

# Monmouth Town Council

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## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on Monday 10th November 2008 at 6.00 pm in Market Hall, Priory Street, Monmouth**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Councillor R Bond  
Councillor Mrs S Chivers, Councillor T Christopher, Councillor Mrs A Dewhurst,  
Councillor J Fletcher, Councillor Mrs J Hall, Councillor R Hayward,  
Councillor Mrs B Smith and Councillor Mrs A Were.

There was a presentation at the commencement of the meeting from PC Andy Mason. He reported that the whole concept of an alcohol free zone as such is not correct. Consumption of alcohol outside recognised licenced premises would not be affected nor would it at events like the Festival or at picnics on Chippenham Green. Thus, it is not proposed that there be such a zone but that the police will have the power within the defined area to take open containers of alcohol from persons they believe may become a nuisance as a result of consumption of the said alcohol. This would appear to rely on the subjective observations of an officer and it was not clear whether PCSO's were legally able to take such action. There were opinions expressed by some councillors that these proposed powers were to be introduced to be directed at known individuals with a track record for drunken behaviour. Doubts were also expressed as to the polices' ability to enforce current regulations let alone these new powers. There were also concerns about the amount of signage required and its cost. Members also felt that if anything, the zone or area needed extending to estates in Over Monnow.

**132. To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda**

Councillor Mrs Were declared a personal interest in Item no 137 / 2 & 3

**133. To receive apologies for absence**

Councillor Ms C Edwards

**134. To confirm and sign minutes of the previous meeting dated 27th October 2008**

The minutes were confirmed correct and signed.

**135. To review Action Summary**

Noted

Car parking rights for residents in Cinderhill Street Car Park:

Members agreed to ask the Clerk to send another letter to Mrs Deb Hill Howells stating that the Planning Committee would like to see MCC terminating the agreement they have with residents at the end of this year as it would seem to set an unfair precedence.

Croft y Bwla:

The planning committee was advised of a meeting taking place at Rockfield Estate Community Centre with David Davies MP and County Councillor Peter Fox, Leader of MCC. This will be for residents to attend and discuss on-going issues.

### A Boards:

Councillor Christopher advised members that he had a meeting arranged this week with Jenny Lewis and Nigel Burgess from MCC to discuss the proposed action by the Highways Department regarding the removal of A Boards.

At this point in the meeting the members of the public were invited to comment on the proposal to have an 'Alcohol Free Zone' in Monmouth.

Mrs Jane Harvey stated that she believed the proposal is muddled and further clarification should be given. Concerns were also expressed about the lack of police resources being available to enforce the legislation.

### **136. To receive correspondence**

- I. **MCC:** Monmouthshire Local Development Plan: Candidate Sites Assessment Process
- II. **MCC:** Weekly list of registered planning applications week 42 11/10/2008 – 1710/2008
- III. **MCC:** Weekly list of determined planning applications week 42 11/10/2008 – 1710/2008
- IV. **MCC:** Agenda for Planning Committee meeting to be held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at 2.00pm.
- V. **Shoosmiths:** Copy of letter to Mr Tony Grenow (MCC) regarding drainage information Croft y Bwla application.
- VI. **MCC:** Designated public Place orders for areas within Monmouth
- VII. **MCC:** Weekly list of registered planning applications week 43 18/10/2008 – 2410/2008
- VIII. **MCC:** Weekly list of determined planning applications week 43 18/10/2008 – 2410/2008

Correspondence Noted

### **137. New Applications**

#### **1. DC/2008/01196: Telecommunications Notification**

Replacement of the existing tri-band antenna with a wide band antenna with a wide band antenna on the current tower. Addition of 1 no. equipment measuring 900mm x 800mm x 12400mm within the current compound

Little Hadnock Farm, Hadnock Road, Monmouth

**Decision required by 13 November 2008**

**Recommendation: Approval**

#### **2. DC/2008/01015: Listed Building Consent**

Replacement of deteriorated external signage

21 Drybridge Street, Monmouth

**Decision required by 14 November 2008**

**Recommendation: Approval**

#### **3. DC/2008/01016: Advertisement Consent**

Retention of non illuminated fascia signs

21 Drybridge Street, Monmouth

**Decision required by 14 November 2008**

**Recommendation: Approval**

### **138. To discuss designated public place order for areas within Monmouth**

It was agreed that members would write individually to the Licensing Department giving their individual opinions as the committee was divided in its thoughts about this issue.

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**139. Late Applications: (For Information Only To Be Carried Forward To Next Meeting).**

**1. DC/2008/01212: Planning Permission**

Two storey side extension with integral garage

3 Dixton Close Monmouth

**Decision required by 27 November 2008**

**Recommendation:**

**2. DC/2008/01242: Planning Permission**

Storm porch to front elevation

4 Kymin Lea

Wyesham Monmouth

**Decision required by 27 November 2008**

**Recommendation:**

**Late Correspondence:**

**Philip Atock:** Queries regarding road improvement for planning application DC/2008/01 135

**Parry's Property:** Re: Letter of response re concerns of 88-90 Monnow Street

**140. To agree items of business to be discussed at next meeting**

**141. To confirm date of next meeting**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00pm Bridges Community Centre, Drybridge Park, Monmouth

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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