

SHIRENEWTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 1 August 2016 at 7.30 pm
at Shirenewton Recreation Hall.

Present:

Councillors:

Mr P Harris (Chair) Ms B Moore Mr R Kopp Mr I Martin
Mr K Morton Mrs L Prosser

Also in attendance:

County Councillor G Down
Mrs H Counsell (Clerk to the Council)
Two members of the public

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

1. Public participation.

A member of the public raised concerns regarding the increase in size of a gateway at a property in Newchurch West to accommodate heavy plant equipment. Concerns were raised regarding road safety, heavy vehicles undercutting the lane and the removal of ancient hedgerow causing unnecessary damage to the environment. Council was advised that a report has been made to Enforcement at Mon CC. Clerk to request update from Mon CC.

2. Apologies for absence.

Cllrs M Lenza, and I Moore.

3. The monthly police report.

No police report was received prior to the meeting and no officers in attendance.

4. To consider any applications to fill co-opted vacancies

There were none. Vacancies continue to be advertised in the monthly Parish Magazine and on the website.

Minute 3407 - To disclose personal and pecuniary interests in any item of listed business.

There were none.

Minute 3408 - to consider planning applications received.

1. DC/2016/00566 The Cayo Farm, Red House Lane, Shirenewton

First floor extension above existing garage of dwelling house.

Council unanimously recommended **refusal** as the proposed works completely changes many other components of the building such as demolition of an existing chimney stack and building another in a different location, or the complete removal of the entrance porch. Council felt that approval of the application would also encompass approval of the other works that completely change the character of the property.

2. DC/2016/00800 20 Clearview Court, Shirenewton

Proposed first floor extension.

There were no objections on the Mon CC website, or from neighbours, therefore Council recommended approval (Unanimous).

3. DC/2016/00761 Church House, Red House Lane, Shirenewton

Alterations to windows and new roof lights with associated works.

Council recommended approval (Unanimous)

4. DC/2016/00828 Agricultural Notification. Grondra Wood, Shirenewton.
Tracking required to facilitate mechanised extraction of timber from Welsh Government Woodland Estate in accordance with Forest Design Plan.
Council noted this application with no further comment made.

5. Council finalised the response to the Planning Inspectorate regarding Appeal against Enforcement Notice at Ridge House Stables. Clerk to submit by 2.8.16).

Minute 3409 - To consider the proposal to rationalise public footpaths at Mynyddbach.
Council considered and unanimously approved this proposal.

Minute 3410 - Minutes of the last meeting – minutes of the meeting held on 4 July 2016 were approved and duly signed by the Chair.

As County Councillor Down was leaving the meeting at 8.30pm, the following points were raised with him:

- a) Community speed watch initiative - no further progress, C Cllr Down still pursuing;
- b) Traffic calming scheme – C Cllr Down picked up on an item of correspondence this month and confirmed that the next stage is a 20 mph speed restriction through Shirenewton coupled with a 40 mph restriction on the Crick to Earlswood road, he agreed to press Highways to complete this as soon as possible. He further agreed to pursue the repair or replacement of the out of action VAS signage. Council reported to C Cllr Down that the main complaints from residents regarding the scheme was the lack of white lining in the village centre which confused drivers, and had caused accidents; also the two bollards that had been installed which were regarded as a hazard and ‘legalised’ the parking of vehicles on the roadside. C Cllr Down agreed to pursue the above points with P Keeble of Mon CC and keep the Clerk informed of progress. It was also reported that the hedge alongside the road at ‘The Barn’ reduced visibility of motorists.

It being 8.35pm, C Cllr Down left the meeting at this point.

Minute 3411 – Finance - to approve items listed for payment

Expenditure (by Standing Order)

Clerk’s salary/allowances - July 2016 £520.34
Clerk’s Pension (Council & Clerk’s contribution) - July 2016 £157.91

NB: Council noted HSBC (13.7.16) confirmation of foreign bank payment of £86.05 (£77.05 plus £9.00 bank charge) made in \$USD to GoDaddy Com LLC for 8 months website hosting. It was further noted that transfers of less than \$1000 are subject to a 20% bank charge.

Items for payment

Payee	Reason for expenditure	Amount £	Cheque No.
Clerk	July expenses	48.20	101312
Shirenewton PCC	Donation from 2016/17 budget	250.00	101313
Shirenewton	Donation from 2016/17 budget	300.00	101314

Recreation Assoc			
Shirenewton Local History Society	Donation from 2016/17 budget	80.00	101315
Earlswood Hall	Donation from 2016/17 budget	300.00	101316
Earlswood Hope/ Valley churches	Donation from 2016/17 budget	180.00	101317
St Peters Church Newchurch	Donation from 2016/17 budget	60.00	101318
Shirenewton Playgroup	Donation from 2016/17 budget	100.00	101319
Monmouthshire County CAB	Donation from 2016/17 budget	60.00	101320
Merlin Waste	Specialist bin emptying (June)	27.12	101321
SLHS	Annual membership	15.00	101322
Recreation Assoc'n	Hall hire 2016/17	220.00	101323

Council agreed to make all payments as listed.

Minute 3412: To receive an invitation to join the Living Levels Partnership Programme and the offer to attend a Council meeting.

