

SHIRENEWTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 11 May 2015 at 8.00 pm
at Shirenewton Recreation Hall.

Present:

Councillors:

Mr P Harris (Chair) Ms B Moore Mr K Morton Mr T Hughes
Mrs L Prosser Mr I Moore

Also in attendance:

Mrs H Counsell (Clerk to the Council)

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance. He further thanked the outgoing Chair, Cllr I Moore, for his support and chairmanship over the previous two years.

1. Public participation.

There was none.

2. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from: Cllrs Lenza, Adams and Dyke. Cllrs Adams and Dyke had given notice at the Annual Meeting that they both wished to stand down as members and Council reluctantly accepted their resignations. Clerk to send letters of thanks; inform Democratic Services, Mon CC and advertise the casual vacancies according to Mon CC regulations.

3. No monthly police report had been received prior to the meeting and there were no officers present. Clerk to contact Inspector Thompson.

Minute 3223 - To disclose personal and pecuniary interests in any item of listed business.

There were none.

Minute 3224 – to consider planning applications received.

1. Appeal application E/6840/A/14/2229840 Rhewl Farm, Shirenewton DC/2014/00939 Provision of photovoltaic solar park and ancillary infrastructure. Council noted that an Informal Hearing to be held at County Hall, The Rhadyr, Usk on 17 June 2015 from 10am.

2. DC/2015/00391 2 Tan House Court, Shirenewton
Single storey extension to provide walk through wardrobe, en-suite bathroom, utility room and kitchen/diner at rear of property.

Recommendation: Approval

Minute 3225 – The minutes of the meeting held on 13 April 2015 were approved, subject to three minor amendments, and duly signed by the Chair.

Minute 3226 – Update on earthworks on Recreation Field

Cllr I Moore reported that a sensible compromise arrangement for all concerned had been reached and a tripartite agreement between the Council, the Recreation Association and the resident had been signed by all parties to allow remedial drainage work to Upper House. Work started today (11.5.15) and should be completed by the end of the week. The resident has been notified of hall users and bookings.

Minute 3227 - Finance - to approve items listed for payment

Expenditure (by Standing Order)

Clerk's salary/allowances - April 2015 £510.09
Clerk's Pension (Council & Clerk's contribution) - April 2015 £152.42

Items for payment

Payee	Reason for expenditure	Amount £	Cheque No.
Clerk	April expenses	47.27	101239
Clerk	Purchase of new pc	379.97	101240
Select Security Specialists	Installation of CCTV at Recreation Hall	2100.00	101241
SLCC	Annual membership 2015	118.00	101242
Merlin Waste	Bin emptying (April)	27.12	101243
Land Registry	Registration of kiosk site	40.00	101244
Noah's Ark Appeal	Annual donation	50.00	101245
Aon Insurance	Annual insurance	1088.52	101246

Council resolved to make all payments as listed.

Council were also advised that the annual insurance is due for payment by 30 June, Cllr Moore to check and compare current quote.

Minute 3228 – Best Kept Village Competition 2015

Clerk has contacted some of the volunteers that helped last year and Cllr B Moore has contacted others. All have agreed to continue with their support. Clerk has also requested a road sweeper, play area grass and hedges to be cut and will arrange for flower troughs to be planted up, Cllrs Prosser and Morton offered to assist with this.

Minute 3229 - Update on traffic calming proposals - County Cllr Down was unable to attend the meeting.

Minute 3230 - To receive the Clerk's Report

Issues being pursued by the Clerk

- **Earlswood Recreation Field** – Cllr I Moore reported that the tenant was happy with the contents of the Annual Agreement and has signed it. He will deliver the cheque and collect the keys from Cllr Moore in the next few days.
- **Telephone kiosk** - A Deed of Gift and Lease has been drawn up and agreed by Mr Tayton, but paperwork has yet to be signed. Paperwork for Land Registry has been completed and is ready for submission with a cheque for £40 fee. Kiosk is not watertight – Clerk to contact BSSB Sandblasting with complaint.

