

# Monmouth Town Council

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MONMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL Held on Monday 1 February at 7.00pm at The Priory, Priory Street Monmouth

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

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

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

None received

### 115. To receive questions from members of the public:

Mr R Nicholas raised the issue regarding buildings at Drybridge Street. He did raise this issue at the last meeting held on 4 January. He has contacted Environment (MCC) who have cleared the area, the Conservation officer involved has now invoked order 214 on the site.

### 116. To receive apologies for absence:

Councillor Mrs B Smith and Councillor Mrs S Chivers

### 117. To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4 January 2010 and the extra special meeting held on Monday 11 January:

Minutes of Monday 4 January were confirmed correct.

**Proposed:** Councillor R Hayward

**Seconded:** Councillor Mrs S White

**For:** 12

**Against:** 0

**Abstentions:** 1

Minutes of Monday 11 January 2010 were confirmed correct

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**Seconded:** Councillor Mrs S White

**For:** 12

**Against:** 0

**Abstentions:** 1

**118. To receive Town Clerk's report (for information only)**

The first two weeks here in Monmouth were blighted by the worst winter weather in 30 years. This resulted in the loss of two days, one in each of the first two weeks.

During this period the outstanding invoices for December 2009 were all processed and paid. The January invoices are currently being attended to.

A day's training by RBS Software has been arranged (due on 25 January 2010) in order to familiarise your staff with the software in use and to enable us to provide an updated service in terms of accounts.

All of the Jobcentres Plus in the vicinity of Monmouth have been contacted to ascertain numbers of Monmouth residents using those facilities. We are awaiting a response.

Road closures for 12 July 2010 Charles Rolls Celebration have been applied for and have been acknowledged. No further information is to hand at the time of writing. It may well be that a Safety Advisory Group meeting may need to be convened, involving Monmouth Town Council, Monmouthshire County Council Highways and Gwent Police. This would need to be set up for mid-March at the latest.

**119. To receive correspondence that the Mayor wishes to place before the Council:**

The following correspondence was brought to the attention of the members

Letter Number 27 Jobseekers Abergavenny: Councillor Dewhurst requested a further letter be sent to Abergavenny requesting a break down of the total figure and further correspondence to Ross and Coleford Jobcentres asking for a response to our previous correspondence.

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

- a. **Planning:** As per minutes from the meeting held on 4 January, 18 January  
Next meeting to be held on Monday 15 February 2010
- b. **Environmental Affairs:** As per draft minutes from the meeting held on Monday 25 January. Next meeting to be held on Monday 8 March
- c. **Community Affairs:** As per Minutes. Councillor Dewhurst reported that the Jobcentre issue was still ongoing. Next meeting to be held on Monday 8 February
- d. **Finance & Policy:** As per Minutes from the meeting held on 18 January.  
Next meeting to be held on Monday 22 February
- e. **Shire Hall Renovation Project:** Councillor Bond reported that two fund raising events had been cancelled due to adverse weather conditions. A future fund raising event will be held by 'Viyella' who will hold a fashion show on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2010
- f. **Charles Rolls Working Group:** No report
- g. **Monmouth Partnership Forum:** Meeting cancelled due to adverse weather conditions. Next meeting to be held on Wednesday 10 February

- h. **Others:** A Day in the Life: Councillor Munslow gave a brief report on the event to a photographic record of 1 day in the life of Monmouth. The information will be stored at Monmouth Museum. Photographers will be taking pictures between 26 June and 3 July 2010

**121. To receive the Member's attendance summary of committee meetings:**

Members	Planning	Town Council	Town Council Special Meeting	Community	Planning	Finance
	4th January	4th January	11th January	11th January	18th January	18th January
Cllr R Bond	1	1	1		1	1
Cllr G Bright		Apologies	1	1		1
Cllr Mrs S Chivers	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cllr T Christopher	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cllr Mrs A Dewhurst	1	1	1	1	Apologies	Apologies
Cllr J Fletcher	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cllr Mrs J Gunter	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cllr N Hackett Pain		1	1			1
Cllr Mrs J Hall	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cllr R Hayward	1	1	1		1	1
Cllr M Jones	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cllr C Munslow	1	1	1	1	Apologies	
Cllr L Robson		Absent	Absent			
Cllr Mrs B Smith		Apologies	Apologies	Apologies		Apologies
Cllrs Mrs A Were		1	1	Apologies		1
Cllr Mrs S White		1	1	1		1
<b>Total In Attendance</b>	10	13	14	10	8	11
<b>Members on Committee</b>	10	16	16	12	10	13
<b>KEY</b>						
	Non Committee Member					
	Non Committee Member attendance					
	Absent					

- 122. To discuss potential play area for children under 5 at or in the vicinity of Osbaston School. To consider giving the Town Councils' support to this project and accepting responsibility for the maintenance of any equipment at the site:**

Councillor R Hayward reported that results from a survey of facilities last year highlighted no play facilities for children in the Osbaston ward.

Councillor Hayward proposed that this Council gives moral support to the project, that they agree should capital funding be found that they will give approval to finance the maintenance of the project in the future.

**Proposed:** Councillor R Hayward  
**Unanimous**

**Seconded:** Councillor Mrs S White

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

None received

- 124. To agree meeting dates:**

Date of next meeting: Monday 15 March Osbaston Church in Wales School (to be confirmed)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.45pm