

SHIRENEWTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the remote Council meeting held on Monday 10 May 2021 at 7.40 pm

Present:

Councillors: Mr P Butterworth (Chair), Mrs J McKenna, Mrs L Brown, Mr K Dunn, Mr A Williamson, Mr I Martin, Ms E Nigogosian, Mrs E Chapman, Mrs E Wixcey, Mrs H Adams.

Also in attendance:

Mrs H Counsell (Clerk to the Council)

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting which followed on from the Annual Meeting, he thanked all present for their attendance.

1. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from:

There were none.

2. Issues raised by members of the public

- data request from resident 15.3.21 – FOI response ongoing. There was no discussion of this issue at the meeting.

- the future of the Tredegar Arms pub – it was reported that the freehold was on the market and that three pub companies were interested. Council to await developments.

- query regarding the Tan House pub – enforcement case raised by Mon CC.

- query regarding reducing speed of traffic through Shirenewton – Clerk to respond.

3. To receive the monthly police report.

Council noted the police report as follows:

17/4/2021 – Report of off road bikes in the Grey Hill area of Wentwood.

22/4/2021 – Report of an abandoned vehicle in Wentwood . This was found to be burnt out the following day. NRW and the council were informed to organise its removal.

25/4/2021 – Report of 30 -40 motorbikes using the B4235 between Shirenewton and Usk . The caller felt intimidated by the way they were riding along in between other road users.

26/4/2021 – Report of a vehicle crashing through a fence into a residents garden in the Earlswood area . All parties are aware and information exchanged.

3/5/2021 – Report of a 4x4 vehicle entering Wentwood and driving where they shouldn't be.

9/5/2021 – Report of a vehicle stopped by officers on the Crick road. The driver was arrested for drug driving offences and the vehicle recovered.

Please remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity/crime via either 101 or 999 if you deem it an emergency. If it is low level you can report via email contact@gwent.police.uk

4. Minute 4121 - To disclose personal and pecuniary interests in listed business.

Cty Cllr L Brown took no part in the discussion or voting on Agenda Item 6, Planning Matters, as she is a member of Mon CC's Planning Committee.

Cllrs A Williamson and E Chapman – Planning Item 6.1.

5. Minute 4122 - To confirm the minutes of the meetings held on the 12th and 19th April 2021.

The minutes of both meetings were confirmed as true records.

6. Minute 4123 - To consider planning matters.

1) DM/2021/00648 7 Orchard Rise, Shirenewton

Two storey side extension to dormer bungalow.

Council noted that the proposal appeared to match the existing and was sympathetic to the existing appearance, also that no comments or objections had been raised from neighbours. The Council had no objection to the proposal. Voting: 7 for (unanimous)

2) DM/2020/00663 Well Cottage, Shirenewton to Wentwood Mill Road

Raised decking from 0m to 1.30m the front of the property, the decking will run the width of the front of the property 20ft and extent out 10ft into the garden and will be 1.30m above ground level due to property built on slope, the decking would not overlook anybody's property.

Council noted that no detail was given as to the materials to be used nor the design including balustrading. Also that no objections or comments had been raised from neighbours. Council had no objection to this proposal. Voting: 7 for (unanimous)

3) DM/2019/01614 Hill View Cottage, Shirenewton

Non material amendments in relation to planning consent DC/2012/00631 (appeal decision) - 2no. velux rooflights to outbuilding, 2no. slated canopies over front doors and 1no. slated canopy to side elevation over side entrance. Council had no objection to this proposal. Voting: 7 for (unanimous)

7. Minute 4124 - Finance –

Expenditure (by Standing Order)

Clerk's salary/allowances -	April 2021	£678.40
Clerk's Pension (Council & Clerk's contribution) -	April 2021	£250.99
(Includes £58.33 towards £700 pa LGPS pension deficit)		

Payments

Payee	Reason for expenditure	Amount £	Vat £	Total	Cheque No.
Mrs H Counsell	Expenses – April 2021	50.30		50.30	101632
Merlin Waste Invoice No: 4520	Bin emptying – April	43.33		43.33	101633
Distinct IT Inv: 21919	Remote support to website	30.00	6.00	36.00	101634
SLCC Inv: MEM234855	Membership 2021/22	144.00		144.00	101635
BHIB Ltd (Insurance) Inv: 505886	Annual insurance renewal (3 year deal)	675.70		675.70	101636
Planning Aid Wales Inv: CTC OT 22/21	Training – Planning Enforcement (J Mck)	30.00		30.00	101637

- Council resolved to make all payments as listed.
- Council noted that payment had been received for the annual rental of Earlswood Recreation field.
- Council agreed to purchase a memory upgrade to the Clerk's pc, from 4gig to 8gig at a cost of approximately £30-40.

8. Minute 4125 – To approve the updated Five Year Plan

Council amended then approved the previously circulated Plan.

