

## SHIRENEWTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held at Shirenewton Recreation Hall  
on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025** at 7.00pm

### **Present:**

Councillors: Cllr P. Butterworth (Chair), Cllr G Mitchel, Cllr I Martin Cllr C Martin

### **Also, in attendance**

Geoffrey Todd – prospective Councillor

- 1. Minute 5000 – To Receive Apologies for Absence**, L Brown, County Councillor and J McLagan (Clerk to the Council)
- 2. Minute 5001 – To confirm the minutes** from the Shirenewton Community Council meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 as a true record.  
The minutes were approved by the Council.
- 3. Minute 5002 – Public Participation** – Geoff attended as prospective Councillor for Earlswood and was welcomed by the Chair and introduced to the present Councillors
- 4. Minute 5003 – To Disclose personal and pecuniary interests.** None Declared by Councillors

### **Items for decision**

#### **Minute 5004 – To Consider 2 Planning Matters**

- 1. DM/2023/01198** Coombe Farm Reconsultation Planning - Erection of 2 additional poultry units and associated infrastructure on established poultry farm.

Councillors may recall that planning consent has been given for the above notwithstanding SCC's request for monitoring of contamination to nearby water courses which has not been made a condition.

However, the planning documents available at the time of the decision did not include an Environmental Impact Assessment.

Various reports, as to ecology, odour and ammonia, have been submitted. The planning consent was subject to SUDS approval and MCC's SAB officer has commented :

*Surface Water Drainage The application has sort of identified a means of surface water discharge (rainwater harvesting, infiltration, watercourse, surface water sewer or combined sewer). The applicant should provide/confirm that they own all the land between the site and the Castorgi Brook over which discharge is proposed. We would prefer to see this overland flow directed with a swale across the field to direct flows to the Castorgi Brook. The details of the drainage will still be subject to SAB approval. Due to the area of the works they will require SAB approval so please include the informative below on the decision notice. We would advise they contact our team on [SAB@monmouthshire.gov.uk](mailto:SAB@monmouthshire.gov.uk) as soon as possible to arrange a pre application discussion prior to submitting the SAB Application. SAB approval is a pre commencement requirement therefore this should be in place prior to any works commencing on site. The proposed discharge rate will need to be reduced to the greenfield rate for the site also which may impact the sizing of the pond feature. The pond also proposes what appears to be a 5m high embankment on one edge which would not be accepted by the SAB. The routing of the discharge across the open fields will also need to be better managed and again could cause refusal of a SAB application. As per the note above we highly recommend that the applicant seek a SAB Pre Application discussion.*

The preparation of the EIA has been delayed as will be seen from the following extract from

applicant's surveyor to MCC's planning officer :

*As discussed, NRW changed their guidance on ammonia emission last month. They have reduced the emission factor for broiler chickens by 30%, but are now allowing no reduction for heat exchangers. As a result, we need to alter the scheme which will involve new ammonia modelling, removal of the heat exchangers, and addition of air scrubbers to the new sheds.*

Councillors may wish to consider whether to defer consideration of the issues when the full EIA is available.

Recommendation : SCC may have further comments and/or objections and reserves its position to do so when the full Environmental Impact Assessment and consultee comments on it are available.

### **Recommendation - agreed by unanimous vote**

2. **DM/2021/01398** Land near New Shire Farm, Usk Rd, Earlswood - Change of use of land to allow for the siting of a mobile home and installation of ground work and drainage. To provide a mobile dwelling adjacent to existing track and demolish and reconstruct existing shed to be used as Dairy and stable and for storage of relevant farming machinery. To enable the proprietor to manage her land and care for her livestock for local produce and ecology.

Shire Farm is accessed via a track from the lane that runs from the Gaerllwyd crossroads to Bully Hole Bottom and consists of 6.8 hectares (16.8 acres) of organic agricultural pastureland and some woodland with natural spring. There are three existing sheds that were used for hay and wood storage and shelters for sheep, pigs and horses. It was purchased in October 2018 from Mr and Mrs Lewis who used the farm to graze sheep. It sits in the upper Mounon valley and as such is not prominent in the landscape.

