

**MINUTES OF CAERWENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**THURSDAY 11th APRIL 2024**

Present:

Councillors:  
P Murphy(Chair)  
M John  
P Dalton  
K Evans  
E Sherwood

Also Present : Three Members of the Public

AM Spooner Clerk to Caerwent Community Council

**M4311 APOLOGIES**

Councillor Swift due to a recent bereavement  
Councillor Guscott due to work commitments

**M4312 DECLARATIONS 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
Councillor K Evans	Caerwent Village Hall	Bookings Clerk

**M4313 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Chair Announcements

**M4314 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024**

To note that these had been agreed remotely for accuracy and posted on the Council website.

**M4315 15 MINUTES PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Members of the public made enquiries of the planning item minuted below

**M4316 POLICE REPORT**

The police report we received this month did not relate to Caerwent Area. Clerk to query with Police Officer responsible for clarification.

**M4317 PLANNING APPEAL CAS-03099-Z9D3D1**

**Planning Application: 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.**

**Location: Land North West Of Holly Lodge  
Road From A48 To Dewstow Road  
Fives Lanes**

**Caerwent  
Monmouthshire**

Clerk had requested an extension for comments which was granted.  
Clerk to send comments to Case Officer at PEDW which were based on previous concerns regarding the above planning application.

**M4318 TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES ON THE SELLING OF THE HIGHMOOR HILL PHONE BOX**

Clerk had found documentation on previous purchase of the phone box from BT. There were no reasons in the Sale of Contract why the phone box could not be sold on. Clerk to contact residents who had suggested a purchase price of £500 that the council were happy with this and for the necessary documentation to be signed.

**M4319 TO AGREE TO THE NEW DOG BIN CONTRACT**

Council agreed to the new contract which will mean an increase to £7.20+VAT per bin.

**M4320 TO DISCUSS THE ANNUAL REPORT AND MAKE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS**

A draft copy had been circulated to Councillors and this was accepted as being a true record of events throughout the year. Clerk to add more information on the use of both Community buildings.  
It will be added to the website.

**M4321 TO CONSIDER THE PLANTING OF CHERRY TREES WITH THE SAKURA PROJECT**

Council agreed that it would be a good idea for the village and if possible we would request six. Clerk to contact organiser.

**M4322 TO AGREE TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT MONMOUTHSHIRE MEADOWS**

It was agreed that we would remain members paying the annual subscription.

**M4323 TO RECEIVE AND AGREE ON QUOTE FOR THE PAINTING OF THE RAILINGS AT THE CENOTAPH**

Council considered two quotes and agreed that we would ask J and S England and sons to carry out the work.

**M4324 TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER COUNCILLORS WISH TO CLAIM ALLOWANCES**

It was agreed that councillors would not claim allowances, but they would have the option to claim any expenses they might incur in carrying out council activities.

**M4325 TO RECEIVE REPORTS**

**Clerk's Report**

**Social Media Report**

**Play Area Inspection Report**

Clerks Report April 2024

### **Community Survey**

Members of the Subcommittee have arranged a meeting date to discuss questions to be used in survey. Clerk to contact Fred Weston Community Support Network Lead for help in conducting survey.

### **MOD Noise Levels**

For the period for APR 2024.

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

From	To	NOISE LEVEL
Monday 01 Apr 2024	Sunday 07 Apr 2024	Low
Monday 08 Apr 2024	Sunday 14 Apr 2024	Med
Monday 15 Apr 2024	Sunday 21 Apr 2024	Med
Monday 22 Apr 2024	Sunday 28 Apr 2024	Med

There will be Helicopter use throughout the whole month.

### **Visual Play Inspections**

Visual Play Inspections have been carried out on the 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> March and 5<sup>th</sup> April

There has been a request from a member of the public at Trewen to attend to the flat planking on the play frame which is badly weathered. The handyman suggests that this is a small job.

### **Audit**

The documentation for the annual audit has been submitted to the accountant.

### **Grass Cutting**

There has been a request by a resident for a first cut of the Crescent Green at Eastgate. Llanvair Landscapes have been contacted.

### **Speeding**

There has been a concern about speeding on the Roman Road at Eastgate. Reported under Highways.

### **Defibrillators**

The casing for the defibrillator at the Woodlands Tavern has arrived and the electrician has been informed.

Defibrillator checks have been carried out as per "The Circuit"

### **Cadw Grant**

The Cadw grant for Caerwent Meadows has been applied for.

### **Social Media**

75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Chepstow Museum Opening

Caerwent Playing Fields AGM

Church and Chapel Notices

Car Boot Dates

Notification About Feeding Horses

Sheep on Road

Multi-Sport Sessions

**M4326 FINANCE**

**To consider balances/payments for approval as per financial schedule dated April 2024**

To note these were approved

To receive quarterly budget figures January to March

To note that two donations were paid in the fourth quarter rather than the third.

**M4327 CORRESPONDENCE**

**One Voice Wales Training Dates**

**Weekly Road Works Reports**

**Weekly News Bursts**

**MOD Noise Report**

**Consultee Letter For Planning**

**Information on Sakura Project**

**Resident's Concerns About Speeding**

**M4328 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY**

**To report any issues**

Councillor Evans reported that there is a large pothole on the Caldicot Road near Canon Way entrance. Clerk to report.

Councillor Dalton was concerned that at the new bus stop there is no litter bin and also the hedge that has been taken out at the bus stop needs replacing

Clerk to contact relevant departments at MCC.

There was a discussion about the speeding on Roman Road and Caldicot Road and that a resident has complained. Councillor Murphy said he hoped that the two new illuminated signs will help when they are in situ. The other illuminated sign which has caused some concerns by residents is to be removed.

**M4329 REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

Councillor Evans reminded the council of the talk on the Archaeological Dig Carried out last year at the Parish Church in Caerwent.

**M4330 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

AGM

Training

Review of Policies

Phone Box

**Meeting Finished at 8.30pm**

Chairperson ..... Date.....