

MARSHFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 13th June 2011 at Marshfield Village Hall, Wellfield Road, Marshfield commencing at 7:35 p.m.

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

Apologies: Mr G Ham (holiday)

In attendance: City Councillors R White & T Suller, PCSO Joanne Lewis (Gwent Police), Mr Mat Sykes (Chairman VHMC), one member of public, G C Thomas (Clerk)

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting and monthly Council meeting held on 16th May were agreed to be a true record and signed by the Chairperson.

➤ = Letter to be Written

POLICE MATTERS

25. Update

- PCSO Lewis asked Members of the Council to try to attend the next P.A.C.T meeting on 27th June at Marshfield Village Hall.
- A dedicated officer will patrol the area with particular attention to the Village Hall and the Marshfield Road bus stop, opposite the post office. The patrols will take place between 6th July and 20th July between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.
The Council asked if the patrol could extend to a later time, possibly 12:30 a.m.
- Speed checks took place on Marshfield Road when 100 vehicles were checked from which four exceeded the speed limit.
- A cannabis factory was found in the area and two people arrested.
- The mobile police station will be brought to the Village Hall Fete for viewing.
- PCSO Lewis has been trained to use the speed camera and will be using it in the area.
- PCSO Joanne Lewis can be contacted on telephone 07966 367922 or 01633 680533.
- On-line Watch Link (OWL), a new neighbourhood watch arrangement has been launched and the police are keen to make it a success. Leaflets were handed to Members.

26. Castleton Police Station

Mrs Bashi had attended a meeting at Pill Police Station about proposed changes to neighbourhood policing and consulted council members on the details. Mrs Bashi gave details of a letter she had sent to Inspector Muirhead on behalf of the Council that detailed concerns about the proposed closure of Castleton Police Station.

27. Vehicles on Pavements

PCSO Lewis said she was not allowed to cone the edge of pavements to prevent drivers driving on pavements and Members discussed measures that could improve the difficulties on Marshfield Road. The Council also raised issues of parking on pavements in Cambrian Estate and at the A48/ Marshfield Road junction.

NEWPORT CITY WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

28. Update

- Councillor White said Veolia Transport is pulling out of the contract to provide the X16 bus service in September and he had asked Newport City Council to re-tender for this service. The Council agreed to write to Councillor Fouweather, Cabinet Member for Street Services for Newport City Council to make a case for keeping this bus service.
- Problems with anti-social behaviour at the bus stop opposite Marshfield Road post office appear to be improving. The measures that have been put in place appear to be having an effect. Councillor Kemp-Philp will supply details of Newport City Homes' measures to the clerk.
- Councillor White said that Martyn Kellaway is complaining about the type of incinerator proposed for a site in the Llanwern ward not the plan to install one, which was part of Welsh Government policy.
- Planning Appeals have been received for developments in Coal Pit Lane and Field View.
- A youth club is due to start soon at Marshfield Village Hall. Details asking for volunteers are to be included in the Marshfield Mail.
- Other community councils have given a donation to the Society for the Welfare of Horses and Ponies which has agreed to assist in the measures relating to stray horses in the area. The Council asked that this matter is placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
- Newport City Council has been informed of faults to the electronic speed signs and the Belisha beacon on Marshfield Road.

29. Bus Timetables

The Council informed the City Councillors that bus timetables in the area are missing or defaced.

30. Speed Limit Signs

The Council informed the City Councillors that speed limit signs in the area are obscured by growing vegetation and the signs in Church Lane need attention.

31. Highway Matters

There were no highway matters

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 16th May 2011

32. Grit Bin St David's Court (Min 7)

Newport City Council wrote on 20th May informing the Council that the existing grit bin at Cae Brandi has been re-sited to a location that is also suitable to serve the footways near St David's Court.

The Council agreed to write to Newport CC and Charter Housing Association to point out that elderly and disabled residents are too fragile to cross the road to collect grit and to ask them to provide another grit bin for St David's Court.

