

SHIRENEWTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 2 June 2014 at 7.30 pm
at Shirenewton Recreation Hall.

Present:

Councillors:

Ms B Moore
Ms L Prosser
Ms L Dyke
Mr I Moore (Chair)
Mr K Morton
Mr P Harris
Mr M Lenza

Also in attendance:

Mrs H Counsell (Clerk to the Council)
Mrs G MacDonald
County Councillor G Down
Wpc L Thorpe

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

1. Public participation.

There were no members of the public present.

2. Apologies for absence: Cllrs T Hughes, P Moles and D Adams.

3. To receive the police report.

Wpc Thorpe attended the meeting to present the police report which had been circulated beforehand and apologised for not having attended the previous two meetings. Several minor incidents were noted, but only one criminal incident, which was the theft of a ride-on mower and a cement mixer from Penycycaemawr.

Lengthy discussion took place on current issues at Brookacre as there had been 16 calls to the police in a five week period. There has been unacceptable behaviour from service users, some causing serious concern to the police and upset to neighbouring residents. The police are arranging an urgent meeting with the managers of the care home to discuss the future and a member of the Community Council was invited to attend the meeting. Wpc Thorpe to advise of date. Council to consider options after meeting outcomes are known. CC G Down to inform CSSIW and Key Education of concerns.

Minute 3097 - To disclose personal and pecuniary interests in any item of listed business.

There were none.

Minute 3098 - To consider planning applications received.

1. DC/2014/00511 1 Oakview Cottages, Mynyddbach
Create a single storey garage which will be attached to the house including internal access via the current porch on a corner of the existing driveway.
Council noted that all materials are to match the existing; and that there was a letter of support and no objections on the website. **Council recommended approval.**

2. DC/2014/00108 'Oslo', Old School Lane, Mynyddbach
Erection of 1 pair of semi-detached dwellings and a bungalow with additional works.
Council recommended refusal with the following observations:

- Many of the reasons for refusal of M10496 (March 2006) and applications made in 2009 and 2013 still apply.
- Dwellings on this side of the road are bungalows and the dwellings applied for would be out of character.
- The site has significant aesthetic impact on the village of Mynyddbach when approached from Chepstow along the Usk road.
- There does not appear to be sufficient parking/turning room for possibly up to 6 residents vehicles and the allocated bays are smaller than Mon CC's recommendation.
- The single property has access to an unadopted lane which is narrower than shown on the plans. It has a curve, slope and blind spot. Two entrances already currently converge on this new access.
- There is no provision for visitor parking, with visitors using this narrow private (unadopted) lane for parking.
- The boundary of the lane is an ancient stone wall which has the potential for subsidence from increased traffic/groundwork.
- The semi detached property would use the existing access where there is not enough room for a turning area and vehicles would have to reverse out of the entrance.
- The Council has concerns regarding the mature trees with TPO's - whether the foundations for the properties would affect them.
- Council felt that a structural engineers report should be obtained, also that the inappropriate over development of the site had not been addressed.

3. DC/2014/00501 'Longmeads', Red House Lane, Shirenewton
 Single storey conservatory and kitchen extension under a glass and solid roof.
 Council noted that all materials are in keeping with the existing; that the alterations will not be visible to other residents and that they do not affect the Public Right of Way. **Council recommended approval.**

Minute 3099 - The accuracy of the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 12.5.14 were agreed and the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on that date were approved and duly signed by the Chair.

Minute 4000 - Finance - to consider items for payment

Expenditure (by Standing Order)

Clerk's salary/allowances -	May 2014	
£449.42		
Clerk's Pension (Council & Clerk's contribution) -	May 2014	£111.99

Items for payment

Payee	Reason for expenditure	Amount	Cheque No.
Clerk	May expenses	£68.40	101176

Cllr Adams.

Issues being pursued by County Councillor Down

- **Earlswood Hall directions signs** - CC Down has met with Highways and is progressing this.
 - **Yew Tree Bungalow, Earlswood/Rights of Way 53/54/55** - Clerk e-mailed for update on 17 and 27.3.14 - G Delamere has passed issues on to Enforcement - Section 125 Untidy Land Notice to be issued w/c 31.3.14. CC G Down to forward copy of Notice to Clerk.
- **Reported footpath obstruction** on 119/120 (Ridge House Stables) confirmation received from Rights of Way, Mon CC that access has been blocked for some time. Clerk requested that this be pursued via Enforcement as a priority. Reminder e-mail sent 27.3.14 - no response as yet. CC Down has passed this issue to the Chief Officer because of lack of response.
- **Residents request for signage at top and bottom of Weyloed Lane** to aid emergency services has been agreed and will be fitted in to work schedule (6 - 8 weeks).
- **Lease for telephone kiosk** - CC Down to arrange for Mon CC's Legal Dept to check over the draft lease.
- **Boundary review consultation** - CC Down confirmed that the results of the consultations that took place in Jan/Feb will be considered, with firm proposals by the end of the year. The Boundary Commission will then sign off the recommendations early next year.

Minute 4004 - Attendance at Shirenewton Fete 14.6.14 - Cllrs B Moore, Hughes, I Moore, Dyke and the Clerk to attend. Clerk to obtain a notice board for display of posters/notices/photographs, etc also to request a 'goody box' from Fields in Trust.

Minute 4005 - Items of local concern (information only)

- Cllr B Moore reported that the new notice board for Mynyddbach has been made and needs to be erected. Cllrs Dyke, Morton and Harris to arrange.
- TV aerial at Tan House not removed - Clerk to ask Cllr Hughes to contact owner and remove.
- C Cllr Down is pursuing repair of the 20mph traffic restriction signage near the school as it has been out of action for some weeks.

Minute 4006 - To receive items of correspondence.

1. Letter from the Open Spaces Society requesting a donation towards the 'Act now to save our threatened greens' Appeal.
2. E-mail from Mr Dawson-Williams regarding renovation of the Tan House pub. (circulated 19.5.14). Clerk to make initial response and ask Cllr Hughes to investigate further.
3. E-mail from Peter Davies, Commissioner for Sustainable Futures, inviting participation in the National Conversation on 'The Wales We Want'. (Circulated 28.5.14). Cllr Lensa to consider.

Minute 4007 - To present short reports from meetings attended.

There were none.

Minute 4008 - Date of next meeting:

Monday 7 July 2014 at 7.30pm at Shirenewton Recreation Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.05 pm.