

MINUTES OF CAERWENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2022

Present: (via video conferencing)

Councillors:
K Evans (Chair)
P Murphy
K Swift
M John
P Dalton
J Guscott

In attendance: Pastor Gwydion Emlyn
Robert Phelps
AM Spooner, Clerk to the Council

M3964 APOLOGIES

Received from Councillor Foxhall

M3965 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Caerwent Baptist Chapel gave a presentation on potentially organising a Firework Display on Caerwent Playing Fields. Concerns were the close approximation to houses and parking issues. Council felt that more time was needed to prepare local residents for the display and organise parking. Council agreed to look at the possibility of holding a firework display on the Playing Fields in 2023 with planning to take place much earlier in the year. Council thanked the participants for their thorough preparation and considerations for the project.

M3966 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Discussion on the correspondence relating to the concerns raised by owners of Arosfa.

M3967 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 22nd SEPTEMBER 2022

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

M3968 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Councillor K Evans	Caerwent Historic Trust	Trustee
Councillor K Evans	Caerwent Village Hall	Booking Clerk
Councillor P Dalton	Caerwent Football Club	Football Coach

M3969 ARRANGEMENTS FOR REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 13TH NOVEMBER 2022

Brian Counsell will read the names on the cenotaph
Road Closure signs have been ordered
Councillor Evans will set up road closure sign at the Coach and Horses/Crossroads
Clerk to arrange road closure sign at Cadw Barns
Shaun Roderick to attach poppies on the cenotaph
Chapel to provide sound and keyboard player

Wreaths provisionally ordered
Bugler arranged
Vicar emailed
Service sheets to be amended according to His Majesty

M3970 MONTHLY POLICE REPORT

Clerk agreed to make further enquiries as to how to obtain a report and enquire whether a police representative could attend community council meetings.

M3971 PLANNING ELM COTTAGE SANDY LANE DM/2022/01304

Council Recommends ***Refusal*** on the grounds that it is

***Out of keeping for the local area**

***Mismatch of building materials**

***Not in line with LDP particularly H5 and H6**

To consider any planning applications received after despatch of agenda

There were no further applications to consider.

M3972 Enforcement List

Council noted

M3973 POLLINATOR POLICY

To consider MCC example with a view to drawing up and adopting a
Community Council policy

We need to adopt one policy

To gain more advice from Nigel Leaworthy in order to keep in line with
Monmouthshire.

Clerk to consult.

M3974 TRAINING PLAN

Training Plan now on the website.

Councillor Guscott to attend planning training

M3975 CAERWENT PLAYING FIELDS

Councillor Guscott has contacted Bollards Direct for an estimate for securing the
field.

Looking at costs of around £3300 for bollards. £500 for concrete and main gate
costing circa £500-£1000 depending on preferred style.

Approached Playing Fields Committee who have agreed to foot the costs.

Grass cutters agreed to hold a key to gain access to the field.

Councillor Guscott will present full proposal at next meeting.

This will appear on the November agenda.

M3976 TO RECEIVE REPORTS

Clerks Report

Clerk apologised for not sending attachments related to the agenda in one email. She will be able to address this by the next meeting as she is now better informed of procedure.

Highmoor Hill Phone Box

Group have been emailed and there is not likely to be any progress on the project until after December 2022 due to personal commitments.

Time Capsule plaques, War Memorial

No progress.

Crick Bus Stop

No progress.

Football Club proposed alterations to Village Hall

Awaiting amended plans from Football Club.

Nigel Leaworthy has stated that there is now not much of a problem on the state of the field and no further action is required.

Community Survey

No progress

Handyman Reports

Handyman has completed inspections to Playing Fields on 18th, 25th September 1st and 10th October 2022

There were no issues at Llanvair and Trewen

Caerwent Playing Fields findings...One swing and chain missing. One unsteady pole on the adventure trail. Clerk to contact MCC.

Guttering to hall needs urgent attention. Clerk to contact Handyman to repair this.

Dog Bin Contract

Correspondence received from

Sue Parkinson MCC

Circulated to councillors.

Contract not awarded as unsatisfactory clarifications from two bidders.

Four suggestions have been offered.

- Continue as we are with Merlin
- Use Raglan Community Council model whereby each T and CC would have the same written agreement tying Merlin into a price and basic level of service.
- Consider a collective SLA between the councils as a whole and Merlin.
- MCC can readvertise the tender. Not the preferred option.

Councillor Murphy suggested that option 3 might be our preferred option.

Councillor Swift wondered if a dual bin system (Litter and Dog waste) might be a good idea.

Clerk to contact One Voice Wales and to research whether there is any pattern on community councils adopting a dual bin system.

Clerk noted that local litter pickers having to pick up a lot of surplus dog waste overflowing from Eastgate bin

Remembrance Service – Sunday 13th November

See Minute 3969

Clerk contacting Baptist Chapel to see if YPF wanted to be involved in wreath laying at the service.

Tree Issues

Llanvair Landscapes have completed Crown Lift for willow at the Caerwent Gym. Grass cutting and cut hedges at Llanvair and Trewen Playing Fields. Also lanes at Five Lanes

SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT

Chapel Advertising YPF Meetings

Play Scheme at Llandevaud

General Information

PLAY AREA INSPECTION REPORT

Noted

M3977 FINANCE

To consider balances/ payments approval as per Finance schedule dated OCTOBER 2022

FINANCE/INVOICES TO BE PAID – OCTOBER 2022

Balances as at 30th September:

Charitable Bank Account £10,889.36

Business Money Manager £10,124.88.

Petty Cash £186.22

1. Clerk's Salary, Allowances & Mileage	No Mileage As per NAIC rates
2. Inland Revenue	£220.41
3. British Gas	£18.73
4. Monmouthshire Meadows annual grant	£10.00
5. Merlin Environmental	£546.00
6. Llanvair Landscapes	£960.00
7. Handyman	£51.52

M3978 CORRESPONDENCE

Halls Together September 2022 Newsletter

Community Review Guidance

Energy Bill Scam...

Lorry Signage - Caerwent Tracy Goodland

Planning Aid Wales

The Circuit

Monmouthshire Job Fairs

Keep Wales Tidy

M3979 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY

No issues to report

M3980 REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Caerwent Historic Trust

Councillor Evans reported..

There will be a presentation on the 23rd November at Cadw Barns when a full report will be given on the Archaeological Dig at Llanmelin.

Crick Community Wildlife

Councillor Swift reported ..

That the Wildlife area has now been listed officially as a local wildlife site. The group were congratulated for this achievement.

Councillor Representatives

Updated list has now been circulated

M3981 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Remembrance Service

Barrier/Fencing for Caerwent Playing Fields

Chair Date