

MARSHFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 14 November 2011 at Marshfield Village Hall, Wellfield Road, Marshfield commencing at 7:35 p.m.

Present:

Mrs R Bashi (Chairperson)
Mrs K Evans
Mr G Ham
Mr C Hemmings
Mr G Kemp-Philp
Mr S Tilley

Apologies: Mrs S Burke (family matters) Mrs S Hood (Personal) Mr K Bennett (ill)

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

The minutes of the monthly Council meeting held on 10 October were agreed to be a true record and signed by the Chairperson.

➤ = Letter to be Written

113. Police Matters

- The Clerk reported receipt of a letter dated 18th October from Superintendent David Johnson, Head of Local Policing for Newport, in reply to the Council's concerns made to the Chief Constable on local policing. He will explore the issues raised with Inspector Neil Muirhead who leads Neighbourhood Policing on the west side of Newport and will reply in due course.
- Councillor Suller told the Council that PC Nigel Jones has been appointed as the new Neighbourhood PC and is currently being trained.

114. City Councillors Report

- Councillor White explained that the Welsh Government requires details of Gypsy & Traveller's sites in the Local Development Plan being prepared by Newport City Council otherwise the Plan will be thrown out. Four sites have been shortlisted in Newport but only the Bettws site has a planning application, so far. The Council reminded the ward councillors that it would like to receive information about local issues as soon as possible.

The Council had earlier written to Newport CC on this subject and the Clerk reported receipt of a reply dated 14th November from Susan Boulter, Head of Regeneration and Regulatory Services.

The planning application relating to the site at Pound Hill, Coedkernew is expected to be submitted in the next few weeks. Once submitted, Coedkernew CC, Marshfield CC and Michaelstone Y Fedw CC will be consulted. It is at this stage that the consultation with the public and community groups would be engaged.

- The X16 bus service will have extra busses around to and from work times and on a Sunday. Buses can be hailed away from bus stops at a place where it is safe for the bus to stop.

- Councillor Suller has reported faults to the electronic speed signs and Belisha beacons on Marshfield Road and the condition of the direction sign at Groes Corner. The Belisha beacon has now been repaired.
Councillor Hemmings noted that some road signs had been turned around on Marshfield Road and Councillor Bashi noted the fallen 30MPH sign on Church Lane.
Councillor White advised that telephoning Newport City Council's call centre on Tel: 656656 when problems are seen will allow attention to be given as soon as possible.
- Councillor White had received more details of plans to install measures on Marshfield Road near Marshfield Primary School comprising a 20 MPH speed limit with warnings to drivers about school drop-off and pick-up times.
 - The Council discussed measures which could be preferable to the proposed scheme, given limited resources, that would address problems with parking and vehicles driving on the footpath and agreed to write to Newport City Council with the following points:
 - a) Does an unenforceable 20 MPH speed limit jeopardise the enforceability of the current 30 MPH speed limit.
 - b) The installation of bollards or even repeater speed sign posts at strategic positions will physically prevent vehicles driving on the footpath.
 - c) Create a passing place by using double yellow lines or a passing bay on the opposite side of the road.
- Information was given about the transport flows through south east Wales including the upgrading of Queensway in Newport through Llanwern and changes to the Duffryn link road.
- Councillor Evans was concerned about possible illegal dumping of hardcore just outside Marshfield in the Wentloog area. Councillor White noted the matter and agreed to inform Wentloog Community Council.
- Councillor Evans enquired about the rules relating to money donated by the ward councillors for setting up a youth club. Councillor Hemmings asked the ward councillors if they could include an article in the Marshfield Mail asking for volunteers to run the youth club who should contact Mat Sykes.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

115. Zig-Zag Twister Repair (Min 101)

Councillor Ham said he is due to meet Wicksteed on site tomorrow.

116. Church Farm Track Ways (Min 102)

Neil Gunther of Newport CC Planning e-mailed to ask for details of the Council's concerns and preferred a meeting at the Civic Centre which could include Miss Ballinger.

The Council agreed that the meeting is needed to more fully understand the need for heavy tracks on land used for grazing and wished to ask for a site meeting but to exclude Miss Ballinger.

117. Request for Financial Assistance from Village Hall Management Committee Towards Committee Room Refurbishment and Bonfire Night Event (Min103)

The Chairperson noted that a recent article about the Bonfire Night event did not mention the financial assistance provided by the Community Council and would be happier for residents to be more aware of the money spent by the Community Council on the Village Hall generally.