The application includes a bespoke timber relocatable mobile home (think park home) having 2 bedrooms both ensuite, a kitchen/diner and a utility room. The footprint is some 13m x 7m; construction is with SuperTherm Insulation in a timber frame and wooden cladding (colour not mentioned) to passive haus standard. The roof is grey metal cladding, and there is to be a package sewage treatment plant. The applicant advises the proposal does not include the gain, loss or change of use of residential units as this is intended to be temporary accommodation. There is no existing accommodation on site.

The existing field shelter is to be demolished and replaced with Sheep Dairy and Stable with drainage, and a solar panel array installed over.

The applicant lives in Chepstow. The purpose of the mobile home is to provide temporary overnight accommodation during busy lambing periods. The proposal is not intended to be taken as an application for a potential dwelling, as the applicant appreciates that the land available to her limits the amount that she is able to physically produce and do on the farm. There is insufficient justification for a full time employee or permanent occupation.

A permanent dwelling such as this in the open countryside would breach MCC planning policy. The applicant seeks a temporary consent. Councillors might wish to consider whether it is a necessity to have overnight accommodation when the applicant lives within 20 minutes, although shelter from the elements and sanitary facilities might be. Councillors will also be mindful that a temporary planning consent can accidentally become permanent and that the laying down of a concrete foundation base for the home with no wheels might imply an inappropriate degree of longevity on site.

Recommendation: Refusal because the temporary mobile home is in fact a permanent structure and breaches MCC planning policy for building in the open countryside. SCC are not

persuaded that the home is justifiable in support of an activity which appears to amount to hobby farming lacking current and future financial viability and employment prospect. Were MCC nevertheless minded to grant consent, SCC requests conditions :

that the permission expires in 5 years from its date at which time the structure is to be removed and the land is to be restored to its original state of pasture

that the mobile home shall not be occupied other than as temporary overnight accommodation and solely in connection with the rearing of sheep on site.

that the external finishes and colours of the mobile home be subject to MCC approval.

### **Recommendation - agreed by unanimous vote**

- 3. DM/2024/00131** Reserved matters for Eleven Dwellings adjoining Clearview Court to include - access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale

Councillors have considered various applications for this site for which planning consent for 11 dwellings has been granted subject to reserved matters. In summary SCC commented in March last year :

Access – lack of turning point and future maintenance

Appearance – box style housing lacking cohesion with the village

Landscape – provision of 2 copses welcome but need TPOs

Layout – comparative scale and height relationship only shown for 1 house; shared surface for parking impractical; service routes not shown

Scale – housing only very large with very small affordable homes not conducive to social integration and represents overdevelopment. Phasing should ensure the affordable housing is built first.

Electricity supply and main sewer inadequate

Revised plans have been submitted. In essence, there is now a single access off the narrow road and orientations of some of the houses have been changed. There is still no turning point on site for emergency or indeed any vehicles and no visitor parking provision.

Local residents have raised objections :

- 1. I would also like to highlight that this new plan relies on all properties accessing the site via what is basically our current easement. The applicant has made no attempt to contact us or our legal representative in the last 12 months to discuss this. These plans also incorrectly show our boundary and include part of the easement in the garden of a new plot. Furthermore, the Highways have strongly objected in the past to so many vehicles accessing the lane right on the junction so I am surprised to read that they now have no objections to this. I would be very interested to understand why what was once a significant safety concern for drivers and pedestrians is no longer a concern.*
- 2. This site has had planning applications since December 1990, with 35 years of various incarnations and layouts. Full planning was approved in November 2016 with amendments December 2018 for 7 dwellings. A new application for 11 dwellings was posted also in December 2018. So the process started again. Outline permission was granted in May 2019, but ...the Section 106 document wasn't published until February 2021. Our biggest concern with this latest plan is regarding the safety of the access and exit onto the highways. The latest layout plan has suddenly become a single access road for 11 new houses plus 2 existing, and also with the potential for the applicant to apply for planning for a further 3 houses in the future. The access has been an issue for the plan all along...yet it has reverted to the current design which was deemed inappropriate by*