33. Marshfield Primary School Governor (Min 9)

- The Council noted that Councillor Mark Pearce's wife is employed to work in the school and agreed to write to the LEA to ask if this would cause a conflict of interest that would contravene rules relating to school governors.

34. Marshfield Primary School Asbestos (Min 10)

The Council agreed that Councillor Bashi, Councillor Bennett and Councillor Hemmings would meet with Newport CC on 20th June at 13:15.

- The Clerk was asked to check if this would be convenient for Mr Neil Lewis of Newport CC.

35. Change of use of land (storage of building materials on non-domestic land) land to the rear of 118/119 Marshfield Road, Marshfield - Enforcement Notices E10/0504 & E10/0733 (Min 19)

The Council received an e-mail dated 13th June from Mr Neil Gunther, Planning Officer that stated the breach has now ceased and the fence now encloses just the garden area and no materials were being stored outside of the curtilage.

- Members noted that paraphernalia is still in place and resolved to ask the Planning Officer:
 - has Newport CC has been in touch with the owners of the land;
 - what was the occupier asked to do in the enforcement notice, and;
 - has the occupier been informed that land has been added to the existing curtilage.

CORRESPONDENCE

36. Marshfield Primary School Asbestos

Rosemary Butler AM replied to the Council on 27th May after receiving details about asbestos management at the school from the Corporate Director for Young People & Performance for Newport City Council, a copy of his letter was enclosed. Mrs Butler noted that the Community Council is due to meet officials from Newport CC and concluded that it appears an assessment of the situation was undertaken by the Senior Health and Safety Officer on 18th May who found the asbestos risk in the school was well managed.

37. Carriageway Markings & Traffic Signs

The Head of Streetscene for Newport CC wrote on 20 May to inform the Council that arrangements will be made with the Traffic Systems Engineer to inspect the carriageway markings and traffic sign issues raised with a view to undertaking any maintenance required. Also, they were unable to find damage surrounding a manhole on St Mellons Road and asked for more details about the location. Councillor Hood agreed to check the road.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

38. Bouncy Slide for Village Hall Fete

The Village Hall Management Committee had asked to Council to consider sponsoring a bouncy slide for the fete due to take place next Saturday.

The Council consulted Mr Mat Sykes about the details and was told that due to a promised assault course no longer being available the bouncy slide was urgently required to replace it. The cost is £280 including management. Insurance had been checked and is adequate, The Council agreed to be invoiced for up to £280 to rent the bouncy slide for the day but asked Councillor Bashi to liaise with the Village Hall Management Committee who should check if a better price could be obtained from another supplier.

39. Cheques

101153	G C Thomas – Clerk’s Salary May 2011	£ 331.44
101154	G C Thomas – Internet Reimbursement May	£ 18.00

40. Planning Committee

The minutes of the Planning Committee held on 27th May were approved and adopted by the Council.

41. Report of Village Hall Management Committee Representative

Councillor Hemmings reported that the VHMC is planning to purchase picnic tables for use at the Hall and is asking the Council to consider funding. Details of the options were to be circulated and the Council asked for this matter to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mr Sykes thanked the Council on behalf of the VHMC for the donation towards the cost of renewing the flooring in the toilets.

42. Leisure Committee Report

Councillor Hemmings said a meeting was planned for one evening next week but Members availability prevented an agreed date.

43. Allotment Committee

The minutes of the Allotment Committee held on 27th May were approved and adopted by the Council.

Councillor Bashi handed rent collected from allotment tenants to the Clerk.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

44. Notice Board

The Council discussed the replacement of the notice board opposite Marshfield Road post office and agreed to add this matter to the agenda for the next meeting.

45. Junior Play Area Railings

Mr Sykes asked if the galvanised railings around the junior play area could be painted as part of the improvements taking place in the Village Hall grounds. The Council agreed to place this matter on the agenda for the next meeting.

Meeting Ended 9:35 pm