

MARSHFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 11 April 2011 at Marshfield Village Hall, Wellfield Road, Marshfield commencing at 7:35 p.m.

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

Apologies: Mrs S Hood (ill), (meeting), Mrs J Charlton (work)

In attendance: City Councillors R White & T Suller, G C Thomas (Clerk)

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 March were approved and adopted by the Council and the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th February were agreed to be a true record and were signed by the Chairperson

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POLICE MATTERS

243. Neighbourhood Policing Services

The Council noted a letter from Nigel Stephens the Director of Resources for Gwent Police and e-mails from Inspector Neil Muirhead concerning policing resources in Marshfield & Castleton, particularly the plans for the future for Castleton Police Station.

Members pointed to the consultation referred to in the communications from Gwent Police and were not aware of any clear opportunity to put forward the Community Council's views on the matter.

- The Council agreed to write to Gwent Police to ask when the public consultation will take place and to provide details of who will be consulted.

244. NEWPORT CITY WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillors White and Suller updated the Council:

- If stray horses are caught they will now be chipped by the City Council and the owner will have to pay the cost of the chipping. If the horse is found straying after chipping it will be seized and disposed of.
- A large pot hole in St Mellons Road had been reported in the morning.
- The litter pick on the coast road, referred to last month, had taken place and was a success.
- Road resurfacing from Morgan's Way to the roundabout at Duffryn, referred to last month, has not been done yet. The schedule for highway maintenance in Marshfield is to be published in June.
- The Local Development Plan and the Unitary Development Plan will reach their next stage in September/October 2011 and the next round of public consultation will begin around the same time. The green wedge is expected to be much the same but west of Marshfield around Coal Pit Lane may be changed. There are no known plans for the former Castleton Wyevale

Garden Centre site. Planning permission has been requested for paths in the allotments there but nothing has been heard about sheds.

- Councillor White & Suller agreed to look into the 30MPH signs for the hump back bridge on St Mellons Road that the Council said had been missing for a long time.
- The Mayor is planning to visit Marshfield Primary School. The Council asked if the Mayor could also visit Marshfield Village Hall.

245. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

➤ The Council asked that Newport City Council be informed of the following issues:

- Road markings need to be reinstated at The Meadows/Mallards Reach junction, the Mallards Reach/Marshfield Road junction, Cambrian Road/Marshfield Road junction.
- The road marking speed limit sign at the railway bridge on Marshfield Road shows only a '0'
- The road surface around a manhole cover in St Mellons Road is crumbling.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 14TH FEBRUARY AND 14TH MARCH

246. Grit Bin St David's Court (Min (d))

- Although Newport CC has agreed a grit bin for Cae Brandi, St Mellons Road the Community Council supported the provision of a further grit bin to serve the junction of St David's Court and St Mellons Road. The elderly residents of St David's Court will suffer health & safety risks if they are required to walk to Cae Brandi to collect grit.

247. Marshfield Road/Marysfield Close Bus Shelter & Bench (Min (e))

- The Council agreed to write to David Wilkie Newport CC Transport Surveyor for an update. He had promised to remove the seat from the existing bus shelter and to replace the bus shelter with a cantilever style when one becomes available.

(Councillor Gwyn Kemp-Philp arrived)

248. Play Area Safety Inspections Min (j))

Councillor Ham told the Council that he will provide details of his weekly play area safety checks to the Council.

The Clerk reported quotes to carry out an annual safety inspection for the Junior and Toddler play areas. Wicksteed would charge £90+VAT and RoSPA would charge £78+VAT if done during the regional visit in June.

- The Council agreed to ask RoSPA to carry out the safety inspection.

The Clerk reported that Wicksteed had stated that the hydraulic closer on the faulty gate was out of guarantee and a replacement part would cost £193+VAT. Councillor Ham and Councillor Hemmings agreed to attempt to replace the hydraulic mechanism when the spare part is received. The Council agreed to order a new hydraulic closing mechanism and for Councillors Ham and Hemmings to carry out the fitting.

