

Shirenewton Community Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of Shirenewton Community Council held on May 10th 2010 at Shirenewton Recreation Hall.

Present:

Councillors:

J Harvey
R Mitchell
Mrs E McCombe
Mrs S Saysell
J Eede
Mrs B Leaf
C Eickhoff
Mrs S Squires
Ms B Moore

Apologies:

Councillor: K Morton
PC Cowburn

In attendance:

County Councillor Graham Down
Ms Glynis MacDonald
Mrs C Jones Clerk
33 members of the public

Police report

10/4 Electric fence stolen at Earlswood.
12/4 Theft of a trials bike from a garage at Shirenewton.
13/4 Concern for an elderly female in Shirenewton.
16/4 Report of fly tipping at Great Barnets Wood.
17/4 Window damaged by a football at Shirenewton.
19/4 Suspicious vehicle at Earlswood. Yellow pickup.
23/4 Accidental 999 call from a child at Earlswood.
24/4 Report of 2 motorcycles at Cadira Beeches.
25/4 Concern for an elderly female at Shirenewton.
26/4 Attempt break in at Shirenewton at 0230H. Alarm set off. Intruders fled, possibly in a Ford Ka.
29/4 Accidental 999 call from a child at Shirenewton. .

Complaints received that car is again parked outside house opposite TA Car Park despite the fact that there is a space at side. This has been reported to PC Cowburn

Reminder that there is a joint PACT /Neighbourhood Watch meeting at the Huntsman on 12th May.

Minute 2427 To disclose personal and pecuniary interests in any item of listed business.

None declared

Minute 2428 To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on April 12th 2010

The Minutes of the meeting were agreed as a true record

Minute 2429 Planning

1. DC/2010/ 00253 Brook Acre, Earlswood

Change of use of existing dwelling house to four placement children's home

A large number of residents attended the meeting with the vast majority opposed to the application. Three people representing Care UK also attended the meeting. The residents had elected a speaker to put forward their objections (see attached) Care UK responded to the objections and also answered questions from the floor and from Cllrs. It was apparent that there was grave concern amongst the residents.

Recommend refusal by a majority vote for the following reasons

- **H11 (b) UDP states 'Adequate space around the home is provided (separate from car park areas) to ensure that the amenity of neighbouring properties is protected and that sufficient amenity space is available for residents of the home'** - This property is not isolated as indicated in the application and there is inadequate space surrounding the property to entertain children
- **H11(c) UDP states 'The facilities are located to allow full, easy and safe access for disabled people and elderly people'** -The split level design does not comply with regulations for disabled access and provision for such access is not included in the application
- **H11 (d) UDP states 'The development is located within easy reach of public transport facilities'** - public transport only passes a mile away hourly in each direction on weekdays. No transport at all on Sundays and bank Holidays.
- **Planning Wales states The courts have held that perceived fears of the public are a material planning consideration that should be taken into account in determining whether a proposed development would affect the amenity of an area.** - There is a real public fear about the possible consequences of housing troubled children
- **Other concerns raised**

School too far away - two hours travelling daily

Lack of local facilities to entertain children

Shoot being established across the brook which could possibly endanger children

Lack of employment for local people in this business opportunity

2. DC/2010/00167 The Willows, School Hill, Mynyddbach

Formation of conservatory over garage

Recommend approval

3. DC/2010/00167 Latimer Farm, Earlswood

New agricultural livestock and storage building (revision of M/6268)

Recommend refusal

- **Building is too large for proposed use - size and design looks more suitable for a house than an agricultural building**
- **Proposed building is to provide accommodation for up to 12 suckler cows but there is no mention of waste disposal, water or electricity in the application.**
- **No detail about environmental impact e.g. slurry**
- **Height may possibly be greater than the cottage**

N.B. We would draw attention to the clause in previous application M/6268 i.e. this building should not be converted to a dwelling in the future.

Items of local concern

Minute 2430 To consider production and printing of Annual Newsletter

It is envisaged that 300 copies will be produced at an approximate cost of £50. Copies will be handed out at the Fete in June. Remaining copies may be placed in local pubs. Cllrs were asked to send any appropriate pictures to Cllrs Eede or Eickhoff

It was agreed that Newsletter will be produced by Cllrs Eede and Eickhoff in time for the Village fete
C/FWD

Minute 2431 To receive details of Deposition obtained from Cllr White re Owain Glyndwr status of field at Blethyn Close

Cllr Harvey has written to Cllr White and is awaiting a reply

C/FWD

Minute 2432 Items of local concern - information only

A reminder was given to Cllrs of the importance of concerned residents attending the Planning Appeal for affordable houses that will be held in the Church hall on May 20th.

Mynders Cottage. Considerable concern has been expressed about the excavations at Mynders Cottage and especially about the amount of hedgerow that has been ripped out. Enforcement and Countryside departments will look into this.

