

Monmouth Town Council

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MONMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL Held on Monday 8th June 2009 at 7.00pm In Monmouth Priory, Priory Street, Monmouth

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

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

Mrs Judith Rossiter gave a brief presentation regarding this year's Festival and Carnival. She thanked the Town Council for their continued financial support. There has been no other funding available to them but the committee has been working hard raising funds as the festival costs approximately £40,000 to put on. The festival is in its 27th year and will cover three venues over nine days including Carnival Sunday, this year it will also involve a church service on the main stage on Sunday morning.

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

Councillor Bright declared a personal interest in agenda item 18 - letter regarding correspondence from The Royal British Legion.

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

Mr Terry Ashton asked if any consideration had been given regarding the opening of Iceland and the parking issues that will arise at the top end of town. He was advised that to date no Planning Application has been received regarding the refurbishment but that parking was not something that the Town Council had any jurisdiction over. He was assured that the Planning Committee would consider this once the application has been received.

Mr Roy Nicholas from Llangattock Community Council wanted to ask the Town Council for their opinion of the new logo for the Monmouthshire Local Service Board. To date parties asked do not approve of this logo. Members were asked to indicate whether they liked the proposed logo, 13 disliked it due to it having no relation to what it is meant to stand for.

15. To receive apologies for absence:

Councillor J Fletcher and Councillor L Robson

16. To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 11th May 2009:

The minutes were confirmed correct and signed.

Proposed by: Councillor Bond
Unanimous

Seconded by: Councillor Hayward

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

1. There will be a public consultation in the form of an open drop in session at Kymin View School on 17th June between 3.30pm and 7.30pm about the walking and cycling route which is planned to go across the iron bridge to and from Wyesham. Jenny Lewis would be particularly interested to talk to Wyesham town councillors about this however it is relevant to all members
2. A public meeting will be taking place in Bridges Community Centre on Tuesday 23rd June to update residents of Monmouth about the progress on the Shire Hall. Further information regarding the time will be forwarded in due course.
3. A reminder that the Stewards have organised a concert to raise funds for the Shire Hall which will be taking place on Saturday 13th June at 7.00pm. The Cwmbran Male Choir will be singing at St Mary's Church. There will also be a musical recital by the Monmouth Comprehensive Flute Group. The cost is £10.00 and I have a number of tickets for members wishing to support this event.

18. To receive correspondence that the mayor wishes to place before the council (for information only):

Items brought to the attention of the Council were:

Invitation to Hospice of the Valleys AGM to be held on Thursday 25th June 6.45pm at Ebbw Vale.

Invitation to Monmouth Day Service remodelling project stakeholder Focus Group to be held Friday 12th June 9.30 am until 12.45pm at the Priory Monmouth

Rowing Club: Request permission to fence off an area for safe storage of boats, this item referred to Mr Tim Bradfield as Monmouthshire County Council are the owners of the land in question.

Royal British Legion: Advice of the review of the organisation of the Remembrance Day Service which they maintain is the responsibility of the Town Council. The Legion advised that it is willing to continue with the organising in future but will require a written request from the Town Council to do so. The Legion will only send invitations to those approved by the Council. This item to be referred to the Community Committee.

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

- a. **Planning:** As per minutes of the meetings held 11th May and 26th May Councillor Mrs Hall reported that the planning committee had looked briefly at the Local Development Plan and found that the proposed nominated sites for development will cover 1,125 acres of Monmouth. The committee's main concerns are the flooding element of some of the suggested sites.
A meeting has been arranged for Thursday 11th June to discuss this item further
Next Meeting to be held on Monday 22nd June 2009

- b. Environmental Affairs:** As per minutes of the meeting held on 1st June Councillor Christopher reported that at the previous meeting several financial commitments were given.
An update was given from Mrs Sue Middleton on the 'Overlooking the Wye' project and in particular the work at Monmouth Quay. An update was also given on the art project that will shortly be unveiled in the under pass which is due to open on 29th June.
Next Meeting to be held on Monday 13th July 2009
- c. Community Affairs:**
No meeting. Next Meeting to be held on Monday 15th June 2009
- d. Finance & Policy:** As per minutes of the meeting held on 18th May Councillor Hayward reported that at the previous meeting the accounts were approved and the year end accounts closed off. There was an agreement to training for Jane Lloyd the Admin Assistant and a report given from Councillor Hacket Pain regarding the Shire Hall. The CCTV working party was reconstituted as it has always been agreed that it would be reviewed in the future.
Next Meeting to be held on Monday 29th June 2009
- e. Shire Hall Stewards:**
The last meeting mainly focused on fund raising events towards the finance of the project. It was reported that a tour had taken place by Town and County Councillors of the works to date at Shire Hall.
Next Meeting to be held on Tuesday 22nd September 2009
- f. Monmouth Partnership Forum:**
Next Meeting to be held on Wednesday 1st July 2009
- g. Others:**

Remodelling Group of the Day Services at Monnow Vale:

Councillor Mrs Smith reported on the stakeholder's advisory group and advised members that last year a plan was railroaded to move all facilities other than Swan Court to Abergavenny. The purpose of the re-modelling is to make the Day Services facility a meaningful experience and not just a place to visit daily. The crucial issue which hasn't come to light to date is the cost of transport.
Next Meeting to be held on 12th June 2009

Shire Hall:

Councillor Hacket Pain reported that he had attended the Shire Hall Project Board meeting. He advised members of the financial implications of the scaffolding dispute. The meeting had considered three options available which were to seek further funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund, the second option would be to reduce the works, however as the money from the lottery depends on the works being completed reducing this would also mean that their funding would be reduced. The third option would be to look for further funding from existing partners.