Councillor Ham also noted some minor repairs needed on Wicksteed equipment and the Council agreed to order the parts at the same time.

- Members were concerned about small holes in the ground of the Junior Play Area and agreed to ask for advice from the pest control officer of Newport City Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

249. Marshfield Primary School Governor

The Council noted the letter from Paul Lambert, Newport CC dated 16th March that informed of the end of the four year term of the current community council representative in June. The Clerk said that, at the moment, there had been no response from the other three community councils in Marshfield Ward.

250. One Voice Wales Area Committee

OVW wrote informing the Council of the Newport/Monmouthshire Area Committee set for 14th April. Following the resignation of Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Bennett agreed to attend this meeting with Councillor Kemp-Philp

FINANCIAL MATTERS

251. Concurrent Functions Payment to Village Hall Management Committee

The Council examined the figures relating to the concurrent functions payment for 2010/11 and decided to ask the Village Hall Management Committee for a list of favoured work with quotes. The Community Council will then consult with the Committee to take forward undertaking work to benefit the Hall. This decision was noted by Mr Sykes, who was present.

252. Request for Financial Assistance - Castleton Play Group Canopy Project

The Council considered the letter from Castleton Play Group dated 25th February requesting financial assistance towards their canopy project estimated to exceed a cost of £15,000.

- The Council decided to ask the Playgroup how much has already been raised from funding before making any decision.

253. Request for a Donation – Mencap Cymru

The Council deferred this matter until the next meeting.

254. Annual Membership – One Voice Wales

One Voice Wales wrote on 10th March inviting the Council to renew its annual membership for 2011-12 at a cost of £287. The Council agreed to renew its membership.

255. Annual Membership – Society of Local Council Clerks

The SLCC wrote inviting the Clerk to renew the annual membership for 2011 at a cost of £82. The Council agreed to pay the cost of the annual membership.

256. Cheques

101145	G C Thomas – Clerk’s Salary March 2011	£331.44
101146	G C Thomas – Internet Reimbursement March	£ 18.00
101147	One Voice Wales – Annual Membership 2011	£287.00
101148	SLCC – Annual Membership 2011	£ 82.00

257. Marshfield Primary School Asbestos

The Community Council noted the latest e-mail from Mr Suffield of Newport City Council and was concerned that the City Council is happy to maintain the asbestos register for the school whilst knowing that anomalies exist.

The Council agreed to write to the Health & Safety Executive with its concerns.

258. Planning Committee

The minutes of the Planning Committees held on 22nd February and 2nd March 2011 were approved and adopted by the Council.

259. Report of Village Hall Management Committee Representative

Mr Hemmings was unable to attend the last meeting but reported that Mr Matt Sykes has taken over as Chairman of the Committee.

260. Leisure Committee Report

Mrs Bashi, Community Council Chairperson, Mr Hemmings, Leisure Committee Chairman and Mr Sykes, Village Hall Management Committee Chairman will meet to discuss progress in providing new leisure facilities for the area.

261. Allotment Committee Minutes

The minutes of the Allotment Committees held on 11th & 22 February 2011 were approved and adopted by the Council.

262. Allotment Committee Report

Mrs Bashi told the Council that allotment tenants were asking if the community council will provide rented sheds again. The Allotment Committee will look at this matter and report back to the Council.

The Clerk said that allotment rent invoices had been prepared and asked if a newsletter or hand book should be sent with them. Councillor Burke agreed to prepare a newsletter and Councillor Kemp-Philp agreed to try to arrange printing of a new handbook within the next couple of weeks.

263. Public Footpath 399/46

Members discussed the issues surrounding the request to divert the current footpath. The Council agreed to ask Mr Fowler, Public Rights of Way Officer for Newport CC to attend a site visit to explain where the original and diverted footpaths lay. Six Members expressed an interest in attending this meeting which would be most convenient on a Friday afternoon.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business

Meeting ended 9:45 p.m.