

MARSHFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 14 February 2011 at Marshfield Village Hall, Wellfield Road, Marshfield commencing at 7:30 p.m.

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

Apologies: Mrs J Charlton (work), Mr N Sullivan (Resigned), City Councillor R White (family matters), City Councillor T Suller (holiday), PC A Walters (leave) PCSO J Lewis (rest day)

In attendance: Simon Evans (Village Hall Management Committee), 1 members of public, G C Thomas (Clerk)

The Council agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2011 were a true record and they were signed by the Chairperson.

➤ = Letter to be Written

POLICE MATTERS

215. Update

PC Walters had e-mailed an update to the Council:

- The results of a speed check done over various days and times on Marshfield Road have been sent to the police Traffic Management Department for assessment.
- The section responsible for policing roads has been tasked to carry out enforcement in the area along with the Safety Camera Partnership who's van is based at varying times on the A48.
- Patrols for Anti Social Behaviour are on-going including, but not limited to, the two locations listed in the PACT priorities, the Bus Stop & Village Hall. The issues have been reported as reduced from the initial callers.
- The monitoring of the school and the issues around parking at key times is on-going.
- Crime in the ward is down 14% over last year.
- Calls about horses are up 35%. An update will be provided in due course, following a meeting that is soon to take place with all concerned.
- The new Mobile Police Station will be available soon and will be utilised in the Marshfield area. The Station may be available for viewing at the next Council meeting.

216. Police Station Closures

- Members were concerned about reports about the closure of either the Castleton or the Asda Duffryn police stations and agreed to write to Gwent Police to ask for an update to provide clarity on plans for local police station closures.

217. Marshfield Primary School Parking

Members noted that parking on the pavement outside Marshfield Primary School did not occur when police were in attendance. If police attended at 3:15 p.m. they are most likely to see cars parked illegally.

218. NEWPORT CITY WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There was no report.

Councillor Bashi said that the Mayor of Newport had told Councillor White that he would like to visit Marshfield. The Council agreed to let the Mayor know when it would be best to come to the area.

HIGWAYS MATTERS

219. Marshfield Primary School Parking

The Council considered requesting a site meeting outside the school with a view to providing a space outside the school where vehicles would be allowed to pull in.

It was agreed that Members will meet to examine the problem after data has been received from PC Walters.

220. BROADWAY REEN

- It was agreed to write to the Environment Agency stating that Broadway reen and the reen near Peterstone Lakes should be cleansed as soon as possible, before the spring tides.

221. Severn Estuary Flood Management Strategy

The Clerk referred to a letter and booklets provided by the Environment Agency that invited comments on a flood risk management strategy. A consultation session will be held at Marshfield Village Hall on Thursday 24th February and the consultation process will end on Friday 18th March. Members took a copy of the booklet and noted the consultation dates.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

222. 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 189)

Newport City Council's planning enforcement officer informed the Council that the Authority is currently in talks with the owner of the land in an attempt to resolve the matter.

223. Fixed Rate Bond (Min 201)

A meeting with Barclays Bank arranged to provide advice on improving interest on deposits was cancelled as the financial advisor had been made redundant. Councillor Hemmings agreed to carry out further research.

224. Asda Bus (Min 209)

Councillor Bashi told Members that Mrs Pascoe had thanked the Council for its assistance in this matter.

225. Assistance with Emergencies – Community Resilience (Min 212)

Councillor Hood told the Council that she is researching this matter.

- The Council agreed to ask City Councillor White to provide an update on the request to provide a grit bin near St David's Court.

226. Marshfield Road/ Marysfield Close Bus Shelter & Bench (Min 214)

- The Clerk was asked to contact residents to provide information about the issue, as agreed at the last meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

227. Borrowing by Community Councils 2011-12

The Welsh Assembly Government wrote on 14th January reminding councils that approval is required for any borrowing for capital purposes taking place in 2011-12.

228. Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2011-12

The Welsh Assembly Government wrote on 25th January informing of the updated amounts. The letter was placed in circulation for Members information.

228. Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

The Traffic Commissioner wrote on 7th February in reply to the Council's letter offering observations on the application by Accelerate Freight Ltd relating to The Goods Yard, Marshfield. CF3 2TU. The Commissioner stated that Parish Councils, Residents Associations and Action Groups cannot make representations unless they themselves are owners or occupiers of affected land or property in the vicinity of the proposed operating centre. Alternatively, the Council may wish to approach Newport City Council who may make a statutory objection. The planning and highway authorities are separate and can look into concerns about road safety or use of the site for purposes other than the operation of goods vehicles.