Although Council was supportive and endorsed the efforts of the Partnership, as there is not currently a full complement of Councillors it was felt that the necessary commitment could not be given.

Minute 3413 – To receive a website update

Cllr Lenza was not present at the meeting, however the Clerk was able to confirm the payment to GoDaddy of \$100 USD for website hosting until March 2017. GoDaddy will advise when next payment is due.

Minute 3414 - To receive the Clerk's Report

- **Telephone kiosk** – The kiosk owner has advised that he does not require payment of the peppercorn rent. Star Legal (Solicitor) has confirmed that the lease is now with the Land Registry and the Council will receive a copy when finalised. However the LR has a large backlog and it could take some time.
- **Best Kept Village Competition 2016** – Competition results will be announced in September.
- **VAS signage** – reported to Mon CC on 2.4.16 that the 20 mph sign at Crick Road is not operational and the one at the school is on 24 hours a day. Following several reminders, e-mail received on 27.6.16 to say that Mon CC has requested maintenance costings from contractors SWARCO and when confirmed, expects to enter into a maintenance programme with them. Further reminder sent 25.7.16 (out of office until 8.8.16).C Cllr Down to also pursue.
- **Assets** – part church wall – E-mail from Mr W Clark, PCC Secretary in April 2016 –“The

Church has recently had its quinquennial inspection under the auspices of the diocese which included the Church, the Saysell Centre, its curtilage walls and the coffin path. This did not include the path up from the war memorial until it reaches the steps. So it would appear that the diocese believes that the walls belong to the Church". Clerk advised by the Chair not to pursue further.

Forestry land – original copy of lease located and with the Clerk, no further action required.

Due to annual leave, maintenance of seats/benches and picnic table to take place after 15.8.16. Council gave authority to the Clerk to purchase wood treatment as required.

- **Solar park, community benefit** – Clerk to Mathern CC has confirmed that they are interested in pursuing a joint claim. Initial letter, signed by the Clerks of both Councils, sent to KS SVP35 Ltd, Truro, Cornwall on 24.7.16, to advise that both Councils are ready to being discussions.
- **Steel containers in the countryside** – Clerk reported instance of unsightly containers on 9.6.16. Response from Guy Delamere, Enforcement, on 13.7.16, he is checking ownership of the land with the Land Registry and will follow up in due course.
- **Defibrillators in the community** – community meeting arranged by P Moles, Huntsman Hotel, held during July and attended by Cllr B Moore. Installation of defibrillators is still at an early stage with the British Heart Foundation, information is being gathered on suitable sites, training of volunteers, maintenance and on costs, etc. Council agreed to hold back making a financial donation until more information is available.
- **Grass cutting on Recreation field** – complaint from Rec Association passed to Nigel Leaworthy of Mon CC on 24.7.16. Requested that the grass is collected and the field in good condition for the football season from 6 August, also for Super Saturday fun day on 3 September. Responded on 25th they will cut and collect grass asap. Further call from Rec Assoc Friday 29 July as action not taken – e-mail to Nigel Leaworthy 1.8.16.
- **'Dinwood' wildlife pond** – e-mail from C Cllr P Murphy on 13.7.16 to advise that he will check with Enforcement – no further info.

Dumping of Waste at Ridge House Stables and footpath obstruction on F/paths 119/120.

Council to finalise appeal response to the Planning Inspectorate at this meeting, closing date 2.8.16.

Minute 3415 - To receive items of local concern (information only)

- Hill House, Shirenewton - planning application approved by Mon CC some time ago, no recent developments.
- The Tan House – no contact from owner regarding renovation plans, Cllr Prosser to contact.

Minute 3416 - To receive items of correspondence.

Council noted receipt of the following correspondence:

1. Invitation from the Police & Crime Commissioner, Jeff Cuthbert, to Chair and 2 Councillors of all T&CC's to attend a meeting on joined up working with the local policing service on 27 September at 6pm at the Shire Hall, Monmouth. (Circ 11.7.16)

2. Invitation from Mon CC to take part in 'Our Monmouthshire' Wellbeing Plan engagement. Group workshops will be held in September 2016, with Mon CC wanting to talk with various groups throughout the county. Clerk to inform other local organisations.

3. Copy letter dated 9.7.16 to Paul Matthews CEO, Mon CC, from G Williams, Olive Cottage, representing the Traffic Calming Group and including responses from 18 local residents. (Circ 15.7.16). Clerk and C Cllr Down to contact P Keeble, Mon CC regarding current situation (see above).

One Voice Wales

- Invitation to OVW Annual Conference on Saturday 1st October 2016 at Royal Welsh Showground, Builth Wells. (Registration from 9.30am for 10.15am). Theme – The Challenges of Transformation and Collaboration for Town and Community Councils. £80 per delegate if booked by 1.9.16.
- Notification of consultation on Second Phase Routes of Active Travel Plan (closing date 16.8.16).

Welsh Government Consultation

Consultation on Proposed Technical Advice Note (TAN) 24: The Historic Environment.

Consultation on Planning Law in Wales – Summary of Scoping Paper (Consultation open from 30 July – 30 September).

Minute 3417 - To present short reports from meetings attended.

There were none.

Minute 3418 - Date of next meeting: Monday 5 September 2016 at 7.30pm at Shirenewton Recreation Hall. Cllr Martin gave his apologies for being unable to attend this meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.