C/FWD

Concern was also expressed about the timing of this i.e during the nesting season. Cllr Leaf agreed to discuss this with the Environment Agency

C/FWD

Hedgerow has been ripped out and an opening created opposite the Huntsman Hotel. Again Enforcement and Countryside departments will look into this

C/FWD

It was reported that trees have been taken out at Bluebell lane, upwards from Castroggi Castle. The newly appointed Trees Officer will investigate and report at the June meeting

C/FWD

The Clerk was asked to look into the new entrance that has been created at Lower Weyloed, Mynyddbach

C/FWD

There appears to be a proliferation of signs in Earlswood, some commercial advertising signs

C/FWD

Box Tree Cottage. It would appear that the residents since demolishing the main building a few months ago are now residing in the garage

C/FWD

Church Clock, Shirenewton. Still problems with the North face. Awaiting engineer's report

C/FWD

The Clerk reported that she was meeting on 11th May with Steve Lane from MCC Highways and a representative from The Recreation Association Committee regarding the drainage situation on the Car Park. Problems had arisen because when the main road was resurfaced and the roll over at the entrance to the car park was removed and not replaced. This allowed excess rainwater coming down the road to enter the Car Park

C/FWD

Minute 2433 Short reports from meetings attended

Highways Surgery Caldicot One stop shop 13th April

Cllr Squires was disappointed to have to report that when she turned up for this meeting no one was aware of it! She spoke with Paul Keeble at MCC who apologised for the misunderstanding and agreed to meet Cllr Squires on 26th April on the B4235

Traffic Calming / B4235 Roadside meeting 26th April

Cllrs Squires, McCombe, Moore and County Cllr Down met with various members of MCC and Gwent Police to address the concerns re excessive noise and increased motorcyclists on the B4235 (see attached report)

C/FWD

Environment Committee update

Meeting to be held on 17th May

C/FWD

One Voice Wales Area Committee 15th April

Cllr McCombe

Discussed situation of new policies for Public Events. Gwent Police are absolving themselves of responsibility for events. There may be ad hoc Police presence and Police will respond to incidents. Ring 101 for details if you are holding an event.

Progress is still being made with Charter.

New schedule of Training for Cllrs is being drawn up

Minute 2434 To consider Financial Matters

a) Bills presented for payment

Clerk's salary less pension deduction	433.90
Clerk's pension (council & Clerk contribution)	102.82
Stationery and Expenses	18.93
S Hughes refurbishment of Shirenewton Notice Board	200.00
Noah's Ark fund (on behalf of P Brabon in lieu of payment for internal audit	50.00
SLCC Annual Membership	95.00

b) The Shirenewton notice board has been refurbished and looks very good. It was agreed to ask Mr Hughes to re-furbish the Mynyddbach notice board
C/FWD

Minute 2435 Clerks report on update of items from previous meetings

Written report previously e mailed to all Cllrs

1. Allotments /Affordable Housing, Blethyn Close

Date for second meeting with Steve Greenslade and Debra Hill-Howells set for June 21st (after Planning Appeal)

2. Update on planning applications

Ref:	Address	SCC recommendation	MCC decision
DC/2010/00068	Seaview Nursery, Earlswood	Approval	Approved
DC/2010/00186	Stonehouse Farm, Newchurch West	Approval (agricultural)	Approved

3. Enforcement issues

I wrote re additional sheds to single one that was approved in planning application at bottom field in Mynyddbach. Also expressed concern about top of field once again becoming an eyesore. Officer will visit
C/FWD

4. Other Planning issues

MCC advise that the opening at the top of the Green lane is wider than was approved. MCC will also investigate other complaints regarding new roadways in area
C/FWD

5. Rights of Way

I made a request to Rights of Way regarding the stile and footpath sign at Wentwood Mill. Still awaiting response
C/FWD

6. Highways

New grit bin installed as requested near Church in Shirenewton

COMPLETED

7. Destruction of daffodils in Mynyddbach

I received an apology from MCC who will ask the Contractors to take more care. The sign is one we requested quite some time ago. I have received one complaint from a resident regarding the type of sign used.
COMPLETED

8. Best Kept Village

Road sweeper currently cleaning street of winter debris. Rob Edwards has very kindly offered to plant up the

centre village planter. He has also agreed to make the boxes we require for the flower displays underneath the two main Shirenewton signposts.

C/FWD

9. Moles

Cost of removing moles from play area would be £65 plus VAT. Technician would continue to visit area until it is totally mole free. Guarantee for one month. It was agreed that this would be too expensive.

Correspondence
Outstanding Magazine Spring / Summer 2010

Minute 2435 To confirm the date of the next meeting
The next meeting was confirmed as being June 7th at Shirenewton Recreation Hall

Chairman.....

Date.....