229. Councillor Nick Sullivan Resignation

Councillor Sullivan wrote to resign from the Council.

- Members were sorry to receive his resignation and wished to pass on thanks for the work he has done during his time as a community councillor.

The Council declared a vacancy.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

230. To consider the request for financial assistance from the Village Hall Management Committee received in e-mail 26.10.10.

Mr Simon Evans pointed out that the e-mail dated 26.10.10 had been withdrawn and, following exchanges with Councillor Gwyn-Kemp Philp, the Council decided to defer a decision on this matter.

231. Vacuum Flask

The Council agreed to reimburse Councillor Kemp-Philp £49.44 incurred in purchasing a Vacairpot 5 pump pot flask for dispensing refreshments during meetings.

232. Refreshments

The Council agreed to reimburse Councillor Hood £5.54 incurred in purchasing tea, coffee, milk and sugar to be used as refreshments during meetings.

233. Cheques

101139 - G C Thomas - Clerk's Salary January 2011 & Reimbursement for stamps, stationary Jul 10 – Feb 11	£ 429.46
101140 - G C Thomas – Reimbursement -Internet Connection January	£ 18.00
101141 - Reimbursement -Purchase of Vacairpot Flask (Min 231)	£ 49.44
101142 - Reimbursement- Purchase of coffee, tea, milk & sugar (Min)	£ 5.54

234. Report of Village Hall management Committee Representative

Councillor Hemmings reported that Newport City Council had agreed to cover the cost of maintaining the village hall grounds for the next 12 months. The Committee considered asking Marshfield Community Council to add an amount to the precept for 2011/12 for an additional grant to the Village Hall Management Committee.

The Council discussed the principles of this suggestion and was willing to consider contributing to the costs of grounds maintenance at the time of the precept but asked that the Committee looks at other ways of raising funds to cover these costs. The cost of white lining football pitches is a large proportion of the estimated costs and the football club may need to contribute towards these costs.

Allocation of the 2011/12 Newport City Council concurrent monies payment to the Village Hall Management Committee is to be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

235. Leisure Committee

The Council asked the Committee to draft its terms of reference for consideration by the Council.

Councillor Kemp-Philp and Councillor Bennett resigned from the Leisure Committee. The Council agreed that Councillor Burke should be the Committee Vice-Chairperson.

The Committee, therefore, currently comprises: Councillor Hemmings (Chair), Councillor Burke (Vice-Chair), Councillor Ham, Councillor Charlton, & Councillor Bashi.

The Clerk reminded the Council that non-Council members are permitted to be co-opted to this Committee.

236. Allotment Committee Report

Following the resignation of Councillor Sullivan from the Council, Mrs Bashi was elected as Chairperson of the Allotment Committee.

The Allotment Committee proposed that allotment plot rent should rise from £1.50 per perch to £2.00 per perch and pensioners rates should rise from 65p per perch to £1.00 per perch from 1st March 2011. The Council agreed with this proposal.

237. Public Footpath 39 (399/46)

Councillor Bashi led a detailed discussion about the 1976 Diversion Order and summed up the present position. The Council agreed that Councillor Bashi should produce a draft letter to Newport City Council and authorised agreement to pay half of the cost of the new Diversion Order being requested by Newport City Council, up to a cost of £800.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

238. Marshfield Primary School Asbestos

The Council noted that works at the school are ongoing and, as the compliance forms seen were not correct, Members considered that reassurance should be sought from Newport City Council that asbestos is being dealt with properly.

- The Council agreed to write to Newport City Council, the Headteacher and the Chair of the School Governors to seek these reassurances.

239. Disability Wales

Councillor Kemp-Philp handed the Councils membership pack to the Clerk.

240. Junction 28 M4

Councillor Kemp-Philp has lobbied the Welsh Assembly Government due to the lack of access from the M4 for West Cardiff and handed a questionnaire to Members about this issue.

241. Notice Board

- The Clerk was asked to check on planning permission and highway authority requirements. Research on suitable notice boards should be brought to the Council for a decision.

242. Newport City Council Information

- The Chairperson asked the Clerk to request the following details from Newport City Council:
 - Updated list of Tree preservation Orders in Marshfield & Castleton
 - Planning Infill and Backland Policy
 - The Definitive Map of public footpaths in Marshfield & Castleton.

Meeting ended 23:15

