

# Monmouth Town Council

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## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MONMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL Held on 4 January 2010 at 7.00pm Monmouth Priory, Priory Street Monmouth**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Dr J Evans Town Clerk and Mrs Jane Lloyd Clerical Assistant

Mr Simon Brown gave a presentation on behalf of Transition Monmouth and the introduction of Monmouth 10:10. The launch of 10:10 is a simple idea basically taking the first steps to reducing carbon emissions by 10% in 2010. This is to be a long term project and an application has been made to WAG, Environment Wales for £4,000, which will be paid over six years to pay for a member of staff. Transition Monmouth will be asking the Town Council to help in two ways one, by signing up to reduce their carbon by 10% and secondly by asking for a donation to match funding that will be required if the WAG grant is successful, this should be known later this month.

The Town Council supported with finances last year towards the leaflet which will go out to each household in Monmouth. Transition Monmouth is very grateful for this support.

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

None received

### **103. To receive questions from members of the public for a maximum of 10 minutes:**

Mr Roy Nicholas raised 3 items:

- Asked if the Rolls celebrations could keep momentum until 2016 which will be the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Agincourt.
- Concerns over the decision to stop doing minor road repairs, with Wonastow Road and Rolls Avenue among other roads now in a very bad condition.

Councillor Mrs Hall informed the members that she has already written to MCC on previous occasions in 2008 and 2009 and was informed that there was no money available for road repairs.

Councillor Hayward pointed out that it is the policy of MCC to fill in pot holes which three teams of men do, he cannot see any change in this policy due to lack of funding.

- Mr Nicholas's third concern is regarding the old listed building near the Britannia Pub Drybridge Street, parts are falling from it. Mr Nicholas believes that the tax payer should not have to pay for this and could contact be made with the owners to reinstate the building.

The Town Clerk will write to MCC regarding these concerns,

**104. To receive apologies for absence:**

Apologies received from Councillor G Bright and Councillor and Mrs B Smith

**105. To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2008:**

Minutes were confirmed correct and signed

**Proposed:** Councillor B Hayward    **Seconded:** Councillor N Hacket Pain  
Unanimous

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

No report

**107. To receive correspondence that the mayor wishes to place before the council:**

The following correspondence was brought to the attention of the members

1. CADW: Request information regarding the owners of the Pill box on May Hill
2. D McCarty MCC: e-mail regarding Charles Rolls celebrations, this item to be put forward to F&P agenda for the meeting to be held on 18 January 2010. An extra ordinary meeting to be held on Monday 11 January to discuss this matter.
3. Shire Hall open day to be held on Saturday 16 January tickets priced at £10

**108. 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 4 January. Next meeting will be held on 18 January 2010
- b. **Environmental Affairs:** No meeting. Next meeting will be held on 25 January 2010
- c. **Community Affairs:** As per minutes of the meeting held on Monday 30 November. Next meeting to be held on Monday 11 January 2010
- d. **Finance & Policy:** As per minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2009. Next meeting will be held on Monday 18 January 2010.

- e. **Shire Hall Stewards:** Arrangements being made for the open day on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January.  
A decision was made that money owing will be handed over when all works on Shire Hall are completed.
- f. **Charles Rolls Working Group:** Councillor Chivers reported that discussion had taken place regarding the organisation of this event highlighting that road closures must be applied for as six months notice is required.
- g. **Monmouth Partnership Forum:** As per minutes of the meeting held on Monday December 2009.  
Next meeting will be held on Wednesday 6 January 2010
- h. **Others:** None to report

**109. To receive the member's attendance summary of committee meetings:**

Members	Environment Committee	Planning Committee	Full Council	Community Affairs		F&P
	16 <sup>th</sup> November	23 <sup>rd</sup> November	23 <sup>rd</sup> November	30 <sup>th</sup> November	7 <sup>th</sup> December	14 <sup>th</sup> December
Cllr R Bond	1	1	Apologies		1	1
Cllr G Bright	1	1	1	1		1
Cllr Mrs S Chivers	1	1	1	Apologies	1	1
Cllr T Christopher	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cllr Mrs A Dewhurst	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cllr J Fletcher	Apologies	1	1	Apologies	1	1
Cllr Mrs J Gunter	1	1	1	1	1	
Cllr N Hackett Pain			1			1
Cllr Mrs J Hall	1	1	1	1	1	Apologies
Cllr R Hayward	1	1	1		1	1
Cllr M Jones	Apologies	1	1	Apologies	Apologies	Apologies
Cllr C Munslow	1	1	1	Apologies	1	
Cllr L Robson	Absent		1			
Cllr Mrs B Smith	1		1	1		1
Cllrs Mrs A Were	1		1	1		Absent
Cllr Mrs S White	Apologies		1	1		Apologies
<b>Total In Attendance</b>	10+1	10	16	8	9	9
<b>Members on Committee</b>	14	10	16	12	10	13

**KEY**

	Non Committee Member
	Non Committee Member Attendance
	Absent

Agreed

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

None received

**111. To agree meeting dates:**

Councillor M Jones will attend the One Voice Wales meeting to be held at Usk on in the absence of Councillor Mrs Dewhurst, Councillor Christopher and Councillor Mrs Smith

Date of next meeting Monday 1 February 2010

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.55pm

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dated:** \_\_\_\_\_