9. Minute 4126 - Update on 20 is Plenty Road Safety campaign

- The online petition had 203 signatures. Cllr Wixcey had analysed the postcodes and found that 85% were local or nearby. It was agreed that the petition and an accompanying map of requested speed reductions be presented in full by C Cllr Brown to Mon CC's meeting on 24th June 2021. Cllr Wixcey to provide any updates to C Cllr Brown by 21.6.21.
- Cllr Dunn to arrange a press release with photos at the time. (Cllr Wixcey and Nigogosian to assist).
- Cllr Nigogosian to arrange with Playgroup for winning school road safety posters to be put up in windows of the recreation hall during UN Global Road Safety Week 17 – 21 May 2021 for people to view while socially distancing.

10. Minute 4127 – Update on Local Biodiversity Action Plan

Cllr Williamson had circulated version3 prior to the meeting. He will make contact with the five partner organisations. Also check on whether biodiversity audits are needed on land this Council owns and, if so, their requirements. The LBAP will need to be reviewed every three years – next review cycle due in 2022.

11. Minute 4128 – Update on Hard Path Project

The Chair and Cllr A Williamson met with M Moran of Mon CC and a contractor and quantity surveyor on site on 15.4.21 to supply an estimate of costs for the path and options for boardwalk and drainage. Clerk to pursue. It was further noted that activities to suit older children and teenagers be considered for the upgrade of the recreation field.

12. Minute 4129 – To consider an Annual Report on the Council's priorities, activities and achievements

The draft Annual Report had been circulated prior to the meeting by the Chair. The report was considered and approved.

13. Minute 4130 - To receive reports from the County Councillor and the Clerk

County Councillor Brown advised that there would be no report this month because of reduced activity due to the pre Senedd election period.

Clerk's Report:

Hill View Cottage, Shirenewton (DM/2019/01614) – Enforcement case E19/130.

Amended planning application received for velux roof lights (rear to remain, front to be removed). Application considered under Agenda Item 6.3 above, Council had no objection to the proposal.

Mobile Post Office – mobile service now running following lockdown. Service operates from Caldicot PO, which is to be sold (4 years remaining on lease). Advised PO Manager that we need to access the service urgently. Clerk to pursue.

Footpath 320/30 – Earlswood Road to School – Update from Mon CC on 5.5.21, SCC to meet with Mon CC on 7.6.21 to look at repairs and replaced boardwalk to ensure all requirements have been met.

Bus shelters:

Earlswood – rebuild completed, contacted Mon CC 6.5.21 to ask when barriers will be removed. **West End** – resident informed Clerk that high winds have damaged the roof pine end and tiles. Clerk requested Mon CC to inspect on 8.5.21

Play area at Shirenewton – Metal liner ordered for Glasdon litter bin at Recreation Hall. Members to inspect play area in June to decide on replacement equipment.

White posts along verges to mark 'Nature Isn't Neat' – requested Mon CC to reinstate them 23.4.21.

Martha Gellhorn Purple Plaque – to be installed at Kilgwrrwg on Friday 2 July 2021 at 2pm, SCC to receive one invitation to attend (if still limited to 30).

Summer planting – Council agreed to the purchase of compost and plants.

Request from WI – permission requested to install a plaque at The Spout, showing it is maintained by the WI. If successful, WI will request a grant from SCC.

Reports to My Monmouthshire

8404131 - Chapel Road, Earlswood – potholes and erosion of road edges – done, requested a revisit 23.4.21.

8403404 – Argoed Road, Earlswood, potholes and erosion of road surface – done, requested a revisit 23.4.21.

8403192 – Blacksmiths Lane, Shirenewton, blocked road drain – actioned.

8722853 – Under road drain at 'Montrose'

8722992 – flooding manhole at Mounton Court – actioned.

8723101 – flooding manhole at The Row, Shirenewton – actioned.

9332742 - blocked culvert between Bushes Farm and Cherry Farm, Earlswood – under review.

8845210 – damaged Keep Left sign at Shirenewton centre – under review.

9152188 – parked cars in Shirenewton, informed on 19.3.21 that hope to respond within 28 days.

9649325 – 'Tan House Court' signage – reported 26.4.21

Reported missing finger post footpath sign at Tan House Court on 6.4.21

14. Minute 4131 - Items of local concern –

- Tan House pub – Clerk to contact Planning Dept. regarding living accommodation.
- Report of motorbikes speeding/noise on B4235 – Cllr McKenna to respond.
- Suggestion of one way system around Blacksmiths Lane – Cllr McKenna to respond.

15. Minute 4132 – Meetings attended.

Cllr McKenna attended the One Voice Wales area committee meeting – minutes circulated.

16. Minute 4133 - To receive correspondence as per attached schedule.

Council noted receipt of the following correspondence:

Covid 19 arrangements during pandemic - Various information and guidelines during the coronavirus outbreak and lockdown from 21.12.21 and subsequent easing of restrictions from the Welsh Government and One Voice Wales.

Future Chepstow – Invitation to contribute to the Chepstow Place Plan – Focus Group meetings May 18th 4 – 5.50pm and May 25th 2 – 3.30pm

17. Minute 4134 – date of next meeting – Monday 7th June 2021 at 7.00pm at the Recreation Hall, Shirenewton if the lockdown is lifted, if not, the meeting will be by Councillors remote attendance.

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