

SHIRENEWTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 5 September 2016 at 7.30 pm
at Shirenewton Recreation Hall.

Present:

Councillors:

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

Also in attendance:

County Councillor G Down
Mr S Pritchard and Ms M Mussell, Rights of Way Officers, Mon CC (arriving at
7.40pm).
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.

Cllrs M Lenza, and I Martin.

3. The monthly police report.

The police report was distributed prior to the meeting, there were no officers in attendance. During the month there had been a shed break-in at Crick and a car fire in Wentwood, there had also been three separate calls regarding off-road biking in Wentwood which had been brought to the attention of the Natural Resources Wales Community Support Officer. There had been two calls to Brookacre during the month.

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 3419 - To disclose personal and pecuniary interests in any item of listed business.

There were none.

Minute 3420 - to consider planning applications received.

1. DC/2016/ 00937 Little Mill, Bully Hole Bottom, Earlswood
Discharge of Conditions 4, 5, 6 ,8, 10 and 12 on previous application DC/2015/00317 -
conversion of existing barn/games room/workshops to single family dwelling.

Council recommended approval of the discharge of the listed conditions. However Council was concerned to note that there are two public footpaths through the site which do not appear on the application, they are 380/30 and 31 and should remain accessible to the public at all times

This Council would remind the Planning Department of its comment in July 2015 in response to the previous application DC/2015/00617, that because of its historical importance the mill race be retained intact.

2. DC/2016/00826 Pear Tree Cottage, Old School Hill, Mynyddbach
Demolition and replacement of garage and new front porch to house.

Council noted that the proposed garage would be approximately 2 1/2 times the size of the current one, with a pitched roof. The proposed garage would not be visible to neighbours

and would not require alterations to access. Council recommended approval with the following recommendations:

- that the proposed work does not encroach on the footpath alongside the property;
- that the current access to the agricultural ground belonging to Yew Tree Cottage is kept available to them.

3. Highways Act 1980 – Sections 26,118 & 119. Proposed Public Path Orders. Public Footpath No. 119 (part), 120 (part) and 201, Shirenewton.

Mr S Pritchard and Ms M Mussell, Rights of Way Officers, Mon CC attended the meeting to explain the realignment proposals and distribute maps of the affected routes. They explained that the Open Spaces Society, the Ramblers Association and the four affected landowners were content with the proposals. Council requested that Mon CC officers keep a watching brief to ensure that signage, arrow markers and stiles, etc are correctly installed to allow access to the public.

The Chair thanked Mr Pritchard and Ms Mussell for their input and they left the meeting at 8.05 pm.

Council recommended approval of the realignment of Right of Way 120, but not the proposal for Right of Way 119. Council recommended further study of the route of this Right of Way and suggested that it run behind the barn, rather than between the buildings through the stable yard, following route D - F - G on the map.

Minute 3421 - Minutes of the last meeting – minutes of the meeting held on 1 August 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:

- Community speed watch initiative - no further progress, newly appointed officer responsible for Traffic, Jo Bull, is willing to attend a meeting, C Cllr Down still pursuing;
- Traffic calming scheme – C Cllr Down advised that the absence of white lining in the centre of the village should make motorists stop and think. A speed restriction is planned at the entrance to Shirenewton on the Crick Road, then 20mph through the village. C Cllr Down agreed to pursue Enforcement regarding visibility at the approach to the village from Spout Hill.

It being 8.40 pm, C Cllr Down left the meeting at this point.

Minute 3422 – Finance - to approve items listed for payment

Expenditure (by Standing Order)

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

Items for payment

Payee	Reason for expenditure	Amount £	Cheque No.
Clerk	August expenses	63.30	101324
Clerk	Purchase of wood treatment materials for benches/table	48.16	101325

Merlin Waste	Specialist bin emptying (July & August)	54.24	101326
Gillett & Johnson	Annual maintenance of church clock	180.00	101327

Council resolved to make all payments as listed.

Minute 3423: To consider revised model financial regulations.

The Clerk had prepared a list of amendments/additions to the current financial regulations which the Council reviewed. It was agreed to put forward the amended regulations to the next Council meeting for approval and adoption.

Minute 3424: To review a quarterly financial update (April – June 2016).

Council reviewed the quarterly budget, showing material variations, and noted a potential overspend of £1000 by the end of the financial year, based on current spending. Council agreed to take no action at present but to review at next quarterly update.

Council noted that Cllr R Kopp, being neither Chair nor a cheque signatory, verified and signed the quarterly budget, relevant bank statements and the detailed list of payments made at each meeting during the quarter.

Minute 3425 – To receive a website update

Cllr Lenza was not present at the meeting, there were no issues to report.

