

SHIRENEWTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on Monday 11 May 2015 at 7.30pm
at Shirenewton Recreation Hall.

Present:

Councillors:

Ms B Moore
Ms L Prosser
Mr I Moore
Mr K Morton
Mr T Hughes
Mr P Harris

Also in attendance:

Mrs H Counsell (Clerk to the Council)

Cllr I Moore, the outgoing Chair welcomed all to the meeting and thanked members of the Council for their support during the past twelve months.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs M Lenza, D Adams, L Dyke.
Cllrs Adams and Dyke had given notice that they both wished to stand down as members and Council reluctantly accepted their resignations.

2. **Minute 3086 - Election of Chair for 2015/2016**

Councillor P Harris was nominated and unanimously elected as Chair for the forthcoming year. He signed the Chair's Declaration of Office.

4. **Minute 3087 - Election of Vice Chair for 2015/2016**

Councillor B Moore was nominated and unanimously elected as Vice Chair for the forthcoming year.

5. **Minute 3088: Matters arising from the minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting.** The minutes had been agreed as a true record at the following meeting in June 2014, there were no matters arising.

6. **Minute 3089 - Appointment of Representatives for 2015/2016**

One Voice Wales - Cllr Harris (plus one vacancy).

Shirenewton Recreation Association - vacant.

Planning applications - Shirenewton - Cllr Hughes, Mynyddbach -
Cllr Prosser, Earlswood - Cllr Harris, Newchurch West - Vacancy.

CADW joint meetings - Cllr Morton.

Wye Valley Area Committee - Cllr B Moore (plus one vacancy).

Footpaths Officer - Cllr Morton

7. **Minute 3090 - Adoption of Community Council Accounts for 2014/2015**

Council resolved to adopt the Accounts for 2014/2015 as presented by the Clerk.

The Annual Return of the external auditors was presented to the Council and the document duly countersigned by the Chair and the Clerk.

8. Minute 3091 - Adoption of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations as revised in April 2013.

Council resolved to adopt Standing Orders and Financial Regulations with no amendments.

9. Minute 3092: Adoption of the Financial Investment Strategy

Having made an assessment of sums available to invest, the Clerk recommended that no long term investments should be made in view of the relatively small amount of money that the Community Council holds. The guidance states that priority should be given to security and liquidity, rather than yield. Taking this into consideration Council resolved that the current arrangement of banking with the majority of funds in an account attracting interest and a cheque account with a minimum balance be continued.

10. Minute 3093 - Adoption of the Governance Statement

Council resolved to adopt the following statement - We acknowledge as members of the Council our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including the preparation of the accounting statement. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the Council's accounting statement for the year ended 31 March 2015.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00 pm.