

MINUTES OF CAERWENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
14th September 2023
HELD AT CAERWENT COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present:

Councillors:

P Murphy
M John
P Dalton
E Sherwood

Also Present AM Spooner (Clerk to the Council)

3 Members of the Public

M4184 APOLOGIES:

Councillor K Swift
Councillor K Evans
Councillor J Guscott

M4185 DECLARATION OF INTEREST ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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| Councillor P Murphy | MCC Planning Committee | Chairperson |
| Councillor M John | Standards Committee MCC | Member |
| Councillor P Dalton | Caerwent Football Club | Football Coach |

M4186 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 13th JULY 2023

These had been agreed remotely for accuracy and posted on the Council website.

M4187 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair welcomed Edwina Sherwood as the new councillor for Dinham Ward and he looked forward to working with her on the council.

M4188 TO NOTE AND DISCUSS RESULTS OF COMMUNITY GRANT VOTE FOR DINHAM WARD

Fred Weston Community Action Lead MCC., joined the meeting via TEAMS to update councillors on the project so far. Stage 1 is now complete and there has been a good response. The most popular requests are for a coffee shop at Cadw Barns; activity areas for enjoyment; community growing space and refurbishment of the Community Centre; seating and picnic areas. Traffic is also a concern for residents and more traffic calming measures were voted for. (There has been recent speed monitoring strips laid on the A48 which will be a source of good evidence) The second stage now is to hold a meeting with residents on Wednesday 20th September 7pm at the Community Centre to further discuss the voting and proposals. There will be a leaflet drop to residents and councillors were also

welcomed to the meeting. Mr Weston will email clerk of the findings and council agreed that this should be an agenda item for next meeting.

M4189 Public Participation

Residents discussed their concerns with planning and enforcement issues with regard to Land North West of Holly Lodge also known as the Water Pits.

DM/2023/01042

Change of use from agriculture to land for the keeping of horses (retrospective) proposed erection of stable block for 5 horses, erection of ancillary storage building, construction of manege.

Mr R Nasey thanked the council for their efforts in responding to the application and the amount of detail that was submitted.

Councillor Murphy gave reassurances as to the process being applied and would be communicating with officers at MCC as to the final date for objections on the matter.

Mrs A Davies also informed council that there had been further developments at the field at Shirefield where a load of stones has been delivered at the entrance gates. Councillor Murphy to investigate.

M4190 PLANNING

**To note planning applications considered during August
DM/2023/01042**

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**Land North West Of Holly Lodge
Road From A48 To Dewstow Road
Fives Lanes
Caerwent
Monmouthshire**

Council recommended Refusal (This was agreed during August when there was no meeting and ratified by members at the meeting)

***Highway Safety will be compromised due to poor visibility and limited passing place**

***There will be an increase in larger vehicles eg horse boxes, service /delivery vehicles/waste removal**

***Insufficient parking on hard standing given the range of vehicles likely to be using the site e.g., horse boxes, delivery/service vehicles with hay/fodder and for the removal of horse manure. This area is also used as a passing place by other road users.**

***A condition may be required regarding who will maintain the new hedge along the diverted public footpath, and particularly in response to the ecological report relating to nesting birds and bats**

***Protected and Priority species do not seem to be considered in the application other than to say that they would take measures in accordance with the ecological report. Some specific conditions may be required in line with the ecology report eg., bats and external lighting.**

***There seems to be little consideration of waste storage and collection e.g. horse manure, soiled stable bedding, potential foul odours and run off**

***There are existing concerns about the already installed cesspit**

***There are no specific detailed plans for temporary vehicles and buildings. We feel they should all be removed and not just at owner's discretion.**

***Illegal removal of hedgerows has already taken place and this has not been mentioned in the environmental report**

***There is a postcode error on the application and this leads to confusion as to who is the real owner of the land**

***There are concerns that the applicant has already enforced unauthorised works on the land**

***If MCC place a condition limiting regular visitors to the site to the applicant and her family, as suggested by the applicant in the supporting planning statement then it needs to be clear whether it is immediate or extended family.**

DM/2023/01038

Formation of 40m by 20m manege and associated works.

Glenview Farm

Ysgubor Kemeys Road

Llanfair Discoed

Chepstow

Monmouthshire

NP16 6LZ

The council recommended Approval

DM/2023/01147

Planning Permission

Erection of a timber style log cabin to provide holiday let accommodation and retention of a manege.

