

GWEHELOG FAWR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting No 301

Wednesday 16th January 2013 at 8.00pm

Present

Chair Cllr. Simon Carbury, Cllr. Judith Bayliss, Cllr. Paul Frampton, Cllr. Tony Sargeant, Vice-Chair Cllr. Maggie Godwin and Cllr. Charles Kirby.

Members of the Public

County Cllr Val Smith

1. Apologies for Absence

None

2. Declarations of interest

None

3. Police Report

- a. OWL. Nothing highlighted
- b. Police report. It was confirmed that all members had received the report. Cllr. Charles Kirby provided a further update

4. Report from County Councillor Val Smith

County Cllr. Val Smith highlighted the excellent work by the Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council. It was agreed that the clerk should advise the members when a new bulletin becomes available. **ACTION: Clerk**

5. Public Question Time -

There were no members of the public present

6. Minutes of the Meetings

- a. Meeting 300 held on Wednesday 28th November 2012. Cllr. Simon Carbury asked the members if it was their wish that he sign the minutes. All agreed and the minutes were signed by the Chair.

7. Matters arising

- a. MCC Highways hedges, potholes, grit bins, etc.. A response from Highways, MCC was read out
- b. Website for the Community Council. Gwehelog Village Hall website - e-mail from Neil George. The e-mail was read out including the cost involved and all agreed. It was proposed by Cllr. Paul Frampton to accept the offer and host the monthly agenda and the minutes on the website. This was seconded by Cllr. Tony Sargeant and all agreed. **ACTION: Clerk**
- c. Standing Orders held by the Community Council. It was agreed that the working party should discuss any amendments required. **ACTION: Cllr. Paul Frampton and Cllr. Sargeant**
- d. Planning applications at Wainfield Lane, Gwehelog and Public Meeting. E-mail from Environment Agency and Welsh Water received. Details of the letters were read out and a further discussion held. **ONGOING**
- e. Vacancy on the Community Council and advert in Parish Magazine. It was confirmed that the advert had appeared but had not generated any interest. It was agreed by all that it would be useful to have a representative from Wainfield Lane. A further letter drop was proposed and agreed by all. **ACTION: Cllr. Maggie Godwin**
- f. Planning Permission and previous concerns about White House, Gwehelog. E-mail from Andrew Jones, Planning, MCC plus Planning Inspectorate to appeal against the condition imposed. The matter received a good airing and it was agreed by all that the clerk should respond that Gwehelog Fawr Community Council have no objections to the ornaments. **ACTION: Clerk**

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- g. Monmouthshire County Council sign on A449. The clerk read out a response he had received from his counterpart at Llantrisant Fawr Community Council. **ONGOING**
- h. Rural Forum Meeting - 31 January 2013. A representative was agreed for the next meeting. **ACTION: Cllr. Tony Sargeant**
- i. Parapet wall of a bridge on the Llancayo Road had been damaged. Details were read out from Highways, MCC
- j. Carriageway of the road from the crossroads at top of Trostrey damaged by a lorry going into the ditch. Response from Highways, MCC referred to
- k. Drivers of lorries visiting an industrial estate in Llancayo have been using the lanes of Trostrey and Gwehelog and getting stuck. Response from Highways, MCC referred to. **DISCHARGED**
- l. Surface of the lane breaking up at the bottom of Chapel Pitch. Response from Highways, MCC referred to
- m. Dyffryn Pitch being awash with water - matter already highlighted to Highways, MCC. Awaiting further action
- n. Pren-y-derwen, Monmouth Road, Gwehelog. An e-mail from Guy Delamere, MCC was read out and the clerk was asked to respond. **ACTION: Clerk**

8. Planning

MCC Planning Committee Meeting

8.1 MCC Planning Committee Agenda and details for Tuesday 4th December 2012 - Forwarded as a PDF (146 pages)

8.2 MCC Planning Committee Agenda and details for Tuesday 8th January 2013 - Forwarded as a PDF (80 pages). Reference made to page 14

8.3 Planning Applications

Appeal against a Refusal E6840/A/12/2/2187712 - DC/2011/0138 - Retention of existing gates and pillars constructed at the entrance to the above property, White House, Gwehelog, Usk, NP15 1RE. Already dealt with under item 7f

8.4 MCC Enforcement Cases - New and closed cases

November 2012 - new cases

E12/249 Pren y derwen, Monmouth Road, Gwehelog, NP15 1QX Siting of caravans

December 2012 - closed cases

Date opened / Number of weeks

E12/018 Porthelli Cottage, Gwehelog 24/01/2012 / 49
Alleged Breach of Condition **10-Dec-2012** Breach Terminated

9. Correspondence

9.1 For discussion

- a. Request for contact information from Janet Finch-Saunders Assembly Member for Aberconwy. The clerk advised that he had responded. **DISCHARGED**
- b. Monmouthshire Housing Association - Love Where You Live. The information was added to the Correspondence Box
- c. Review of Communities and Electoral Arrangements for Monmouthshire. Details were added to the Correspondence Box and County Cllr. Val Smith urged the members to review these documents. **ACTION: All**
- d. Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Bill and Consultation Response Form. Details were read out and information added to the Correspondence Box

