

MINUTES OF CAERWENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY 11th January 2024

Present:- Councillors
P Murphy
M John
E Sherwood
K Swift
P Dalton

Also Present :- One member of the public

Guest Speaker Lisa Muir (Safer Neighbourhoods)

AM Spooner Clerk to the Council

M4047 APOLOGIES

Councillor Evans and Councillor Guscott

M4048 15 MINUTES PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was a short discussion about a planning matter.

M4049 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

**M4050 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 14TH
DECEMBER 2023**

Council to note that these have been approved remotely and posted on the website.

These were noted.

M4051 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

M4052 MONTHLY POLICE REPORT

The crime stats. for Caerwent for December show as only two registered and reported crimes. There was one single public order offence and one residential burglary.

The council was pleased with the level of detail in the report.

We then had a presentation by Lisa Muir of Safer Neighbourhoods who explained how the "We Don't Back Crime" initiative works.

Council would like to gauge the support of the public and to that end the clerk will post the details on our FB page. If there is a favourable response it was agreed that the council would sign up to the initiative.

M4053 PLANNING

DM/2023/01584

Planning Permission

Demolition of existing 3 bedroom bungalow, and the erection of a new 4 bedroom house with detached garage and stable (only for temporary use for hospitalisation)

Lleoliad/Location: Oakdene

Road From A48 To Dewstow Road

Fives Lanes

Caerwent

Monmouthshire

NP26 5PG

Council recommends refusal.

Not in keeping with the area.

Overdevelopment

Use of materials out of character with the area

DM/2023/01712

Agricultural Notification

New shed on edge of farmyard to replace fire damaged hay/straw shed.

Hardwick Farm

Highmoor Hill Road

Five Lanes

Caerwent

Monmouthshire

NP26 5PH

Council noted that this has already been decided by MCC

M4054 TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES ON GRANT FOR DINHAM WARD

We have received an email from the Community Support Network Lead explaining that there were to be several more meetings to discuss the proposals and he would like to attend our next meeting to discuss the outcomes.

M4055 TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSAL FOR AN ILLUMINATED SPEED CAMERA AT CRICK

The council noted that the local member of parliament had written in 2021 that this be supported. Clerk to email Highways and local member.

To see what the progress is with this. The community councillor for Crick also felt that there was a shortage of 20mph signs in that area.

M4056 TO NOTE ANY PROGRESS WITH IMPOSING WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ON ROMAN ROAD THROUGH CAERWENT VILLAGE

The council have received an email from the Traffic Engineer stating that at present whilst it will be considered in the next financial year, there were many factors and stakeholders to consider.

M4057 TO ASCERTAIN IF THERE ARE ANY TRAINING NEEDS FOR COUNCILLORS

There was a general discussion about training needs and the clerk will forward any relevant training courses and dates.

M4058 TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF SELLING THE PHONEBOX AT HIGHMOOR HILL

The council agreed that the phone box could be sold on as per the advice from BT. Clerk to contact residents to ask whether they would like to make an offer and that they would also maintain the phone box as if it was sold it would no longer be our responsibility.

M4059 TO RECEIVE REPORTS

Clerk's Report

Social Media Report

Play Area Inspection Report

Clerk's Report January 2024

Telephone Box Highmoor Hill
Agenda Item

Community Survey
No updates

War memorial
No updates

Defibrillators

Pads have been purchased and renewed at the Community Centre. Woodlands Tavern Defibrillator has been checked as per the Circuit. The case is very difficult to remove. Clerk seeking advice. At present it is temporarily unavailable for use until the casing can be sorted. Coach and Horses Defibrillator also checked as per circuit. Clerk has sought advice from Aneurin Bevan Trust about the responsibilities of Defib Guardians regarding the checks performed.

Dog Fouling

There has been a marked increase in dog fouling reports. Sue Parkinson MCC has been informed and small signs requested. This has been reported to an Environmental Health Officer. Clerk has put notice on social media.

Litter Bin

A new litter bin with lid is to be sited on the Playing Fields at Caerwent.

Highways

The defective give way sign and poor road markings at Westgate have been reported to Highways.

Speeding on the A8 near the Northgate was reported on our FB page. This was referred to the new CPSO who has given advice which was posted on our fb page.

A rotten tree at St Stephens was also reported over the holidays which has been referred to Melin Homes.

Handyman

Visual Inspections carried out on 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th December 2023
Frayed ropes on Adventure Trail at Caerwent and damaged mat under swing. Reported to MCC .

Noise Level Report

For the period Monday 01 Jan 2023 to Wednesday 31st Jan 2024.

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

From

Monday 01 Jan2024	Sunday 07 Jan 2024	Low
Monday 08Jan2024	Sunday 14 Jan 2024	Low
Monday 15 Jan 2024	Sunday 21 Jan 2024	Medium
Monday 22 Jan 2024	Sunday 28 Jan 2024	Medium
Monday 29 Jan 2024	Wed 31 Jan 2024	Medium

Social Media

Reports of Flooding
Straying Sheep
Dog Fouling
Road Closures

M4060 FINANCE

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

These were approved.

To agree precept figures for 2024/2025

These were agreed.

To receive quarterly budget ending December 31st 202
To note receipt of 3rd Precept Payment
Received and noted.

M4062 CORRESPONDENCE

Monmouthshire Road Works Report
Update from David Davies MP
Agenda for Planning Committee
Training Dates from One Voice Wales
Lamplight of Peace OVW
Updates on Enforcement Lists
Police Response to FB comments on speeding
Older People's Commissioner for Wales

M4063 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY

To report any issues

It was reported that there had been an increase in Fly Tipping at Crick on private ground. Clerk to seek advice.

There have been no further updates on road markings and work to street furniture at Dinham ward. Clerk to ascertain as to when these are to be commenced.

M4064 REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

There were no representative reports.

M4065 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Lamplight of Peace
Dinham Grant
Safer Neighbourhoods
Playground Inspections
Phone box
Dinham Ward
Speed camera Crick
Defibrillator at Woodlands Tavern

The meeting close at 8.45pm

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