20. To receive the member's attendance summary of committee meetings

Members	Planning Committee	Town Council	Community Committee	Planning Committee	Town Council AGM	Planning Committee
	27th April	27th April	5th May	11th May	11th May	26th May
Cllr R Bond	1	1		1	1	1
Cllr G Bright		1	1	1	1	
Cllr Mrs S Chivers	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cllr T Christopher	1	1	1	Apologies	1	1
Cllr Mrs A Dewhurst	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cllr J Fletcher	1	1	1	1	1	Apologies
Cllr N Hacket Pain		1			1	
Cllr Mrs J Hall	1	1		1	1	1
Cllr R Hayward	1	1		1	1	1
Cllr M Jones		1	1		1	
Cllr C Munslow	1	1	1	1	1	Apologies
Cllr L Robson		Apologies			1	
Cllr Mrs B Smith	1	1	1	1	1	
Cllr Mrs A Were	1	1	1		1	
Cllr Mrs S White		1	Apologies		1	
Total In Attendance	9+1	14	8+1	8	15	6
Members on Committee	9	15	9	9	15	8
	KEY					
		Non Committee Member			Absent	
		Non Committee Member attendance				

21. To appoint members to represent the Town Council on outside bodies:
See appendix i)

22. To approve the Statement of Accounts for 2008/2009 and Annual Governance Statement:

The Chair gave a brief explanation of the accounts and an opportunity for questions. On being put to the vote it was accepted to approve the Statement of Accounts and the Annual Governance Statement.

Proposed by: Councillor Hayward
Unanimous

Seconded by: Councillor Hacket Pain

23. To confirm donation of £100.00 in memory of Mr Graham Powell from the Civic Budget:

It was confirmed unanimously that the donation would be a gesture to the high regard that the Council had for Graham.

Proposed by: Councillor Bond
Unanimous

Seconded by: Councillor Mrs White

24. To resolve to adopt the 2008/09 Annual Report for publication:

There were several amendments to the original document that had been circulated and after the committee chairs had read these out the Council was in unanimous agreement that the policy should be adopted.

Proposed by: Councillor Hayward
Unanimous

Seconded by: Councillor Mrs Hall

25. To consider items of business for discussion at next meeting:

Version 2 of Vision Monmouth has been sent for consultation. It was agreed that an additional meeting to discuss this document should be held on Monday 22nd June 2009 at 7.00pm

26. To agree meeting dates:

Date of next meeting:

Monday 20th July 2009 at Monmouth Priory

Monday 7th September 2009 at St James's Hall, Wyesham

27. It was resolved to exclude members of the press and public from the remainder of the meeting under Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 on the grounds of confidentiality

Proposed by: Councillor R Bond
Unanimous

Seconded by: Councillor Mrs White

Signature: _____

Date: _____

COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2009/2010:

School Governing Bodies:

Osbaston: Primary
Overmonnow: Primary
Kymin View: Primary

Cllr Mrs A Dewhurst
Cllr Mrs S White
Cllr Mrs J Gunter

Monmouth Fairtrade Forum:

Cllr Mrs A Dewhurst, Cllr Mrs J Hall
& Cllr Mrs B Smith

One Voice Wales:

Cllr T Christopher & Cllr Mrs A Dewhurst

Monmouth Citizens Advice Bureau:

Cllr T Christopher

Chamber of Commerce:

Cllr T Christopher & Cllr Mrs J Hall

Monmouth Partnership Forum:

Cllr Mrs S Chivers, Cllr Mrs A Dewhurst
Cllr Mrs B Smith & Cllr T Christopher

Monmouth Festival Committee:

Cllr T Christopher & Cllr Mrs A Dewhurst

Monmouth Charity:

Cllr Mrs S Chivers

Monmouth Youth Project:

Cllr G Bright, Cllr Mrs A Dewhurst &
Cllr C Munslow

Wye Valley AONB:

Cllr N Hacket Pain & Cllr Mrs A Were

The Shire Hall Stewards:

Cllr R Bond, Cllr Mrs S Chivers
Cllr J Fletcher & Cllr Mrs S White

Shire Hall Project Team:

Town Clerk & Cllr Mrs S Chivers

Shire Hall Project Board:

Cllr N Hacket Pain

Vision Monmouth Steering Group:

Cllr Mrs S Chivers