118. Erection of Posts at Groes Corner to Prevent Parking on Land Owned by the Community Council (Min 104)

An article about parking on Groes Corner had been published in the Marshfield Mail and a note had been left on vehicles but vehicles continue to be parked there.

The Council agreed to ask for revised plans with a narrower width between the posts. The original quote of £650 was noted and the Chairperson and Vice Chair were given the authority to order the installation at their discretion, depending on the likely increased cost because of the changed plans.

CORRESPONDENCE

119. Newport City Council Liaison Meeting

Newport CC wrote on 9th November to ask if the Community Council wished to propose any matters that would affect community councils strategically or as a whole to be added to the agenda for the meeting due on 8th December. There were no matters for the agenda.

120. Proposed Hinkley Point C New Nuclear Power Station

The Environment Agency wrote on 1st November seeking comments on an application by NNB Generation Company Ltd which asks for a permit to operate the proposed new nuclear power station in Somerset which involves discharging cooling water and liquid effluent into the Severn estuary. The Council noted the letter.

121. Thanks for Donations

The NSPCC Wales and Shopmobility Newport wrote to thank the Council for the recent donations to their work.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

122. Donation Requests

The Council noted the requests for a donation from Urdd Gobiath Cymru and Bobath Cymru.

123. Concurrent Functions Contributions

Langstone Community Council e-mailed on 12 October asking for support to persuade Newport CC to review the way that concurrent functions payments are distributed to community councils in Newport. The Council agreed to obtain more information on this subject before commenting.

124. Precept and Concurrent Functions Requirements for 2012/13

Newport CC wrote on 11 November requesting details of the Council's requirements for a precept and estimated expenditure on concurrent facilities by 21 December. The tax base for the precept for 2012/13 has been set at 1459. The Council agreed to place this matter on the agenda for the next meeting.

125. Higher Interest Accounts

Councillor Evans summarised the information she had obtained about new deposit accounts that would improve on the interest received from the present account.

The Council considered the availability of funds and the need for internal controls to satisfy current good practice requirements.

The Clerk agreed to contact One Voice Wales and the internal auditor to receive any advice they were able to provide.

126. Cheques

101175	G C Thomas – Clerk’s Salary, October	£ 331.44
101176	G C Thomas – Internet Reimbursement, October	£ 18.00
101177	Mr B Covington - Allotment shed deposit refund	£ 30.00
101178	Mr P Burke – Allotment shed & key deposit refund	£ 50.00
101179	Mrs J Hughes – Allotment key deposit refund	£ 5.00

PLANNING COMMITTEE

127. Minutes

The minutes of the Planning Committee held on 7th October were approved and adopted by the Council.

128. Planning Application

The Council agreed to consider its observations for a pending planning application.

Proposal: Single Storey Rear Extension

Site: 43 Cambrian Drive, Marshfield, CF3 2TE

Conex: 11/1134/Full

MCC Ref: 665

Observations:

No objections

ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE

129. Minutes

The minutes of the Allotment Committee held on 7th October were approved and adopted by the Council.

130. Allotment Tenant Communication

Councillor Bashi told the Council that she had e-mailed allotment tenants with details of Mr Honey’s proposal to form an allotment association and to organise a tenant’s Christmas party and asked them to contact Mr Honey if they are interested.

131. Hedge Cutting

The Council agreed to request D Wilde & Sons to cut the roadside of the allotment site hedges.

132. Village Hall Management Committee Representative Report

- Picnic tables have been installed at the back of the Village Hall.
- The VHMC wished to pass on its thanks to the Community Council for the donation towards Bonfire Night and the Village Hall refurbishments.

- Graffiti on some of the equipment in the children's play area needs to be removed. The Council wished to receive more information about techniques for removing the graffiti.
- The iron railings at the entrance of the car park, around the toddler's play area, are in need of painting. The Council asked Councillor Hemmings if he could check with Newport CC about help from community service schemes and obtain quotes from suitable companies.
- The Council agreed to invite Three Counties Community Play to the next council meeting to learn about possible assistance with youth projects based in the Village Hall.
- Councillor Kemp-Philp issued a Newport City Homes booklet to Members.

133. Leisure Committee Report

Councillor Hemmings is arranging the first meeting as soon as possible.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

134. Remembrance Service

Councillor Bashi had represented the Council at the recent Remembrance Service. The service was well attended.

135. Asbestos in Marshfield Primary School

The Council agreed to agenda this matter for review at the next meeting.

Meeting ended 10:35 p.m.