

## MARSHFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 10 January 2011 at Marshfield Village Hall, Wellfield Road, Marshfield commencing at 7:30 p.m.

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Present: Mrs R Bashi (Chairperson)  
Mrs J Charlton  
Mr N Sullivan  
Mrs S Burke  
Mr G Ham  
Mr G Kemp-Philp  
Mr K Bennett  
Mrs S Hood  
Mr S Tilley  
Mr C Hemmings

In attendance: PC 986 A Walters (Gwent Police), City Councillors R White & T Suller, 3 members of public, G C Thomas (Clerk)

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The Council agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2010 were a true record and they were signed by the Chairperson.

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➤ = Letter to be Written

### **186. Police Matters**

PC Walters updated the Council:

- Police operations had taken place including one on the coast road, one targeting scrap metal dealers and the Catch-a-Car operation.
- The crime rate is down 8.5% although the call rate is up 35%. Calls about stray horses totalled 584 in the last month. Sgt Thomas is consulting the Llanelli area where similar problems exist.
- There has been a speeding analysis on Marshfield Road and a speed gun is due to be used. The mobile speed camera has been sited on the A48 and is due to return.
- A mobile police station is now available and will be used as a police surgery in the area. It can call if requested.
- PC Waters will speak to residents about anti-social behaviour around the bus stop on Marshfield Road, near the junction with Marysfield Close and will consult with more senior officers before deciding what action should be taken.

The Council discussed the part the bus shelter and public bench played in the problem and agreed to meet to consider any changes that may be appropriate. Suggestions were also made that CCTV and direct involvement of the parents of those found to be responsible for the anti-social behaviour, could help to remedy the problem.

### **187. Traffic Management – Marshfield Primary School**

PC Walters told the Council that PCSO Joanne Lewis has been on duty in this area. Members pointed out that cars are parked illegally making the road dangerous, some vehicles drive with their wheels on the pavement and some schools involve children to shame illegal parkers. PC Walters said that the police could be waiting for the result of his speed analysis before deciding on further action and that the Mini PCSO Scheme is due to come back to Marshfield Primary School. The Council heard that Newport City Council Highways Section had refused to meet on site again stating that the matters agreed at the last meeting had been put in place. It is the vehicles parked

illegally that are causing the problems. It was suggested that the Community Council could consider funding a traffic warden to attend the area.

It was agreed that a further meeting was necessary about this issue after further information has been received from the police.

The Council heard that police checks in connection with youth club worker accreditation now cost £45 per person. 10 local people have volunteered to help with a youth club.

(PC Walters left the meeting)

### **188. Ward Councillor's Report**

- The BT Race for Infinity vote had failed to secure enough votes to allow broadband to be installed in the Marshfield area. Inaccurate information included in voting had led to a number being disregarded.
- Newport City Council is aware of the issues with youths around the Marshfield Road/Marysfield Close bus shelter. The gutters in the area are swept once a month by the City Council and the post office forecourt is cleaned daily. Councillor Bashi pointed out that cleansing machine operators appear to have emptied their machine into a gully on Marshfield Road which, it is feared, will cause a blockage.
- A meeting has been arranged with police Chief Superintendent Julian Knight, when a committee is to be formed to decide on what to do about the problem of stray horses. Any calls about stray horses should be made to telephone number 101.
- Councillor Hood complained that the junction of Wellfield Road and St Mellons Road, near St David's Court, had become icy and dangerous because there is no grit bin to treat the road. Councillor White agreed to look into this matter.

(Councillors White & Suller left the meeting)

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

#### **189. Change of Use of Land (Storage of Building Materials on Non-Domestic Land) Land to the Rear of 118, 119 Marshfield Road, Marshfield, Enforcement E10/0504 (Min 165)**

- The Council agreed to write to Newport City Council Planning Enforcement Officer to inform him that materials have been moved from 118 Marshfield Road but only to the rear of 119 Marshfield Road and to ask for an update on the enforcement of the decision relating to :

**Proposal:** Retention of change of use of land from agricultural to garden curtilage, retention of hot tub enclosure and decking.

**Site:** Groes Cottage, 119 Marshfield Road.CF3 2TU.

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#### **190. St David's Court (Min 167)**

The Council noted Charter Housing Association's response but asked Councillor Hood to research the matter before the Council took any further action.

#### **191. Gateway Christian Centre - Castleton Baptist Church (Min 173)**

The Church wrote to thank the Council for its donation.

#### 192. Assistance with Emergencies (Min 183)

Members agreed to contact the government about the booklet. Cllr Bashi to provide contact details.

#### 193. Notice Board (Min 184)

Councillor Tilley agreed to e-mail prices from one source. Council asked for details of other providers to review styles and prices before a decision is made.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### 194. Great Poppy Party Weekend

The Royal British Legion wrote to invite the community to organise an event on 10/11 June when it will be celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Details were placed in circulation for Member's information.

#### 195. Shared Community Charter

A copy of the Charter signed by Newport City Council and Community Councils in the city area was sent for the Council's records. This was placed in circulation for Member's information.

#### 196. One Voice Wales Area Committee

One Voice Wales sent details of of the Newport/Monmouthshire Committee meeting to be held on 13<sup>th</sup> January.