*Monmouthshire Highways. In 2019 Monmouthshire Highways department specifically highlighted that the existing access is unacceptable on the grounds that it is inappropriate in size and orientation and that this is their view regardless of the number of dwellings proposed. It was agreed after consultation with Highways, that the mouth of the access was moved away from the junction as per the approved application for 7 houses - 1662 PL-01 Rev B August 2016 Fast forward 6 years and all of sudden this decision has been forgotten about and the access is now considered safe and appropriate?! As we use the access every day we know it is not a safe and straightforward manoeuvre onto the highway and the visibility is very poor. Has anybody from planning stopped and looked at the site entrance which is also immediately adjacent to a track accessing 3 other houses and directly on the bend of a main entrance to Shirenewton? Another point regarding highways is the change for it to become an adopted road. This has previously been avoided, and is minuted in the Council outline planning meeting. I am presuming because it's on the edge of a rural village and the road in which this development will spur from is a little country road. It is therefore going to look and feel very out of character having an adopted road off a much smaller rural highway. Has any thought been given to this point? As the Application is so old, the Traffic surveys, wildlife surveys, surface water surveys are all out of date, and Planning have required the applicant to retake these surveys. The only responses to this are a rehash of the GIMP (Green Infrastructure Management Plan) from 2018, with no new evidence and an email saying the SUDS - surface water had been sorted. The latest documents which were published 12th February 2025, but dated 10th December 2024 don't include documents mentioned in the correspondence between the developer and Planning, Site Layout Plan RM-117 Rev 04 Surface water drainage plan RM-118 Rev - 01 Highway Engineers drawing MSL-XX-DR-C-SK02 Rev P-02 All of which are crucial to look at. Please can these be posted on the planning portal.*

3. *We accept that there will be a house on Plot 01 and have always requested that the siting of any buildings, is such as to minimise the impact on the facility and privacy of our main habitable room (lounge) on our eastern elevation which has patio windows leading on to our eastern patio and garden area. The 10th December 2024 proposals now show a house which is positioned on the northwest side of a line extrapolated from the northern elevation of our property. We would request that any approval from the Council stipulates that there should be no further encroachment of that house in a southeasterly direction. The plan submission of 10th December 2024 shows that our legal access along our eastern boundary has been preserved by a strip of land between us and Plot 01 boundary. It would appear that the planned boundary of Plot 01 is in part to be a brick retaining wall. It is not clear whether the wall is inside a fence or has a low fence topping it. In any case it should be made unobtrusive and no higher in total than the 1.8 metres specified for the other fencing. Care should be taken to preserve visibility at the mouth of the driveway that we share with two other properties and the line of sight to traffic coming from the lane to the right and the new development. The proposed plantings at the northwestern corner of the development site should not be such that could grow into an obstruction to that line of sight.*

County Councillor LB has raised the following objections :

*ALTERATION OF OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION - A wholesale revision of the outline planning permission with a massing of the height, size and bulk of the larger houses (compare the site layout in the outline permission with the proposed site layout in the reserved master stage). - Larger houses now have an integrated garage with bedrooms above as opposed to a single garage, creating a greater differential with the 4 x 2 bedroomed affordable properties which appear now to be much smaller in comparison, meaning they are less integrated into the development.*

*TYPE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING - MCC housing indicate the preferred mix is at least one 3 bedroom affordable properties and local residents have indicated that for young local families this is preferable as opposed to 4 x 2 Bedroom small affordable dwellings. - Whilst*

*affordable housing is welcome in the village it is important it has a local criteria as the age demographics needs to encourage young families which require 3 bedroom properties as opposed to 2 bedroom ones. - Affordable housing should be integrated within the development and not seen as so significantly smaller.*

*MISMATCH HOUSING OPPOSITE - The bulk of the larger housing, height and lack of gaps impacts the residential amenity of a nearby property including the parking area of one residential property; - There is housing on the opposite side of the road but this is a new 11 house development on the entrance to the village, the problem being that the road itself is very narrow and the road is higher on this new development side of the road meaning the lack of distance and the proposed heights will result in a development which is overbearing even further exacerbated by the increased bulk and size of the larger houses causing an overdevelopment of the site and an overdevelopment of the individual plots. 1 - No consideration appears to be given to lowering the foundations of the properties to lower the height differentials in view of that side of the road being much higher than housing on the opposite side or designing them as much needed bungalows. - Comments have indicated that the height differentials are incorrect as they relate to the plots and one and a half storey properties or bungalows would be more appropriate in this location. -The materials being proposed should not use timber cladding and the finish, colour and quality materials should match those in the houses on the opposite side of the road.*