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- e. Prison and councils - updated Contingency Contact List. The document generated a discussion and it was confirmed by all that Owl offers a better communication tool. **ACTION: Clerk to respond**
- f. The Stroke Association - Christmas Appeal 2012. There was no interest
- g. Monmouthshire Local Development Plan (LDP) - Consultation on Recommended Focused Changes - e-mailed as a link. Documentation received was added to the Correspondence Box
- h. Sustainable Development Bill bulletin. Details were read out
- i. Rural forum, minutes of last meeting and dates for 2013. A representative had been agreed under item 7h
- j. One Voice Wales - New 2013 Training Programme. Sent as e-mail
- k. OVW - Climate Change Adaption Survey. Details added to the Correspondence Box and it was urged for members to respond. **ACTION: All**

9.2 Feedback from Correspondence Box

9.3 For Correspondence Box

- a. Christmas card from County Councillor Peter Fox, Leader Monmouthshire County Council
- b. Christmas card from Maureen and John Powell, Chairman and Consort, Monmouthshire County Council
- c. Budget Consultation Meeting - Bryn y Cwm and Central Monmouthshire Area Committees - 9th January 2013
- d. One Voice Wales - Issue 21 Winter Edition of The Voice
- e. Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council - Minutes of meetings. County Cllr. Val Smith had made reference to this during her address

9.4 Other Correspondence received and forwarded

- a. E-briefing from Gavo
- b. Single integrated plan meeting - Thursday 13th December
- c. OVW - Climate Change Adaption Survey
- d. Cabinet Meeting - 5th December 2012
- e. Keep Wales Tidy – Annual Review
- f. Individual Cabinet Member Decisions - 12 December 2012
- g. Challenge sessions 13th December - e-mail from Debbie McCarty
- h. Policy Consultation – Volunteer Responders. E-mail from OVW
- i. Review of Communities and Electoral Arrangements in Monmouthshire
- j. HMP Usk Carol Service - 19th December. The clerk advised that he had attended the event
- k. E-briefing from GAVO
- l. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report - December 2012 - Community & Town Councils - Monmouthshire
- m. The Patients Voice - December News Bulletin 2012
- n. Buckingham Palace Garden Parties. There was no interest in attending
- o. Monmouth Town Council Community grants, closing date noon, 25th Jan 2013
- p. Message from the Consumer Council for Water (CCWater) Wales Committee
- q. Appointment of Alcohol & Education Members to the Advisory Panel on Substance Misuse (APoSM)
- r. Appointment of Chair to Career Choices Dewis Gyrfa (CCDG)
- s. Monmouthshire / Newport Area Committee meeting - 10th January 2013
- t. Consultation on Local Flood Risk Management Strategy. Cllr. Paul Frampton agreed to respond to the clerk regarding this item. **ACTION: Cllr. Paul Frampton**
- u. Individual Cabinet Member Decision - 9th January 2013
- v. OVW - Latest funding news

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- w. OVW - Planning Policy
- x. OVW - Strong Roots Project
- y. Play Sufficiency Audit and Action Plan
- z. Review of Communities and Electoral Arrangements for Monmouthshire
- aa. Central Monmouthshire Area Committee - 15th January 2013
- bb. Section 137 - Local Government Act 1972 (the 1972 Act) for community and town councils in Wales for 2013-14
- cc. Monmouthshire's Single Integrated Plan
- dd. Cabinet Meeting - Friday 18th January 2013

10. Finance

- a. Balance = £2,711.06 The Passbook was checked and copies of accounts distributed
- b. Clerk's expenses. The presented withdrawal slip was signed
- c. Budget setting and donations. A thorough review was made of the accounts and the clerk gave an explanation regarding invoices from MCC for his salary. It was proposed by Cllr. Paul Frampton to retain the Precept that the current amount of £3,800. This was seconded by Cllr. Maggie Godwin and agreed by all. Cllr. Paul Frampton highlighted the excellent work of the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) and it was agreed to review the donations in the June meeting. **ACTION: Clerk to agenda**

11. Any Other Business

- a. The clerk read out an e-mail he had received from Usk Town Council regarding Usk School Governors. There were no objections. **ACTION: Clerk to respond**
- b. Cllr. Paul Frampton highlighted a large pothole on the Usk to Raglan Road. Further details were provided to the clerk. **ACTION: Clerk to contact Highways, MCC**
- c. it was confirmed that the Gwehelog sign near the lay-by by Great House Farm has been damaged. **ACTION: Clerk to pursue**
- d. Cllr. Maggie Godwin confirmed that the drains near her house on Route 215.5 are blocked. **ACTION: Clerk to pursue**
- e. Cllr. Maggie Godwin gave her apologies for the next meeting. **ACTION: Clerk to note**

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.45pm.

12. Date of next meeting - Wednesday 27th February 2013.