

Monmouth Town Council

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MONMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL Held on Monday 22nd June 2009 at 7.00pm In Market Hall, Priory Street, Monmouth

PRESENT: Chairman the Mayor Councillor Mrs A Were
Councillor R Bond, Councillor G Bright, Councillor Mrs S Chivers,
Councillor Mrs A Dewhurst, Councillor Mrs J Gunter, 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

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

None received

32. To receive apologies for absence:

Councillor T Christopher, Councillor J Fletcher and Councillor N Hackett Pain

33. To consider version 2 of Vision Monmouth for formal consideration and response

Members were reminded that this is a document of aspirational projects and schemes to enhance Monmouth. This will be the vehicle that ensures that developments within the town are dealt with in a cohesive manner which is sympathetic to its surroundings. As projects develop the document will change, new projects will be introduced and some may drop out. The Town Council has already agreed in principal that it supports the document and that generally it is good for Monmouth and will make for improved planning. Whilst it is recognised that not all members are in favour of every project in principal there is broad agreement.

With the exception of the following comments all of the projects were confirmed approved in principal subject to finance and further detailed planning.

Gateway Monmouth

Under the section 'work to be undertaken' it should be noted that short term plans include developing this area to enhance the riverbank amenity. These works are temporary and will not compromise the Welcome Centre going ahead.

7.25pm Councillor Hayward left the meeting

Monnow Bridge Gatehouse

Members requested that the title should be changed to Monnow Bridge and Gatehouse. Further discussion regarding the remedial work that is urgent, took place and it was agreed that this warranted further debate. It was agreed to include this on the next Full Council agenda.

Visitor Parking

More emphasis should be placed on improving the provision of facilities for cyclists

7.50pm Councillor Mrs White left the meeting

Monmouth Cemetery Chapel

Members wished to express the good work that has been done in the cemetery by the 'Friends of Monmouth Cemetery' group.

Sustainable Monmouth

It was suggested that one of the Sustainability Officers from MCC should be invited to become part of the steering group for this project.

Slaughterhouse Arches

Under the section 'work to be undertaken' it should be noted that investigations should be made to consider the possibility of extending this to make a riverside walk along the River Monnow.

Connect Monmouth

Under the section 'description' it was suggested that the third paragraph should read 'it will be a priority to secure funding to investigate the feasibility for the provision of a coach stop'

20-24 Monnow Street

Under the section 'work to be undertaken' it was suggested that investigations should be undertaken to consider opening up the rear access through Merlin's to the car parks at the back.

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

To discuss condition of the Gatehouse and Old Monnow Bridge and consider what remedial action is necessary

35. 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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signature: _____

Date: _____