- **Earlswood Village Hall signage - G Kinsella**, Mon CC has confirmed that installation will take place as soon as possible, during next tranche of work. Request for likely date made on 5.5.15.
- **Drainage/freezing road surface West End/Earlswood** - update requested several times, Engineer responded 6.5.15 – no funding available to repair road, additional sandbags or grit bins will be provided, residents to report any further occurrences to Highways.
 - . **Grant Applications for 2015/16** – Two applications received so far - closing date for applications is 30 June.
- **WW1 Exhibition and Flower Festival in the Church on weekend of 17/18/19 April**. This was an excellent event and very well supported. Both the SLHS and church members were appreciative of the Council's support by funding £75 for hire of church room and a further £25 towards a flower arrangement.
- **Shirenewton Fete on Saturday 13 June 2015**. A goody box has been applied for from Fields in Trust. Council decided not to run a stall on the day due to lack of availability of members.
 - **Dog fouling** – there is to be a meeting on 'Give Dog Fouling the Red Card' in County Hall, Usk on 19 May 2015 at 2.30pm. There may be opportunity for funding further dog waste bins. Clerk to attend.
 - **Tidal Lagoon Power** – invitation extended to give a presentation at a future Council meeting (takes around 45 minutes with questions). Neil Woollard has responded and wishes to attend the June meeting. This was agreed and it was resolved to start the presentation at the earlier time of 7pm, with the meeting starting at 8pm. The presentation is open to the public.

Issues being pursued by County Councillor Down

- **Yew Tree Bungalow, Earlswood/Rights of Way 53/54/55** - Responses from I Blomeley with several maps re. RoW's, plus original PROW report dated 14.1.14 (circ 27.10.14). Clerk has raised access/ownership queries, IB's response circulated 22.11.14 and copies of maps given to Cllrs B Moore and T Hughes.
- **Reported footpath obstruction** on 119/120 (Ridge House Stables) - we were advised on 14.10.14 that under Section 130(6) of the Highways Act 1980 a diversion order was being sought (the process may take up to 18 months). Contacted M Lewis, Countryside Manager, Mon CC on 9.3.15 for update on the above. Response to enquiry received 2.4.15 - no progress at all. No response from request to C Cllr Down to pursue.

Minute 3231 - Items of local concern (information only)

- Once a month on the 3rd Saturday there will be a sale of local produce in the Recreation Hall from 10am – 12 noon.
- The exposed gas tank in the car park of the Tan House could contain gas – Clerk to inform Mon CC.
- A syndicate has shown interest in the purchase of the Carpenters Arms to develop a pub/shop/Post Office on site.
- Mynders Cottage roadway not felt to comply with original plan, request that Mon CC check status of stiles installed, should they be gates/kissing gates?

- Council concerned at the number of absences of the C Cllr from recent meetings, Clerk to pursue.

Minute 3232 - To receive items of correspondence.

1. Two copies of One Voice Wales Newsletter 'The Voice' are available from the Clerk.
2. Letter of thanks from Shirenewton Church for financial support and further contribution of £25 for flower arrangement for Flower Festival. Also advised that £415.10 donation had been raised for Help for Heroes.

Minute 3233 - To present short reports from meetings attended.

- Cllr B Moore - Recreation Association AGM was well attended and there is a full Committee membership, they are intending inviting representatives from more local organisations. The Association is financially stable.
- Cllr B Moore - Area Committee Meeting – the meeting was not quorate so was only able to discuss items, not make decisions. It was reported that the review of boundary changes is not a priority at present; traffic issues on the B4235 were discussed; a presentation on superfast broadband was made, it is likely to be available from September. Grant funding may be available to small businesses. There are two key contacts in Mon CC – Kath Fallon and Peter Davies.
- Cllr B Moore - Neighbourhood Watch – PACT meetings have now ceased and been replaced by 'Your Voice', a Police & Crime Commissioner initiative. Discussion took place on speeding traffic and police presence to combat incidents of crime.
- Full Council - Joint meeting between the MoD, Shirenewton & Caerwent CC's held on 29.4.15 - There had been 186 bids for training in the 6 months since the last meeting, which equates to 8,500 troops. Major exercises in 2015 being held in January, July, October and November. The next 6 months are likely to be busy and local Councils will continue to be notified of noise on a regular basis. A graph is to be produced to show numbers of troops/types of activities to ensure Health & Safety compliance of safe training while meeting the demands of the three services.
- Cllr P Harris - One Voice Wales meeting on 16.4.15 – guest speaker was from Tidal Lagoon Power and will be making a presentation at the June Council meeting.
- Cllr I Moore- Meeting to be held at Chepstow Police Station on 13.5.15 on traffic issues on the B4235 – Cllr I Moore to attend.

Minute 3234 - Date of next meeting:

Monday 1 June 2015 at the earlier time of 7.00pm – Presentation by Tidal Lagoon Power for first hour – meeting to follow at 8.00 pm at Shirenewton Recreation Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm.