

MINUTES OF CAERWENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2022

Present: (via video conferencing)
Councillors:
K Evans (Chair)
P Murphy
M John
P Dalton
G Foxhall

Also Present AM Spooner, Clerk to the Council

M3982 APOLOGIES

Received from Councillors Swift and Guscott

M3983 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation in this meeting

M3984 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reference to Freedom of Information Act

M3985 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 13th October 2022

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

M3986 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Councillor P Murphy	Caerwent Community Centre	Trustee
Councillor P Murphy	MCC Planning Committee	Chairperson
Councillor K Evans	Caerwent Historic Trust	Trustee
Councillor K Evans	Caerwent Village Hall	Booking Clerk
Councillor K Evans	Caerwent Community Centre	Booking Clerk
Councillor P Dalton	Caerwent Football Club	Football Coach

M3987 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 ordered
Bugler arranged
Vicar emailed
Service sheets amended according to His Majesty
Youth Club will be sending representatives with their own wreath
All in place to proceed with service

M3988 MONTHLY POLICE REPORT

Clerk has contacted Andrew Jones to help reinstate the monthly police report. No progress on this. Clerk will email again.

**M3989 RECONSULTATION PLANNING ELM COTTAGE SANDY LANE
DM/2022/01304**

**Council Recommends Refusal
Previous Comments Still Stand**

*Out of keeping for the local area

*Not in line with LDP particularly H5 and H6

**DM/2022/01481 THE OLD STABLES, OLD SHIRENEWTON RD.,CRICK
NP265UW**

Council Recommends Approval

M3990 Enforcement List

Council noted

M3991 POLLINATOR POLICY

No further progress .To stay on the agenda

M3992 CAERWENT PLAYING FIELDS

Council approved plans for the purchase and installation of concrete posts to secure the playing fields. Caerwent Playing Fields Association are to fully pay for the costs . Councillor Guscott will progress the project.

M3993 CAERWENT PLAYING FIELDS PLAY EQUIPMENT

Questions were raised about what seemed to be conflicting reports about the state of wooden play equipment. Also we have not been able to establish why one of the swings has disappeared .Clerk to chase up quotes for remedial work on High Risk areas on the wooden adventure trail and to ascertain whether MCC have removed the swing for repair work.

M3994 Community Survey

No progress

M3995 SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT

General Information sharing

M3996 PLAY AREA INSPECTION REPORT

This has been noted

M3997 CLERKS REPORT

Time Capsule plaques, War Memorial
No further updates

Crick Speed Limit
Clerk has contacted Nigel Leaworthy, but no response to date

Football Club
No further updates

Community Survey
Councillor Evans to report

Police Report
Clerk has contacted Gwent Police and Devauden Community Council to try and reinstate the monthly reports.
Contacted by Andrew Jones who is chasing it up.

Handy Man Reports
Swing still missing
Playground Visual Inspections 16/22/29th October
Shaun noted that swings have been painted by MCC
Wooden pole fixed
Guttering done at Caerwent Hall

Play Inspection Reports
High Risk identified on wooden adventure trail equipment at Caerwent Playing Fields.
Llanvair Discoed Low and Very Low Risk
Trewen Low and Very Low Risk

Dog Bin Contract
Contacted Sue Parkinson
“Our emptying crews are not keen on emptying litter bins where the majority of the content is dog waste, and in this instance we might recommend that a dog bin is provided instead or as well. It’s not a hard and fast rule on dog waste bins and litter bins. Dog walkers use both, but some dog walkers are not aware that they can put dog waste in litter bins. Our new signs have the strapline ‘any bin will do’ to try to get this information across to dog walkers.”

Defibrillators

As per The Circuit, Peter has renewed the outdated pads at the Woodlands Tavern. As seen, email circulated regarding companies who are “pushing” their products. We now have several contacts and we normally don’t have to pay.

Finance Committee

To reschedule meeting for the 14th November 2022 to discuss precepts

Freedom of Information Act

There has been one request re planning application for information under the FOI Act

M3998 FINANCE

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

Balances as at 31st October

Charitable Bank Account	£10,626.36
Business Money Manager	£7,432.22

Petty Cash	£186.22
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1. Clerk's Salary and Allowances	As per Clerk Salary Scale
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. Hand Man (Inspections)	£51.52
8. Wreaths	£40.00
9. Caldicot Printing	£30.0
10. Bulbs/Flowers	£18.00

Any invoices received after despatch of agenda:

Training Planning Aid Wales Councillor Guscott.	£ 35.00
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Aardvark Cleaning	£228.00

Handy Man Repairs to Village Hall	£ 85.07
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Council agreed to pay the above accounts:

M3999 CORRESPONDENCE

MCC Council Meeting Agenda
Joanne Gillard Cancer Care

National Awards Catering MCC
Will Barnston Libraries
Public Participation Strategy Survey
Playground Inspection Response
Active Travel Plan (Caldicot Area)
Sue Parkinson Dog Emptying Contract
WLGA Decarbonisation Masterclass Series
South Wales Fire Improvement Plan
Pharmacy Advice
Temporary Road Closures
Monmouthshire Road Work
Public Participation Strategy Survey
Bristol's Clean Air Zone
Understanding Welsh Places
Defibrillator Shortage AED
Play Area Inspections

M4000 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY

Discussion on speed levels in the village.
Phil Murphy has been in discussion with MP regarding 20 mph speed level
The Repeater Sign on the Caldicot end of Caerwent is damaged. Paul Keeble has been approached for it to be mended.

M4001 REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Councillor Foxhall attended Governor Meeting at Rogiet School.
There are a lot of concerns about budget restraints in the coming year which may affect staffing and resources.

M4002 Councillor Representatives

Councillors John and Dalton to join the Finance Committee

Chair **Date**