MINUTES OF CAERWENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL THURSDAY 10th OCTOBER 2024

Present: Councillors P Murphy

M John (Chair) J Guscott E Sherwood K Swift

Also Present: Mrs AM Spooner (Clerk)

M4407 Apologies

Councillor Evans on holiday Councillor Dalton personal reasons

M4408 DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Councillor P Murphy Caerwent Community Centre Trustee
Councillor P Murphy MCC Planning Committee Chairperson
Councillor M John Standards Committee MCC Member

M4409 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no chair announcements

M4410 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12th September 2024

To note that these have been agreed remotely for accuracy and to be posted on the Council website

M4411 15 MINUTES PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation

M4412 POLICE REPORT

Council noted the detail of the report was good Six crimes were reported including 3 Violence without injury 2 Violence with injury 1 Public order offence

Regarding the above offences 3 were of a domestic nature and no further detail was given.

2 involved traffic, one being a hit and run road collision and this investigation is ongoing. The other was speeding which involved aggression when challenged by a member of the public and therefore constituted a public order offence. The other incident was a dog bite which thankfully was a minor one.

Action Clerk to thank CPSO Wall for the level of detail in his report.

M4413 PLANNING

DM/2024/00516

Proposed modest two storey extension to create larger Kitchen/Dining on the Ground floor with Home office over.

Rear Barn Manor Farm St Bride's Road Netherwent Monmouthshire NP26 3AT

Council Recommends Approval subject to materials used remain in keeping with the area.

DM/2024/00945

Remove existing stone wall and metal gate to entrance and replace with stone wall and new gate

High Brow Road

From A48 To Dewstow Road

Fives Lanes

Caerwent

Monmouthshire

NP26 5P0

Council Recommends Approval subject to the conditions set by MCC are adhered to.

DM/2024/01183

Householder Dormer to Garage Roof

31 Merton Green

Caerwent

Monmouthshire

NP26 5AT

Council Recommends Approval

DM/2024/01069

Planning Permission Situating a converted 32x10ft shipping container on the farmyard to be used as a local shop selling our produce (direct from farm) and other local produce from the nearby area.

Lower House Farm

Road From Dovecote Barn

To A48 Llanfair Discoed Monmouthshire

NP16 6LX

Council Recommends Approval

Council would like to see appropriate cladding used in keeping with the local area

DM/2024/01190

Triple detached garage

Skeviot Farm

Bowdens Lane

Magor

Monmouthshire

NP26 3ALpolicies

Council Recommends Approval subject to applicant meeting the MCC policies

Council noted receipt of email regarding CAS-03076-T1S2G2 from PEDW in regard to Land North West of Holly Lodge.

As perNACL Scales

M4414 FINANCE

To consider balances/payments approval as per financial schedule dated October 2024

These were approved

Balances at 30th September 2024 Charitable £19,236.92 Business £7,687.97 Petty Cash £43.27

Clerk Salary

HMRC

£226.40

Llanvair Landscapes

£864.00

Merlin Environmental

£483.84

Bradbury Farm Rent

£15.00

Aardvarc (August)

£260.00

Aardvarc (September)

£280.00

Defib Pads (Woodlands Tavern)

£58.00

British Gas

£20.40

Plants and Bulbs (PCash)

£30.51

Visa Debit Card Petty Cash

£100.00

Bills Received After The Agenda Is Published

Handyman Visual Inspections

£73.44

To agree quote for remedial Caerwent play area work £185 + vat Council agreed quote.

Action Clerk to notify MCC

To agree quote for Tree Work as per QTRA inspection £655

Council approved quote Action Clerk to notify MCC

To receive Quarterly Budget Figures for July August and September 2024 Councillors discussed the figures.

There was a query about the precept figure for Church Maintenance recorded on the Quarterly Budget Sheet. This was different to the precept document.

Action Clerk to amend

Councillor Swift also queried why we are paying bank charges.

Action Clerk to ascertain

To receive Audit Wales Report for 2023 -2024. Discuss and approve any recommendations

In light of the report and recommendations, Clerk to investigate financial software package recommended by a nearby community council.

This would enable the council to improve the financial reporting to the community and auditors.

Action Contact Realtas Group

Action Clerk to contact Audit Wales regarding the query of the balance figure in the Report.

Agree 3-year energy plan renewal (British Gas)

This was approved.

Action Clerk to confirm with British Gas.

M4115 TO RECEIVE REPORTS Clerks Report

Green Fly Tipping

Clerk has delivered a letter of concern to resident of Canon Lane in regard to tipping garden waste over the fence onto the trail at Caerwent Playing Fields. There has been no response to date.

An email from another resident concerned about the incidences has been received by the clerk. Resident thanked and asked them to remain vigilant.

To date the fly tipping as not been removed.

Clerk reported to MCC

Action Clerk to report to Nigel Leaworthy at MCC

Visual Inspections

Visual Inspections have been carried out on the 14th,21st 29th September and the 5th October. The issues have been reported to MCC.

Handyman

The handyman has agreed to rectify the entrapment problems at Caerwent Playing Fields. He has also agreed to put up and take down the poppies for Remembrance week.

He will be available until the end of November.

