

SHIRENEWTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 7 March 2016 at 7.30 pm
at Shirenewton Recreation Hall.

Present:

Councillors:

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

Also in attendance:

County Councillor G Down
Mrs H Counsell (Clerk to the Council)

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

1. Public participation.

There was none.

2. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from:

Cllr I Martin.

3. The monthly police report.

There was none received and no officers attended the meeting.

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 3346 - To disclose personal and pecuniary interests in any item of listed business.

There were none.

Minute 3347 - Minutes of the last meeting – minutes of the meeting held on 1 February and the Special Meeting held on 16 February 2016 were approved and duly signed by the Chair.

Minute 3348 - to consider planning applications received.

1. DC/2016/00094 Coombe Farm, Shirenewton

Erection of 4 no. agricultural buildings for broiler rearing together with associated feed bins, hard standings, access and attenuation pond.

Council noted the following points:

- that the enterprise is planned to be self-sufficient with a wind turbine used to generate energy for the units and burning straw to provide heat, the chicken manure is to be spread on the land. These points will reduce the carbon footprint dramatically;
- several assessments have taken place, all concluding with no objections;
- there appear to be no problems with access;
- no Rights of Way are affected.

The recommendation was for approval.

2. DC/2016/00134 Hillside House, Usk Road, Earlswood

Erection of stables, tack room and feed store, including a change of use to permit equine use as well as agricultural use.

Council noted that pre-application advice had been sought and a site visit made by a Planning Officer, also that no objections had been made by neighbours. Council also observed that there is existing stabling on site and noted that there was no provision made for the disposal of waste.

The recommendation was for approval.

Minute 3349 – Finance - to approve items listed for payment

Expenditure (by Standing Order)

Council resolved to make all payments as listed.

Minute 3350 – To receive information from Mon CC on devolution of services.

Noted above in talk from Mr Hoggins, Head of Operations, Mon CC.

Minute 3351 – To consider The Queen’s 90th birthday celebrations on 21 April and 12 June 2016.

These celebrations now seem to be focusing on 21st April with lighting of beacons around the country and community events. Further information to be provided in March 2016. Clerk to contact local organisations to gauge interest in organising a suitable event.

Minute 3340 – To discuss information from the PCC on initiatives to improve local engagement.

E-mail received from Mr C Eickhoff explaining initiatives the PCC is organising and asking whether the Community Council also wishes to become involved. In order to explore opportunities for engagement in the community, the Chair and Cllr I Moore agreed to attend the next meeting, subject to availability.

Minute 3341 - To receive the Clerk’s Report

Issues being pursued by the Clerk

- * **Telephone kiosk** - draft lease received from Star Legal and distributed on 28.1.16 – Cllr Martin to draft a suitable paragraph for inclusion in the lease.

Kiosk is leaking like a sieve – Following reminders, BSSB e-mailed Clerk on 13.1.16 and has asked Caldicot Glass to look at weatherproofing the kiosk. Further e-mail reminder made on 30.1.16 as kiosk fittings/shelving will begin to deteriorate.

- **Litter bin – Recreation Hall car park** – Bin now installed. Rec Assoc to pay half of the cost of £100, when Council receives the invoice from Mon CC.
- **Repairs to Friends Burial Ground walls** – work completed and invoice for £600 + vat (as agreed) paid at this meeting.
- **Mynyddbach noticeboard** – following response from A1 Carpentry, and Clerk’s research on costs of new noticeboards (£358 for wood from Caldicot Joinery, or up to £1,250 + vat for man-made materials (Greenbarnes Ltd, Brackley, Northamptonshire). Council resolved to purchase a new board from

Caldicot Joinery.

Issues being pursued by County Councillor Down

* **Dumping of Waste at Ridge House Stables** – Planning Inspectorate decision on 1.2.16 was to quash the Enforcement Notice for ambiguity. Council to consider pursuing a complaint of maladministration against Mon CC. (See 'Public Participation' above).

- **Reported footpath obstruction** on F/paths 119/120 (Ridge House Stables), formal complaint made (as above) to Chief Executive Officer, Mon CC over the length of time Conditions to the planning approval are taking to be enforced.

This point was referred to the Principal Officer for Countryside for assessment of current position, response received 9.11.15 with same info as that received from M Lewis on 21.10.14. After 2 reminders on 12 and 24.11.15, response received and circulated 1.12.15 – some progress as a draft path order is now being prepared with the agreement of the landowner. No timetable on further progress but this Council will be consulted by Mon CC at the pre-order and notice stages. Clerk to pursue with Countryside Officer. Clerk to request progress report.

- **Traffic calming scheme** – Shirenewton speed survey report received from G Kinsella and circulated on 8.1.16 (also copies placed on noticeboards and in Parish Magazine). C Cllr Down is liaising with the police to arrange a Community Speed Watch at Shirenewton. A Public Meeting to gauge local interest is likely to be held mid-March. Clerk to ask CC G Down if date has been arranged.

E-mail from G Kinsella, Mon CC on 12.1.16 advising that he is seeking support from the police re a 20mph speed restriction through Shirenewton. Clerk to follow up.

Minute 3342 - Items of local concern (information only)

- Clerk reported that the two affordable houses being built at Blethyn Close are nearing completion.
- A defibrillator is likely to be installed at the Huntsman Hotel with local residents being trained in its use.
- Problems were reported by the owners of New Shire Farm, they have contacted Mon CC and Enforcement and are considering making a formal complaint to the Chief Executive of Mon CC.

Minute 3343 - To receive items of correspondence.

1. E-mail from Jim Keech, Tree officer, Mon CC (circulated 13.1.16) to advise of the removal of two diseased mature lime trees at Shirenewton Hall. These lime trees are to be replaced.

2. Letter from Gwent Federation of Young Farmers Clubs on 11.1.16, advising of the work they do in the Gwent communities and requesting financial support.

3. Letter from Caldicot Area Appeals Committee, National Eisteddfod on 25.1.16 advising that the Eisteddfod is to be held in Monmouthshire in 2016 from 29 July – 6 August and requesting a donation.

Consultations received:

Welsh Government

- UK Policy Framework for Health and Social Care
- New UK Guidelines on Alcohol Consumption
- Mandatory Quality Standards for new, rehabilitated and existing homes

Minute 3344 - To present short reports from meetings attended.

- The Chair had attended the One Voice Wales Area Committee Meeting on 21.1.16 when a presentation had been received on superfast broadband. It was stated that of the 5 areas in Monmouthshire without superfast broadband, 4 would be installed March/June and the 5th at Wolvesnewton in September 2016, although these dates were not guaranteed and the further away the property from the 'green cabinet' the slower the broadband speed.

Minute 3345 - Date of next meeting:

Monday 7 March 2016 at 7.30pm at Shirenewton Recreation Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45 pm.