacket Pain, Councillor J Hall and Councillor M Jones

**In attendance:** Mrs Jane Lloyd Clerical Assistant

### **To elect the Chair of the Finance & Policy Committee:**

Councillor Hayward accepted the nomination of Chairman and the members agreed unanimously to his selection.

### **To elect the Deputy Chair of the Finance & Policy Committee**

Councillor Hacket Pain accepted the nomination of Deputy Chairman and the members agreed unanimously to his selection.

### **1. To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda:**

Councillor Mrs J Hall agenda item 12

### **2. To receive apologies for absence:**

Councillor R Bond and Councillor Mrs S White

### **3. To approve and sign the minutes of the previous meetings dated 12 April 2010**

The minutes of the meeting were confirmed correct and signed

Proposed: Hacket Pain      Seconded: Councillor Mrs J Hall      Unanimous

**4. To receive and approve the summary of expenditure**

- i. To approve the accounts for payment between 13/04/2010 & 10/05/2010
- ii. To review a statement of the bank reconciliations as at 31/03/2010.
- iii. To review a statement of income as at 31/03/2010

No accounts were available for this meeting

Councillor Hayward recommended that any amounts of money left from Committees at the end of the previous financial year should be put back into the Reserve fund. Both Community and Environment Committee Chairs reported some of this money had already been allocated within their committees.

**5. To receive correspondence:**

**Mazars:** Advice on completion of annual return – A matter for Full Council

**One Voice Wales:** Summary of changes impacting Community and Town Councils

**Employer Budget Pack 2010**

**Lloyds TSB:** Safe custody agreement, form to be completed for storage of the chain

**Zurich:** Schedule Inspection Summary – Drybridge Park

**Mrs Sue Evans:** Letter regarding information on CCTV and conditions of roads (dated 15.03.10) No response from us to date

**WAG:** Review of Councillors Allowances regulations

**Glasdon:** Lifebuoy problems - safety check

**Noted:**

Councillor Mrs Dewhurst requested a copy of letter number 2

Councillor Hackett Pain to respond to the letter from Mrs Sue Evans

**6. To consider action review summary**

Noted

**7. To receive update from the Services working group**

This group is now disbanded

Shire Hall:

A working group consisting of Councillors Mrs Chivers, Councillor Hayward Councillor Hackett Pain, Councillor Mrs White Mace Bearer John Blake Mrs Barbara Wright and Mrs Jane Lloyd admin assistant was set up to find out which furniture is to be returned to Shire Hall

Two quotations for storage of Shire Hall furniture will be required and a meeting to be arranged with Mike Booth the new manager of Shire Hall with other possibilities for the furniture to be discussed.

It was agreed to go back to Councillor Mrs White for awarding past mayors badges, this would be at a charge to the Mayors of £93.88. From this year the badges would be handed out to the outgoing Mayor.

## **8. CCTV in Monmouth**

Mr Andy Mason to be asked to give a presentation to this committee and a future meeting.

Councillor Hacket Pain reported that some of the information/costs re CCTV is doubling up, MCC is looking into coming out of the scheme to do a joint project with Torfaen County Council.

## **9. CSAT Meeting up date**

Councillor N Hacket Pain reported that the home office had been contacted to ask whether the CSAT funding could be rolled over to this year, the answer was no.

Traffic Issues on Hereford Road and Wye Bridge: Police Constable Special Officer have been allocated to investigate these issues

The CCTV working group met on 19<sup>th</sup> April and discussed the future development of the CCTV Scheme.

Two Police Constable Special Officer working in Carbonne close had requested funding for a set of football posts to replace the old ones in Carbonne close.

CSAT had money left over at the end of the year which has purchased a speed gun to be used in the Monmouth area.

After attending meetings Cllr Hacket Pain was of the opinion that CSAT was an organisation holding the police to account but now sees it as parts of the County Council working together. Councillor Hacket pain feels that we should be taking local issues to them on a monthly basis as this is what local people are interested in.

Councillor Mrs Gunter reported that at 23.10 on a particular Friday night there were many groups of youths throughout the town but not one police car or police person in the town or police station.

Councillor Jones reported that residents in Howells Close had voiced there their concerns with the amount of drugs being used in the alleyway

Councillor Hacket Pain requested that CSAT's be placed on each committee's agenda for information to be passed forward for discussion. Next meeting of CSAT's to be held on 4 June 2010

## **10. To discuss requests for the use of the Town Field:**

A request has been received from The Rowing Club for the use of the field on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> May for the Regatta. It was agreed to grant the request in writing.

A request has been received from Off Street Play Project for the use of the field on 6<sup>th</sup> June for demonstration of skate boarding and barbeque. It was agreed to grant the request in writing.

**11. To discuss repairs to the Mayors hat and Mace Bearers hat band:**

It was requested that the lace must match the other hats, Councillor Mrs Hall will ask for a quotation

**12. To discuss request to name a twelfth full size working locomotive 'Monmouth' and incorporate the Monmouth town coat of arms.**

Councillor Mrs Hall left the room. After discussion Councillor Hayward will confirm with Murray Andrews (MCC) if no problems become apparent will permit the request

Councillor Mrs Hall returned to the meeting

Proposed: Councillor R Hayward      Seconded: Councillor Christopher      Unanimous

**13. To agree items of business for next meeting**

Annual reports, Press release complete

**14. Date of Next meeting: Monday 28 June 2010**