Action Clerk to contact handyman as to where poppies are to be sited

Defibrillators

Defibrillator checked for readiness at Caerwent Coach and Horses and Woodlands Tavern.

New defib pads required for the defibrillator at The Woodlands Tavern, Llanvair Discoed.

Christmas Tree

Coloured lights have been ordered

Action Clerk to put siting of Christmas Tree on the next agenda

Dog Fouling

Clerk has recently attended Give Dog Fouling The Red Card Meeting

The Impact Day went well in Caerwent and the officers spoke to a number of dog walkers.

The signs for the PSPO have gone through the design stage and should be installed during the winter months. There will be a cost to the council, but that has not been disclosed as yet.

Clerk discussed the dog bin at Cadw Barns overflowing and the litter bins overflowing at the Caerwent Road Bus stop. Sue Parkinson suggested that she and the Clerk could walk around the village and look at position of bins and this would include Crick.

Keep Wales Tidy

An update. The BBC wish to interview Mike Barnfather for one of their programmes.

Cenotaph

Planters have been refreshed with new flowers for the Autumn.

Trees

The "leaning" trees near the Playing Fields are being investigated by Monmouthshire Housing Association.

Action Clerk to contact Nigel Leaworthy for an update

Clean Air

A resident has enquired as to whether the Council have any data on air quality in the area. Clerk has referred to Environmental Health.

Police Surgeries

CPSO Toby Ward is looking to hold a number of surgeries over the next couple of months. He is keen to engage with the community.

Social Media

Report of someone being chased in the early hours of the morning whilst out running.

Action Clerk to alert CPSO regarding this post

Church and Chapel notices.

Youth Club notices. Some disappointment that Year 6 pupils are unable to attend. MCC media notices.

CADW notices

Missing Bins

Road Report

Training Reports

Councillor John has been on recent training regarding Finance and Governance. He will report back on any recommendations at the next meeting.

Representative Reports

Councillor Swift has received two concerns from a resident of Crick.

Firstly there is a lot of overgrowth between the wall bordering the Care Home and the Crick Road. This a narrow road serving a lot of traffic and pedestrians and the overgrowth is compounding any issues.

Action Clerk to contact Highways

Secondly, the resident reports an increase in speed of traffic now that the road has been resurfaced. The resident would like to see a site meeting with MCC, Highways, Local Councillor and Police.

County Councillor Murphy agreed this in principle.

Action Clerk to contact other agencies to see if this can be organised

Working Party Reports

Further progress has been made by the "task and finish" group regarding the community survey. There are a few amendments to be made to the questionnaire and then decisions will be required as to how the survey is delivered.

Action Clerk to arrange a further meeting with Councillors Swift and Sherwood

M4116. TO DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

Clerk has liaised with both churches in Caerwent and the usual format to be conducted.

Road Closure request has been sent and approved by Highways.

Road Closure signs have been ordered

Action Clerk to remind department responsible a week beforehand.

To ascertain who requires wreaths

Clerk to contact bugler

Councillor Guscott to lay the wreath this year.

M4117 TO NOTE THAT THE APPLICATIONS FOR CAPITAL GRANT FUNDING ARE NOW OPEN

Council noted and clerk has already informed Caerwent Community Centre and Village Hall committees.

The council encourage the committees to apply.

M4118 TO AGREE PURCHASE AND SITING OF DEFIBRILLATOR AT CRICK

The purchase and siting of the defibrillator was approved.

Action Councillor Swift and Clerk to research best price.

M4119 AS PER STANDING ORDERS THE MEETING WAS EXTENDED BY 15 MINUTES

M4120 TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES ON ISSUES AT DINHAM WARD

Councillor Sherwood reported improvements made in relation to skip, parking and some mowing of the grass.

Still issues to be resolved. Councillor Murphy to seek further clarification on outstanding works including the street furniture and frontages at the flats in Ash Tree Road.

M4121 TO DISCUSS NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR WORK CARRIED OUT BY HANDYMAN

It was agreed that members of the community council would carry out weekly visual inspections.

Action Clerk to contact MCC that after November we wish to resume monthly inspections of the play areas and that photographs are accurate to the time of the inspections as this can be confusing otherwise.

Other work carried out by handyman to be discussed at next meeting. Councillor Swift asked if more poppies could be displayed at Crick this year.

M4122 AS PER STANDING ORDERS THE MEETING WAS EXTENDED BY ANOTHER 15 MINUTES

M4123 CORRESPONDENCE
ROAD WORKS REPORTS MCC
QUOTES FOR TREE WORK
TRAINING INFORMATION PLANNING AID AND OVW
OVW CONSULTATION ROLE OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MONMOUTHSHIRE MEADOWS NEWS

M4124 HIGHWAYS

To include information on speed data received via illuminated signs at East Gate Caerwent.

To raise any issues

The speed data for Roman Road had not been made available for the meeting so will need to be discussed at the next meeting.

There are a number of potholes emerging in the single road between A48 and Llanfair Discoed.

Action Clerk to report to MCC

M4125 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Christmas Tree Community Survey Financial Software Crick Defibrillator Handyman Duties Analysis of Speed data on Roman Road

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

AMSpooner Clerk to the Community Council