

Monmouth Town Council

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MONMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Held on 27th April 2009 at 7.00pm
In Market Hall Priory Street Monmouth

PRESENT: Chairman the Mayor Councillor T Christopher
Councillor R Bond, Councillor G Bright, Councillor Mrs S Chivers,
Councillor Mrs A Dewhurst, Councillor J Fletcher, Councillor N Hacket Pain,
Councillor R Hayward, Councillor Mrs J Hall, Councillor M Jones, Councillor C Munslow,
Councillor Mrs B Smith, Councillor Mrs A Were and Councillor Mrs S White

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Sarah Robson Town Clerk and Mrs Jane Lloyd Clerical Assistant

127. To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda:

None received

128. To receive questions from members of the public for a maximum of 10 minutes

Mr Roy Nicholas expressed his concerns regarding the pavement on Rockfield Road (B4233). He advised that dirt has accumulated on the pavement and people passing each other have to walk in the road. He has already sent a letter to the One Stop Shop on 28th December but to date no response has been received. It was suggested that the Environment Committee should consider this issue.

129. To receive apologies for absence

Councillor L Robson

130. To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 16th March 2009

The minutes were confirmed correct and signed

Proposed: Councillor Mrs J Hall

For: 13

Against: 0

Seconded: Councillor R Hayward

Abstention: 1

131. To receive the Town Clerk's report (for information only)

1. A reminder to members was given that the Clerk needed to have their choices for Committee Selection before the end of the week in order to prepare a list for acceptance at the Annual Meeting due to be held on 11th May.
2. One Voice Wales had expressed dissatisfaction that the recent training course held in Usk fell far below the expected standards for several reasons. They have offered their sincere apologies and have confirmed that the other 10 courses that have been held in other areas have all been very successful. To re-assure the Council that this was an exception they will be arranging to hold another course with a different trainer to which those members that attended will be invited to at no additional cost. The arrangements will be confirmed shortly and members will be advised in due course.

3. Several members went to Cardiff on April 24th to attend a capabilities demonstration on board HMS Monmouth. The tour took in four areas, firstly how to deal with a fire on board ship where members of the crew went through the different stages of controlling an outbreak of fire on board. Next the members went to the nerve centre of the Ship, the control room, where they witnessed how a missile attack would be dealt with by the Ship's company. They then experienced a boarding crew who undertook a mock rescue of hostages and finally they had a tour of the helicopter which was laden with missiles ready for action. There were a number of other affiliates attending including the Royal Engineers and the Royal Naval Association.

132. To receive correspondence that the mayor wishes to place before the council

A letter of thanks has been received from Mr A Tuggey, Chairman of the ABF Gwent Committee, for the donation sent in memory of Rifleman Jamie Gunn. An invitation was received for Councillors to attend the fund raising event of the ABF Annual Concert, to be held on Friday 17th July at the Haberdashers School for Girls.

133. To note the reports and minutes of the council's committees and outside bodies:

- a. **Planning:** As per minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20th April and Monday 27th April.
Next meeting due to be held on Monday 11th May 2009
- b. **Environmental Affairs:** As per minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20th April.
An invitation to visit the operations of Monmouth Community Recycling Group (Black Box Scheme) has been received.
Lighting for Monnow Bridge: The quotation received is considerably larger than expected, looking for further quotes. Ongoing
Funds have been earmarked for Llangattock Church wall repair.
Work to renovate the map stand outside the Oldway Centre, ongoing
Next meeting due to be held on Monday 1st June 2009
- c. **Community Affairs:** As per minutes of the meeting held on Monday 23rd March.
Shop mobility: Money has been donated for a feasibility study.
Jobcentre: Interest has been shown from local politicians and media as well as confirmation from the Petitions Committee at the Welsh Assembly. It has agreed a course of action mainly to study the effect of unemployment across Wales and what can be done about it.
Next meeting due to be held on Tuesday 5th May 2009
- d. **Finance & Policy:** As per minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6th April
It was reported that items discussed at the last meeting were, general items of finance and administration.
Communication problems with Monmouthshire County Council were discussed, in relation to the Shire Hall.
A response was made to the Welsh Assembly re promotion of the Welsh language stressing that this Council does not wish to be bi lingual.
Next meeting due to be held on 18th May 2009
- e. **Shire Hall Stewards:** No meeting held