*LANDSCAPING - A number of responses have mentioned landscaping concerns in relation to this proposed development.*

*LACK OF STREET LIGHTING IN SHIRENEWTON - There are generally no street lights in Shirenewton and consideration has to be given to the impact of such lighting on the horizon and this entrance to the village and on nocturnal animals.*

*UNSAFE EXTRA AND MAIN ACCESS CONCERNS - There are access concerns due to the main access being substandard and close to the junction, the access may be blocked by the array of refuse collection bins causing a further road safety hazard at this junction. - In addition there have been comments to indicate that the additional access is also unsafe and should spur off the main access to provide a better turning circle. - Access needs to be reconsidered so that emergency vehicles can turn and there is adequate bin provision which does not obstruct the access.*

*HOURS OF CONSTRUCTION AND KEEPING A TIDY AND SAFE SITE - Consideration needs to be given to the fact that the existing main access is used for walking primary school children to school from the existing properties at the top of the track and consideration of safety and hours of working need to ensure children's safety and residential amenity during construction works. - A construction statement needs to ensure that the site is kept in a safe, tidy and secure state during all of the period of construction with regular cleaning of any debris on the track and nearby road from construction vehicles for the residential amenity of nearby residents and any mud would be a traffic safety risk as access is close to the junction. - In view of the time lag between the outline and reserved matter application of 3 years there are concerns about the staging and the time for the completion of the site and the impact on residential amenity for nearby properties and that the affordable housing is not left to the end stage.*

*WATER, SEWERAGE AND ELECTRICITY CAPACITY CONCERNS - Water already drains from the main access and runs down Spout Hill and it is noted that there is a holding objection in relation to surface water and sewerage disposal at this site, as no details are given. -The main sewerage pipe which covers Shirenewton, Pwllmeyric, Mounton and Mathern is at overcapacity and whenever the water table rises it still leaks sewerage out of the manhole covers in a field in Pwllmeyric despite some pipe relining work and adding housing to this main pipe whilst this pipe is not fully repaired, will result in even more sewerage spillage into Mounton Brook. 2 - There is no provision for EV charging in this development and it may*

*beyond the village capacity.*

*CONDITIONS IN OUTLINE NEED TO BE FULLY INCLUDED WITH ADDITIONS - The outline planning permission put in a number of conditions and it is important that the reserved matters does so as well and the concerns raised at the planning committee stage for DM/2018/ 02066 be fully considered.*

*TRANSPORT PLAN FOR 2018 OUT OF DATE AND CONTRARY TO NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY - The residents for the site will largely rely on car transport contrary to the national planning policy and the transport study is out of date being undertaken in 2018.*

*OVERBEARING AND OVERDEVELOPMENT In summary, the planning committee needs a site visit to witness the narrowness of the road and how the height of the proposed development and the size, bulk and height of the proposed housing may be considered to be both overbearing and an overdevelopment within the context of opposite and surrounding existing properties. For the above reasons and in view of the concerns/ objections I wish to refer this application to the planning committee.*

Councillors may wish to support the residents' and LB's comments (and as added to by a local resident).

Recommendation : Objection. SCC repeats the objections set out in its previous response dated 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024 and supports and endorses comments of County Councillor Louise Brown and local residents recorded on MCC's planning file.

**Recommendation - agreed by unanimous vote**

5. **Minute 5005 – Finance:** To approve a list of expenditure as detailed

**EXPENDITURE AND INVOICES – April 2025**

**Expenditure -**

Clerk's salary/allowances.	Mar 2024	£862.78
Clerk's Pension (Council 25% & Clerk's contribution)	Mar 2024	£334.88
HMRC Employers NI Contribution	Mar 2024	£219.87

**Payments**

Payee	Reason for expenditure	Amount £	Vat £	Total £	Cheque No
C Martin	Monthly Microsoft 365	8.60	1.72	10.32	BACS
C Martin	Monthly Google storage	1.33	0.26	1.59	BACS
Clerk	Clerks Expenses March	56.13		56.13	BACS
Merlin Environmental Services Ltd	March Collections – Invoice	127.40	25.48	152.86	BACS
Chepstow Accountancy Services Ltd	Inv March Payroll Clerk Inv3027	25.00		25.00	BACS
MCC	Dog bin signs Inv 70255376	82.00	16.40	96.40	BACS
Andy Orrell	Planter	10.00		10.00	BACS

Bank Charges Lloyds		0		0	
Bank Charges HSBC		5.00		5.00	Deduction
To fulfil Expenditure	Transfer			1800.00	Transfer

#### **Breakdown of Clerk's expenses 31st March 2025**

Mileage = 81.40 @ 45p = £36.63 (30.8 miles x 2 & 19.8) meeting, Appraisal & notice boards.

