

SHIRENEWTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

Present:

Councillors:

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| 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, Llanfair Discoed

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. (Voting: unanimous).

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. (Voting: 5 for/1 against/1 abstention).

3. Appeal E6840/C/15/3141535 Land at Whitemill Water Treatment Works, Mynyddbach. Appeal against an Enforcement Notice.

Council resolved not to issue a response to this appeal.

Minute 3349 – Finance - to approve items listed for payment

Expenditure (by Standing Order)

Clerk's salary/allowances - February 2016 £604.09
(Salary increased/tax reduced for 4 months to recover overpaid tax to HMRC)

Clerk's Pension (Council & Clerk's contribution) - February 2016 £150.80

Items for payment

| Payee | Reason for expenditure | Amount £ | Cheque No. |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Clerk | January expenses | 72.09 | 101293 |
| Merlin Waste | Specialist bin emptying (Jan & Feb) | 54.24 | 101294 |

Council resolved to make all payments as listed.

Council agreed to advertise requests for annual grant applications for 2016 in the April issue of the Parish News, applications to be considered at the June meeting.

The Clerk left the room prior to consideration of the next item.

Minute 3350 – To consider an annual incremental increase to the Clerk's salary

Council resolved to increase the Clerk's salary by one incremental point, plus 1% government increase from 1.4.16.

The Clerk returned to the room.

Minute 3351 – To discuss a Community Speedwatch initiative.

County Councillor Down advised that a Public Meeting to gauge local interest will be held week commencing 9 May 2016 in either the Recreation Hall or the Saysell Centre. He will confirm date and venue as soon as possible.

Council also discussed the traffic calming scheme which appears to be reducing the speed of traffic according to recent Mon CC analysis. Clerk to contact Mon CC to enquire when VAS signage will be installed.

Council considered two e-mails from residents regarding speed restrictions on the B4235, one was for information only and the other is to be passed on to Highways Department, Mon CC for their consideration.

C Cllr Down left the meeting at this point.

To consider The Queen's 90th birthday celebrations on Thursday 21 April

Following contact with local organisations, one positive response received from PCC,

Clerk to follow up.

Council offered to fund cost of Recreation Hall for activities on the day, if available. The event is to be advertised in the Parish Magazine.

Minute 3352 – To consider entering the Best Kept Village Competition 2016.

Council resolved to enter the Competition again this year.

Minute 3353 - To receive the Clerk's Report

Issues being pursued by the Clerk

- * **Telephone kiosk** – amendments to draft lease sent to Star Legal on 29.2.16.

Advised by BSSB that Caldicot Glass had sealed and weatherproofed the kiosk. Checked on 18, 24 February and 2 March 2016, all dry inside.

- **Mynyddbach noticeboard** – ordered new board from Caldicot Joinery as agreed by Council, likely to be ready mid-March. They will erect. Old board taken down on 3.3.16.
- **Changes to OWL notifications** – following reminder on 22.2.16, received from PCSO Thorpe on 26.2.16 and circulated. Council concerned at potential for data protection issues. Requested that PCSO Thorpe attend March meeting to explain further.
- **Fencing of Earlswood field** – Cllr I Moore has checked and confirmed work completed to a good standard and hedge cut. Invoice to follow from tenant.
- **2016/17 grass cutting contract** – quote received from Mon CC of £1048 for 14 cuts, which the Council resolved to accept. Rec Assoc to advise Clerk of irregular cutting and whether occasional 'cut and collect' before an event is required.
- **Damaged tree** at entrance to Clearview reported to J Keech, Tree Officer, Mon CC on 22.2.16, branches have been cut and cleared.
- **Reminder of joint meeting between MoD, Shirenewton and Caerwent CC's** at Caerwent Training Area offices on Thursday 21 April 2016 at 2pm. Clerk to request the meeting is re-scheduled as it clashes with the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations.

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. Following the Special Meeting on 16.2.16, Council made a complaint of maladministration against Mon CC to the Financial Services Ombudsman on 22.2.16 but this could not be pursued. Advice was sought from One Voice Wales who suggested seeking a meeting with the CEO of Mon CC to discuss progress, which Council resolved to follow up. Cllr I Moore offered to attend, C Cllr G Down to also be invited to attend. Council noted that a replacement enforcement notice is to be served at Ridge House Stables

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.

No timetable on further progress but this Council will be consulted by Mon CC at the

pre-order and notice stages. Clerk requested progress report – response from Annette Evans on 18.2.16 – requested update from Countryside Manager. E-mails received 22 & 26.2.16 and circulated.

Minute 3354 Items of local concern (information only)

- A defibrillator is to be installed at the Huntsman Hotel and local people trained in its use. The British Heart Foundation like four to be installed in the area, so far the school is also interested.
- The AGM of the Recreation Association will be held on 21.3.16 and this Council should have a nominated representative. This appointment will be considered at the Council's Annual Meeting on 9 May 2016.
- Chair to contact BT to enquire of the future of the telephone kiosk at West End which is looking sadly neglected.
- Chair advised that he will not be attending the April meeting and Cllr B Moore (Vice Chair) will chair in his stead. He also encouraged members to consider the appointments and positions they wished to take on the Council, which will be confirmed at the Annual Meeting in May.

Minute 3355 - To receive items of correspondence.

1. Letter from the Teenage Cancer Trust Wales explaining their work and requesting financial support.
2. Letter and petition from Nick Ramsay AM – 'Save Monmouthshire from Abolition'.
3. Letter from Forresters Car Club to inform of a Car Rally to be held in the Caerwent Training Area on Sunday 27 March 2016 from 6.30am – 5pm.
4. Letter from Tenovus Cancer Care, Cardiff, informing of their work in Wales and requesting a donation.

Consultations received:

Monmouthshire County Council

Consultation on proposal to legally establish a Welsh medium secondary school, Ysgol Cymraeg Bro Teyrnnon, Newport. Consultations sessions will take place at the Civic Centre, Newport on 7.3.16, 3 – 5pm and 11.3.16, 10am – 12 noon.

Department for Natural Resources

National Development Framework draft statement of Public Participation (Closing date 25.4.2016).

Welsh Government

- Setting the Direction for Wales and Borders Rail.
- The draft Private Dentistry (Wales) Regulations 2016.
- Changes to Water Abstraction Licensing Arrangements in England and Wales (New Authorisations).
- Shared Purpose: Shared Future, Statutory Guidance for the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.
- Supporting Learners with Healthcare Needs
- Amendments to the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (Wales) Order 2016, the revised Code of Conduct to be adopted at the Annual Meeting on

9.5.2016.

Minute 3356 - To present short reports from meetings attended.

There were none.

Minute 3357 - Date of next meeting:

Monday 4 April 2016 at 7.30pm at Shirenewton Recreation Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25 pm.