

MINUTES OF CAERWENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
12th October 2023
HELD AT CAERWENT COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present:

Councillors:

P Murphy
M John
K Evans
K Swift
J Guscott
P Dalton
E Sherwood

Also Present AM Spooner (Clerk to the Council)

3 Members of the Public

M4199 APOLOGIES: There were no apologies.

M4200 DECLARATION OF INTEREST ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

M4201 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12th OCTOBER 2023

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

M4202 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public thanked the Community Council for their support in objecting to a recent planning application
Council advised members of the complaints procedure for reporting complaints regarding the county council.

M4203 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chair announcements.

M4204 POLICE REPORT

A police report was received, but council felt that there was a lack of detail.

Councillor Murphy will contact the Police Inspector at Caldicot and ask if we can have a more detailed report and invite her to attend the meeting.

M4205 PLANNING

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**

Comments by Caerwent Community Council as to the impact of lorries from the site affecting the wellbeing of residents.

M4206 TO DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE SERVICE AT THE CENOTAPH

The clerk has contacted both the Church and Chapel who will be leading the service.

The bugler has been arranged.

The Lord Lieutenants representative will be attending the service.

The Road Closure Application has been submitted.

The Caerwent Youth Club will be attending and laying a wreath this year.

Clerk to contact MOD inviting them to send military representatives.

Clerk to order wreaths.

There was a discussion about the inclusion of the Welsh National Anthem at the service as several residents have requested it. It was agreed to include it. Clerk to organise the printing of the words.

M4207 TREES ON CAERWENT PLAYING FIELDS...TO CONSIDER WHETHER ANY REMEDIAL ACTIONS ARE REQUIRED

There has been a complaint about trees on the playing fields overhanging gardens near the trail.

Members of the CPFA are going to trim tree branches that might be a danger to cyclists or walkers on the trail.

Residents are allowed to cut down any branches that encroach on their property.

The council felt that a new tree report was required and clerk to contact tree officer to arrange a meeting on site to discuss any issues.

There was another complaint from a resident who reports that a neighbour is throwing green waste over their fence onto the trail.

Clerk to post a notice on the Council Face Book page advising residents that this amounts to "fly tipping of green waste" and will be reported to MCC if this continues.

M4208 HOUSEHOLD LITTER BEING DROPPED IN LITTER BINS ON CAERWENT PLAYING FIELDS

The bins are cleared by volunteers and they are finding it increasingly difficult to empty the bins as they are regularly filled by household rubbish and rain water. Clerk to contact CPFA to ensure bags can be left in the appropriate place for collection.

Clerk also to advise Sue Parkinson

M4209 TO REVIEW COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVES

The representative's list was reviewed and amended after discussions.

M4210 TO DISCUSS FURTHER SIGNPOSTING OF DEFIBRILLATORS IN CAERWENT AND LLANVAIR DISCOED

Clerk to research how other councils advertise the location of defibrillators.

The council in principle felt that their location could be advertised in the magazine, Facebook page and website.

M4211 TO UPDATE PROGRESS ON SECTION 6 REPORTING ENVIRONMENT (WALES) ACT 2016

Councillor Swift has prepared a report and will circulate to councillors for approval and further discussion.

M4212 TO REVIEW THE SCHEDULE OF GENERAL MAINTENANCE IN THE COMMUNITY

Member representatives would like to meet MCC officers when play inspections take place.

Clerk to circulate Insurance policy for opinion as to whether dual inspections are required.

Handyman has sent a report as to maintenance work carried out to date this year.

M4213 TO DISCUSS RESULTS OF COMMUNITY GRANT VOTE FOR DINHAM WARD

The Community Lead for MCC is on annual leave so this will be an agenda item for next month.

M4214 TO RECEIVE REPORTS

Clerk's Report

Social Media Report

Play Area Inspection Report

Clerk's Report October 2023

Time Capsule plaques, War Memorial

Councillor Swift advised this to be attended to in the very near future.

Community Survey

No further progress. Clerk has contacted Fred Weston Community Lead MCC for advice as to how we might go about this. No response to date.

Highmoor Hill Phone Box

No further updates.

Police Report

Clerk has contacted Inspector Sowrey in regard to resuming our monthly reports. Clerk has been contacted by PCSO.

Defibrillator

Agenda item

Checks on defibrillators have been carried out as per Circuit requests.