Purchases = £17.50 ink 50%

Electric for meeting £2.00

**Total = £56.13**

The above list of liabilities was approved by the council subject to the MCC invoice for dog signage being produced.

#### **Items for Discussion:**

- 6. Minute 5006 - Earlswood Field Rental** – Biodiversity report & lease. Cllr I Martin reported that MCC has been requested to accept confirmation that the prospective grazers tell us they will have a farmer come and collect the manure, though as they have in mind to graze up to 4 ponies the amount of waste is likely to be quite small, and that as the field is bounded on the road side by hedging and a field gate for access, and the other boundaries are a combination of hedging, trees and other vegetation, and as there are no ponds or watercourses in the field and the change of use does not involve removal of any GI, there are no losses, though a bird box can be put up on one of the trees if it would help to meet MCC's biodiversity enhancement requirement notwithstanding the size of the field and its abundant green boundaries means this is unlikely to make a difference.
- 7. Minute 5006 Cllr Vacancies** – Geoff confirmed he would attend the next meeting
- 8. Minute 5007 Clock Update** – nothing further to report to date
- 9. Minute 5008 VE Date** - Cllr C Martin reported that the Church had approached her with a view to offering assistance with the event. With only 6 weeks to go SCC were not in a position to host an event nor to procure the lighting of the beacon
- 10. Minute 5009 Audit** - Basic and required information - in the absence of the Clerk this item is held over to the next meeting
- 11. Minute 5010 Auditor** - in the absence of the Clerk this item is held over to the next meeting
- 12. Minute 5011 Bank Account** – Cllr C Martin chasing Lloyds Bank to change to charge free account
- 13. Minute 5012 Biodiversity** – Section 6 Reports 2025 (webinar) - in the absence of the Clerk this item is held over to the next meeting
- 14. Minute 5013 Footpath by Shirenewton School email** – MCC now assisting the school to remedy

#### **Items for Information**

- 15. Minute 5014 To receive report from County Councillor and Clerk**

County Councillor Brown advised:

### **Democratic Services Committee on the 10<sup>th</sup> of March 2025**

The Democratic Services Committee looked at the Electoral Review Consultation, in view of the short period to respond. The review is examining the number of councillors per electoral ward. It will not impact Shirenewton ward as it is expected that the projected population size will still be represented by one ward Councillor in the forthcoming elections in 2027. The Committee supported the methodology that the number of councillors should be between 41 to 48, it is currently 46 councillors.

The Committee concluded that the council should be allowed flexibility in a suitable size of the Council once the electoral review for Monmouthshire starts. A consensus could not be reached on Welsh names but recommended that the Commission use bilingual names.

However, in relation to the consultation on the Senedd elections for 2026 the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission Wales will use Welsh only names. So that Monmouthshire paired with Torfaen becomes Sir Fynwy Torfaen. It is not clear when the changes may be made for the County Council elections, whether or not it will be for the 2027 or 2032 elections. The Welsh name for Shirenewton Ward is Drenewydd Gelli-farch. I have argued in favour of bilingual names as I do not believe that the Welsh name for Shirenewton is locally recognised by the majority of local residents. The reports on this Committee can be found at the following link:

<https://democracy.monmouthshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=142&MId=6345>

### **Individual Cabinet Member Decisions- 26<sup>th</sup> of March 2025**

The decision was to increase the offer to Monmouthshire Foster Carers in view of the cost of private providers. The full report can be found at the following link:

<https://democracy.monmouthshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=147&MId=5733>

### **Place Scrutiny Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> of March 2025**

The Place Scrutiny meeting discussed the maintenance of the Nedern, particularly throughout the Castle grounds Caldicot. The Committee also discussed the Bats and Habitats regulations appraisal. It became apparent that there would need to be a bat report for the proposed site in the RLDP at Shirenewton at the planning report stage if approved as a site in the RLDP due to the location of hibernating bats near the Carpenters Arms. The meeting was largely one of discussion as opposed to reports and can be watched at the following link:

<https://democracy.monmouthshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=303&MId=5831>

### **Cabinet Report on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 2025**

Following on from the Democratic Services Committee as reported above, the Cabinet approved the consultation response as set out in appendix 1 of the report. The following link provides the detail of the response from Monmouthshire County Council:

<https://democracy.monmouthshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=144&MId=5759>

### **Public Services Committee on the 7<sup>th</sup> of April 2025**

The above committee will consider highways responsibilities and funding as well as potholes and repairs. The following is a link to the meeting:



<https://democracy.monmouthshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=260&MId=5842>

### **County Council on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2025.**

The County Council on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2025 will consider a report on the Constitution review and the Senior Leadership pay review together with motions and questions. The provision of services such as milk for schools and care contracts has to follow a procurement process. However, one of the motions is about promoting locally sourced goods and services prompted by the concern of care contracts in relation to a non-local provider. The following is a link to the meeting:

<https://democracy.monmouthshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=143&MId=5746>

Report was taken as read.

### **Clerk's Report**

Clerk submitted a full report of duties completed and tasks in progress.

Report was taken as read.

### **16. Minute 5015 – Police report -**

↑ Crime Category	Crimes
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>
Violence With Injury	2
Violence Without Injury	2
All Other Theft	1
Misc Crimes Against Society	1
Public Order Offences	1

The table above shows us the top crime categories for this month.

The Table breaks down for us the crime categories.

Violence with injury there are two reports of this.

The first report is of a dog on dog attack, no persons were Injured and both parties dogs are okay and no further police action is required, both dog owners are sorting this out amongst themselves.

The second report relates to a male turning up unwanted to an address. No person has been harmed and the unwanted person was swiftly taken away from the address by police.

All other theft, this is relating to a stolen rolex watch from a hotel local to the area. A report has been made retrospectively so that the loser of the watch can claim through their insurance. The watch was stolen in December but only now being reported as stolen.

Misc crimes against society. This is a report of a male laying on the hard shoulder. This report did not match the incident details. A male driver has hit a wall this morning and as he was driving along the A48 he stopped and led on the floor to change the tyre on his vehicle. The male was assisted in this by our traffic department who swiftly arrived to help the man.

Public order offences. A large black horse was startled by oncoming traffic in a single lane. This caused the horse to freak out and run loose. The horse was later caught up with by the owner and returned to the stables.

Last Month speed monitoring had taken place along the Earlswood road.

The average speed of vehicles was 20mph however there were a few vehicles that did travel along the road over the speed limit. These vehicles and drivers were pulled over and spoken to regarding the manner of their driving. This was accompanied along with performing vehicle checks to ensure they had insurance MOT and road tax etc.

All vehicles were to be in order just drivers speeding. After some words of advice drivers were then coming along the road the correct speed limit.

A total of 60 cars were checked through our speed monitoring gun and the average speed of these vehicles was 20 mph.

These speed monitoring checks will continue in to this month of April.

- 17. Minute 5016 - Meetings attended** – Cllr C Martin attended the Multi Agency meeting 17<sup>th</sup> March with County Councillor L Brown who requested warning signs for horses on the Usk and Earlswood Roads. Cllr C Martin to submit what three words locations to the panel. The next meeting is in June.

Cllr P Butterworth attended the Recreation Committee March meeting

**18. Minute 5017 – AOB and ward reports**

It has been reported to a Councillor that there was a man dressed in black sat on the white line along the Usk Road in the middle of the night. A local resident stopped and checked on the man who appeared to be under the influence of drugs. Cllr C Martin to report the incident to the Police.

It has also been reported to a Councillor that there was an issue regarding drainage of the field beyond the candidate site next to Reddes Land. It was considered to be a civil matter beyond the scope of SCC.

- 19. Minute 5018 Correspondence as circulated.** Report was taken as read

- 20. Minute 5019** - Councillors agreed the date of the next meeting as Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7.30pm, and AGM to be held at 7.00pm by public meeting in Shirenewton Recreation Hall or remotely via Google Meet

There being no further business the meeting closed at approximately 8.40pm.