#### 197. Rural Services Survey 2010

Cardiff University sent a questionnaire about services and facilities affecting the Marshfield & Castleton area. Councillor Hemmings agreed to complete the questionnaire on behalf of the Council.

### **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#### 198. Precept & Concurrent Expenditure 2011/12

Newport City Council wrote on 15<sup>th</sup> December asking for the Council's requirements for 2011/12. Members considered a report presented by the Clerk and discussed various options, following which, it was resolved by a majority vote to maintain the precept at £15.

The estimated expenditure to claim a concurrent functions contribution from Newport City Council was considered and the Council and Members noted that the amount received from Newport City Council provides only a small proportion of the estimated expenditure.

The Council resolved to provide estimated figures that also took into account the current retail price index figure. The resulting figures were – Maintenance and Upkeep of Community Halls £13,506, Grass/Hedge Cutting of Open Spaces/Play Areas £368, Maintenance of Play Equipment £2131, Allotments £4,000.

#### 199. Disability Wales

Leading on from a request for a donation from Disability Wales the Council had agreed to consider whether to become a member of the organisation rather than give an outright donation.

- The Council resolved to pay a fee of £45 to become an Associate - Non-Disability Group Member.

#### 200. Donation - Marshfield Primary School PFA

The Council considered a request from the Parents and Friends Association of Marshfield Primary School for a donation towards their effort to raise money to purchase new computer equipment.

- Members agreed to ask the PFA to list the computer equipment that is to be purchased.

#### 201. Fixed Rate Bond

Barclays Bank offered to meet representatives of the Community Council to discuss the options for investment to improve the interest currently being received from the Base Rate Tracker savings account.

The Council agreed that Councillor Bashi and Councillor Hemmings should attend this meeting.

#### 202. Hot Water Dispensers

Councillor Kemp-Philp gave details of available flasks and their prices and agreed to carry out further research and e-mail details to Members.

The Council agreed to buy two hot water dispensers to be used to provide refreshments during meetings after receiving more information.

#### 203. Travelling Expenses

Councillor Burke submitted a claim for travelling a total of 40 miles whilst attending two One Voice Wales training sessions held in Cwmbran. The Council agreed to reimburse Councillor Burke at the agreed NJC rate amounting to £26.

#### 204. Allotment Gate Lock

Councillor Ham had arranged the supply of a replacement lock to fit the existing key pattern for the allotment site gate and presented an invoice for £105.08 from Cardiff Lock & Safe Co. Ltd.

The Council agreed to pay this invoice.

#### 205. Cheques

101134	G C Thomas – Clerk’s Salary December 2010	£ 331.44
101135	G C Thomas – Internet Connection Reimbursement December	£ 18.00
101136	Mrs S Burke – Travelling Expenses (Min 203)	£ 26.00
101137	Cardiff Lock & Safe Co. Ltd – Allotment Gate Lock (Min 204)	£ 105.08
101138	Disability Wales – Membership (Min 199)	£ 45.00

#### **206. Report of Village Hall Management Committee Representative**

Councillor Hemmings reported that there had not been a Village Hall Management Committee Meeting since the last Council meeting.

#### **207. Leisure Committee Report**

Councillor Hemmings reported that there had been no Committee meeting over the Christmas period. Councillor Bashi handed further information about leisure facilities to the Committee.

## **208. Allotment Committee Report**

The Council agreed that Councillor Sullivan should take the Chair of the Allotment Committee and asked the Clerk to provide him with relevant information.

## **209. Asda Bus**

The Council supported the reinstatement of the free bus to Asda. Duffryn and noted the petition that had been organised by Mrs Pascoe in the village. Initial representations to Asda by the Community Council had found that the store manager decided the service was not used enough to justify the cost.

- The Council agreed to write to Mrs Pascoe to provide an update on the situation and asked Councillors Kemp-Philp and Bashi to provide information to the Clerk who will produce the letter.

## **210. Public Footpath 30 (399/46) – Wellfield Court/ Village Hall Grounds**

The Council referred to the 1976 Diversion Order and noted doubts about the present position of the footpath finger post.

- Members agreed to write to Newport City Council Public Rights of Way Officer to ask for evidence that the provisions laid down in Article 2 have been certified as being complied with, as this certification is required before the 1976 Diversion Order became effective.

## **211. Highways Matters**

The Council considered the Environment Agency's role in clearing Broadway reën and agreed to agenda the subject for the next meeting.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### 212. Assistance with Emergencies – Community Resilience

Councillor Hood referred to the subject discussed in minute 192 and agreed to produce an information advice note for local residents.

### 213. Wind Turbines

Councillor Kemp-Philp provided information about turbines at Clearwell Farm that was placed in circulation for Members.

### 214. Marshfield Road/ Marysfield Close Bus Shelter & Bench

The Chairperson permitted a member of public to address to Council about issues relating to disturbance and intimidation caused to residents by youths congregating at this site opposite the post office.

The Council agreed to wait for more information from residents about Newport CC Highways involvement so far from and then to ask for a meeting with Newport City Council Highways Section to review the site. Councillors Bashi, Hemmings, Burke, Ham & Kemp-Philp agreed to take part in this meeting.

**Meeting ended 23:00**