Clerk has received some information about grants for defibrillators, but this will still involve substantial funding from Council.

Handyman Report

Inspections of play equipment has been carried out on 11th 18th 25th September and 2nd October

Concerns about Horizontal beam and matting under swing. These have been reported and noted by Jonathan Wassal of MCC.

Remainder of paint used on the slide has been utilised to paint small frame in the Playing Fields.

Play Area Inspections

MCC have submitted their monthly report which has been circulated.

Litter Champions

Substantial amounts of litter being picked up on A48 and Dinham ward.

Clerk posted on Fb page.

Speedwatch

Slow progress with forming group. Clerk in contact with County Councillor in Caldicot who is suggesting we join forces. Clerk to contact Police Officer responsible for setting up group to consider how we can progress this.

Police Officer Christopher Evans doesn't see a problem with combining units as long as the paperwork is done.

There is now a community councillor in Shirenewton who would also like to join forces with Caerwent. Clerk to contact him.

Dog Fouling

Further report of dog fouling at St Stephens Close. Awaiting small anti dog fouling signs.

Noise Levels MOD

For the period Monday 2nd Oct 2023 to Sunday 29th October 2023.

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

Monday 2nd Oct 2023 to Sunday 08th Oct 2023. High.

Monday 09th Oct to Sunday 15th Oct 2023. High.

Monday 16th Oct to Sunday 22nd Oct 2023. High
Monday 23rd Oct to Sunday 29th Oct 2023. Medium
There will be Helicopter use throughout the whole month.
Notifications placed in notice boards and post office.

Caerwent Playing Fields

There has been a complaint from a resident that a neighbour is tipping cuttings around the fence away from their garden.
A further complaint about the trees looking untidy and hanging over gardens has also been received.

Highways

Missing Stop Sign on crossroads. Reported again by clerk.

Social Media Report

Book Fair
Church and Chapel notices
Litter Champions
Consultation on Dog Fouling
Lost Cats
Parking Charges
Book Recall
Proposed Traveller Sites

M4215 FINANCE

To consider balances/payments approval as per financial schedule dated October 2023

Council noted and approved.

To approve Annual Return and associated documents

This was noted and approved.

To note quarterly budget report – July to September

Councillor Swift queried the representation of the donation to Caerwent. Historic Trust. Clerk to amend spreadsheet so that it is in the appropriate section.

To finalise date for Finance Meeting.

Clerk to send out dates via doodle.

M4216 CORRESPONDENCE

Monmouthshire's Road Works Report

Notice of Making of Amendment Order 11 - Exceptions to Welsh Government 20mph limits
Welsh Revenue Authority newsletter
Monmouthshire Meadows: Latest News
Next Steps: You Decide Caerwent Shaping the Future of Dinham Ward
Audit Wales 2022-23 Completion of audit
One Voice Wales Newsletter No.1
Cancellation Cyber talk Shirenewton - Friday 29 September 2023
Notes from Give Dog Fouling the Red Card meeting 14 Sept
Chepstow CAN - Free Community Growing Workshop
Planning Committee Site Inspections - Monday 2nd October 2023
Draft Proposal on Public Space Protection Orders
Thank you letter from member of the public
Media Release: Development of Severn View Park Care Home
Notice of Intention to make a Traffic Order - Amendment Order No 13
Tree Officer report on Ash Tree
Fields in Trust – notification of new guidance and fee structure launch

M4217 There was an extension of 15 minutes to the meeting as per Standing Orders.

M4218 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY

It was reported by Councillor Swift that lorries are turning on to and off the A48 at Crick on a regular basis and are heading towards Portskewett.
There are potholes on the Old Shirenewton Rd and Little Ballan at Crick.
Clerk to report via My Monmouthshire
There are many Crown Hill lorries driving through Caerwent Village.
There was a discussion about weight restrictions on roads.
Councillor Murphy will speak to MCC officer Mark Davies
There was also concerns about the live speed lights on the A48 junction dazzling drivers and the continued lack of illuminated speed light on Caldicot Road near Caerwent Brook.
Councillor Murphy discussed the proposals for two build outs on Roman Road and the extension of the bus stop there.
Councillor Murphy will contact MCC officer Christian Lowe for further consultations.

M4219 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Community Grant
Section 6 Reporting
Play Inspections
Remembrance Service

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

Chair