Minute 3426 - To receive the Clerk's Report

- **Best Kept Village Competition 2016** – Competition results will be announced in September.
- **VAS signage repair/replacement** – no further progress. Clerk to contact Graham Kinsella, Mon CC.
- **Assets** – Wood treatment has been purchased and left with K McCorriston on 18.8.16 so Youth Offending work group to start 31.8.16. Clerk checking insurance cover in place. Risk Assessment form to be signed and returned.
- **Steel containers in the countryside** – all containers have been removed.
- **Enlarged gateway, Newchurch West** – Enforcement case no: E16/170
- **'Dinwood' wildlife pond** – Guy Delamere, Enforcement, Mon CC is monitoring progress.
- **Grasscutting of Recreation field** – complaint from G Hughes regarding irregularity of cutting resulting in grass on football pitch being so long as to be unplayable by league football team. Grass on football pitch then cut and collected by Mon CC, field also cut, then all cut again a week later (11.8.16).
- **Damaged litter bins at Rec car park** – two litterbins knocked over by a lorry turning in the car park, one bin damaged beyond repair. Contacted T Hopkins Ltd who agreed to pay for replacement bin. Contacted Mon CC to order replacement and cost of reattaching bins to concrete bases - £320. Informed T Hopkins Ltd of the cost 22.8.16.

- **Joint meeting between MoD and Shirenewton/Caerwent CC's** – Monday 21.11.16 at Caerwent Village Hall from 6pm. Curry supper included.

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

Council finalised appeal response to the Planning Inspectorate at August meeting, result likely in October.

Proposal for diversion of footpaths considered at this meeting. Council approved the proposal for path 120 but suggested re-routing 119.

Minute 3427 - To consider Deed of Covenant regarding community benefit from ReneSola.

The Clerk reported that Mathern CC is also agreeable to pursuing this claim and that the Deed must to be signed by representatives from both Councils. Council resolved to pursue monetary payment, rather than the solar panel option. Following telephone conversation on 1.9.16, ReneSola seem keen to make the payments. C Cllr Down advised that having researched community benefit payments in the past, he felt the offer of £20,000 between both Councils over 10 years was ungenerous. Council agreed to try for a higher payment and inform Mathern of this decision. Cllr B Moore suggested that members consider future events/projects that could be funded by this source of finance.

Minute 3428 - To discuss agenda items to be put forward to cluster meeting on 14.9.16 from 6.30 – 8pm at Chepstow Community Hub.

Council agreed that Cllr B Moore and the Clerk attend the initial meeting with the following agenda items to be put forward:

- - Quality of communication between T&CC's and Monmouthshire CC,
- - Planning - retrospective applications, non-compliance with Conditions and permitted development,
- - Enforcement - the length of time taken to progress issues and the poor quality of Enforcement notices.

Minute 3429 - To receive items of local concern (information only)

- The installation of high speed broadband in Earlswood – Chair to follow up.
- Overgrown hedges at Bluebell Lane – local resident has offered to cut them.

Minute 3430 - To receive items of correspondence.

Council noted receipt of the following correspondence:

1. Diary Marker - Invitation to two members of the Council to the Wye Valley AONB Partnership Tour, 23 September 2016. Formal invitations to be issued in early September. Cllr K Morton to attend.
2. Information from GAVO on The Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Living Memory Project Funding (from 1.7 to 31.11.16 – the 141 days of the Somme Centenary) – consider the possibility of a joint project with the SLHS? Clerk to contact SLHS.
3. Invitation from GAVO to attend next Monmouthshire Development Network meeting on Tuesday 1st November 2016 from 9.30am – 12.30pm (venue tbc). Main focus will be 'Assessment tools for measuring impact of community based social investment'.
4. Invitation from Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent to attend a meeting at

Cwmbran Police HQ to outline his vision from 10 – 11.30 am on 12 September 2016.

5. Invitation from the Chairman of Mon CC to a Charity Afternoon Tea and Tour of Caldicot Castle on Sunday 25 September from 3 – 5pm. In aid of his chosen charities.

Welsh Government Consultation

- Welsh Language Standards: Improving services for Welsh speakers within the Health sector
- Welsh Language Strategy
- Planning Policy Wales (closing date 30.9.16)
- Consultation on the new Flood and Coastal Erosion Committee (closing 3.11.16)
- Proposed changes to how Environmental Impact Assessment applies to Town and Country Planning

Minute 3431 - To present short reports from meetings attended.

- Give Dog Fouling the Red Card meeting 18.8.16 attended by the Clerk. A Red Card Awareness Day involving Environmental Health and the police is to be held on 8.9.16 in the Rogiet and Magor areas will be raised. The Clerk collected a box of 5000 red dog waste bags for distribution in the community.
- Planning application DC/2016/00566 The Cayo Farm. A member of the Council attended the Planning Committee site visit on 22.8.16 to raise concerns about the additional work being undertaken that was not included in the planning application i.e., removal of front porch, relocation of exterior chimney stack and further extension to an existing first floor. The Councillor was informed that all additional work was 'permitted development' and did not need planning approval, therefore the Council's concerns were baseless. Clerk to contact M Hand, Head of Planning for more information on work that is classed as permitted development.
- The Chair reported that the Clerk's annual appraisal had taken place and some points will be raised at the next meeting for consideration.

Minute 3432 - Date of next meeting: Monday 3 October 2016 at 7.30pm at Shirenewton Recreation Hall

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