Dewstow Manor

Dewstow Road

Caerwent

Monmouthshire

NP26 5AJ

The council recommended Approval

DM/2023/01113

Planning Permission

The creation of a purpose-built Trench System that will serve as a military training facility.

Ministry Of Defence Caerwent Training Area

Dinham Road

Caerwent

Monmouthshire

NP26 5XL

The council raised no objections, but noted the absence of detail in the planning application. Council would like to see relevant supporting documentation on biodiversity issues.

To consider any planning applications received after despatch of the Agenda

DM/2023/01062

Discharge of condition no.2 of planning consent 23770

Ifton Quarry

Quarry Road

Dewstow

Caerwent

Monmouthshire

NP26 3TF

Council requires more time to consider the application as it has only just been received. Clerk to contact Planning Officer for an extension.

Clerk to contact Rogiet Community Council as Ifton Quarry is situated in their area.

M4191 TO NOTE AREAS OF DISREPAIR IN DINHAM WARD

Councillor Sherwood reported that the roads around Ashtree Road, Roundbush and Kilpale are full of weeds.

There are also railings and poles which are rusting and require attention.

Clerk to contact Grounds and Cleansing Manager at Mon CC.

M4192 TO UPDATE COUNCIL ON PROGRESS OF COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH AND RELATED TRAFFIC MATTERS

Clerk explained that the application process is taken longer than was thought. It is likely that we have enough persons to form a group.

Councillor Murphy reported that Caldicot Town Council are also hoping to form a Speedwatch Group and we might join forces to carry out the duties of the Speed watch groups when formed. Clerk to make enquiries.

Councillor Sherwood reported that there are several issues with parking and traffic in many areas at Dinham Ward. Councillor Murphy will contact Christian Lowe of Highways to request a site meeting.

M4193 TREES ON CAERWENT PLAYING FIELD

There has been a complaint to MCC regarding trees in front of St Tathans Place overhanging the trail.

Clerk to contact MCC Grounds and Cleansing for a quote to raise canopies.

M4194 COUNCIL TO APPROVE ROAD CLOSURE FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Clerk to complete documentation to close the road as per usual.

M4195 CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS

Council approved the quote for £840.00 + Vat for the installation and removal of lighting. Council felt that coloured lights arranged around the tree would be appropriate. Council also felt that a shorter wider tree would help avoid the problems we experienced last year with lighting.

M4196 TO NOTE DISCUSSIONS HELD AT CAERWENT MOD IN JULY

Notes of the meeting had been circulated and noted.

Councillor Murphy informed the council that he will be meeting the Leader and Deputy Leader of MCC in October to discuss planning proposals at the MOD.

M4197 TO NOTE PROGRESS ON WILDLIFE GARDEN AREAS IN CAERWENT PLAYING FIELDS

This will be an agenda item for next meeting as Councillor Guscott not in attendance. However progress is being made for the planting of the Heliotrope in the Autumn.

M4198 TO RECEIVE REPORTS

Clerk's Report

Social Media Report

Play Area Inspection Report

Time Capsule plaques, War Memorial

No further updates

Community Survey

No further progress

Clerk to contact Fred Weston Community Action Lead MCC for any support he can offer with this.

Highmoor Hill Phone Box

No further updates. Residents say there is no progress.

Police Report

Clerk has contacted PCSO No report has been received to date.

Clerk to contact Inspector Sowrey in order to progress the receipt of police reports.

Caerwent Playing Fields

Issues with scrambler on the field.

Handyman has painted large slide. Will progress to smaller slide with left over paint.

Work has begun on the Adventure Trail. MCC have been informed about the damaged mat under the swing. Quote for £166.00

Chairperson has contacted MCC about the state of paths running from the field.

Tree Canopies. Agenda Item

Nature areas. Agenda Item

Defibrillator

Clerk has contacted Phil Hill of Aneurin Bevan Trust ,Haden Tipples SaLC Community Co-ordinator NHS Wales Executive and June Thomas Jacks Appeal ABUHB regarding defibrillator at Crick. The Welsh Government donation scheme has closed now, but there may be one available in the future. Councillor Swift has been in contact with Crick Care home who would be keen to house a defibrillator. Current cost for a defibrillator is £821 and £575 for the casing.

Crick Care Home has recently been taken over by a new company so maybe they can be approached to ascertain interest.

Clerk was informed that there is a defibrillator at Parkwall Ambulance park which is managed by the ambulance service. There is also one at CHT Public Telephone 27M From 56 Caldicot Road 9M From Caldicot Road Portskewett inside the phone box. There was no indication as to who is the caretaker.

All defibrillators have been checked as per Circuit requirements

Handyman Report

The maintenance to bus shelters has taken place
Repairs to surfaces at Llanvair and Trewen play park have also been completed.
Health and Safety Checks of play areas carried out on the 7th 14th 21st and 28th August

MOD

Meeting with William Pike Training Officer at Dinham

This took place on the 28th July. Minutes were circulated.

Noise Level Report

For the period Monday 28th Aug 2023 to Sunday 01st October 2023.

The level of Gun fire and Noise Activity will be as follows:

Monday 28th Aug 2023 to Sunday 03rd Sep 2023. Medium.

Monday 04th Sep to Sunday 10th Sep 2023. Medium.

Monday 11th Sep to Sunday 17th Sep 2023. High

Monday 18th Sep to Sunday 24th Sep 2023. Medium

Monday 25th Sep to Sunday 01st Oct 2023. Medium

There will be Helicopter use throughout the whole month.

Clerk will now post in noticeboards, post office and local pub.

Litter Champions

The Litter champions held an impact evening in Caerwent .10 members turned out and featured on the CC facebook page.

Substantial amounts of litter are being picked up at Lawrence Crescent, Ash Tree Rd. and A48 some of this is fly tipping e.g. car parts

Dog Fouling

Lawrence Crescent has been added to Give Dog Fouling The Red Card “hotspots” as there has been some persistent offending.

There are also complaints of dog fouling at Highfield and St Stephens Close.

Clerk has ordered more A5 signs and will notify Sue Parkinson.

Clerk attended meeting of the “Give Dog Fouling The Red Card” meeting held virtually. Clerk to circulate notes of the meeting.

Highways

Fly Tipping removed at Crick by MCC, but more has been left in the same place. MCC have been contacted. However, MCC have said that this is private land so needs to be removed by the landowner. Clerk to make further enquiries as to who the land belongs to.

Stop Sign removed from Caerwent Crossroads MCC informed.

Social Media Report

Complaint about overflowing skip at Highfield
Church and Chapel notices
Advertising the Dog Show/Cancellation
Clerk position at Shirenewton Community Council
Damage to Hedgerow at residence
Caerwent Show Posts
Severn Bridge Closures
Dog Fouling
Scarecrow Trail
Missing pets

M4195 Finance

To consider balances/payments approval as per Financial schedule dated August and September 2023
To agree a date for next financial meeting
To note receipt of second precept payment for the year 23/24
To discuss current banking arrangements

Balances and Payments were approved by Council
Receipt of precept payment noted
Clerk to circulate dates for next finance meeting
Clerk to chase up new mandate form

M4196 CORRESPONDENCE

Monmouthshire's Road Works Reports August/September
Community Green Spaces One Voice Wales
MCC Monthly Play Inspection Report
Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Press release 09 08 2023 - Annual Report 2022 23
Llais: Press Release
BHIB Councils Insurance will become Clear Councils
Monmouthshire Meadows: August News
Wye Valley AONB Annual Study Tour 22nd September
Assistance from co-ord - Wildlife Garden Application
Green Flag Celebration Caerwent Meadows
You Decide Caerwent Report
Delivery of the Nature Networks Map
Community speed watch Invitation
Phil Hill, Senior Nurse & Doctoral Researcher Defibrillators
Noise Notification MOD for August
Grant finder service Halls Together
Members Seminar - Cost of Living
Primary catchment Maps
Phosphate Briefing Update July 2023
Child Leukaemia Foundation Clothes Bank Request
Ystadau Cymru newsletter: edition 9
SLCC/OVW Conference

**MON. CAB Quarterly Impact Statement
Decision Sheet for Cabinet September 2023**

M4197 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY

Councillor Dalton reported that the fence on the steps at the South Gate of the Roman Wall has still not been repaired and is dangerous to the public.

There was also a discussion about the state of the grass and verges on the Roman Wall. It looks very unattractive, but also encourages dog fouling.
Clerk to contact CADW .

M4195 There was an extension of 15 minutes to the meeting as per standing Orders.

M4196 REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Councillor John reported he has attended a number of meetings as community governor at Shirenewton Primary School.

M4197 TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR COUNCIL HANDYMAN

These were discussed and agreed by council.

M4198 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Community Grant

Schedule of maintenance work

Caerwent Playing Fields

Section 6 Reporting

Councillor Representatives

Training

Speedwatch

The meeting ended at 9.15 pm