

# ***GWEHELOG FAWR COMMUNITY COUNCIL***

*Minutes of Meeting No 300*

*Wednesday 28th November 2012 at 8.00pm*

## **Present**

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

## **Members of the Public**

County Cllr Val Smith and one member of the public

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Clerk and Cllr. Tony Sargeant

### **2. Declarations of interest**

None

### **3. Police Report**

- a. OWL. Nothing highlighted
- b. Police report. No report received this month

### **4. Report from County Councillor Val Smith**

1. Reported that she attended a 'Strong Communities' presentation on 'waste'. Cllr. Smith called in the recommendation to appoint two Senior Waste Officers, which will now be referred to full Council
2. Reported that LDP went through its report stage and will now be forwarded to the Inspector
3. Monmouthshire Housing Association have referred the County Tree Preservation Officer to their opinion that the 'Copper Beech' tree within the proposed affordable housing development site at Ty Freeman is not in a condition that is worth retaining. Tree officer agrees and Planning Committee have removed the condition. MHA propose to plant a new Copper Beech within the development.
4. Cllr. Smith had a meeting with Paul Keeble (Highways) to discuss inappropriate speeds on rural roads.

### **5. Public Question Time - the meeting was suspended**

Questions were asked regarding the condition of the roads. C33.4 Duffryn Road was highlighted. Meeting was informed that matter has been referred to Highways and that a response is awaited.

### **The meeting was reinstated**

### **6. Minutes of the Meetings**

- a. Meeting 299 held on Wednesday 31st October 2012. Cllr. Simon Carbury asked the members if it was their wish that he sign the minutes. This was proposed by Cllr. Charles Kirby and seconded by Cllr. Maggie Godwin. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

### **7. Matters arising**

- a. MCC Highways hedges, potholes, grit bins, etc. The clerk has advised that Barratt Homes would remove the sign at the end of the granted permission from Monmouthshire County Council.
- b. Website for the Community Council. Members felt that it was appropriate to host Gwehelog CC agendas, minutes and accounts on the Gwehelog Village Hall website. It was agreed that the clerk should approach Neil George to discuss the costs involved and to report to the next meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**
- c. Standing Orders held by the Community Council. After A short discussion regarding the merits of considering the review currently being undertaken by Llanbadoc CC, it was decided that Cllr. Tony Sargeant and Cllr. Paul

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- Frampton should now proceed to review the Standing Orders for Gwehelog CC. **ACTION: Cllr. Paul Frampton and Cllr. Tony Sargeant**
- d. Planning applications at Wainfield Lane, Gwehelog and Public Meeting. Members considered that the meeting was a success and gave the opportunity for Wainfield Lane residents to articulate their concerns. It was considered that draft minutes of the meeting should be circulated to the Members for approval before sending out. **ACTION: Clerk**
- e. Vacancy on the Community Council and advert in Parish Magazine. Members informed that an advertisement had been placed and would be displayed in the next issue of the Parish Magazine. **ONGOING**
- f. Planning Permission and previous concerns about White House, Gwehelog. Members discussed the conflicting reports which have been received regarding the Planning Department's position with respect to the 'lions heads' on the lower gate pillars, and the status of the gated opening at the top of the garden. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Andrew Jones (Planning) to ascertain the current position. **ACTION: Clerk**
- g. Monmouthshire County Council sign on A449. Members were informed that the response from MCC stated that the temporary sign had been installed in advance of the Ryder Cup event in 2010. The provision of a permanent sign at this location would involve altering the safety fence arrangement which would be expensive. Members agreed that the present arrangement is untidy and unsatisfactory, and that it does not help to improve the image of Monmouthshire, and that the sign should either be replaced by a permanent sign or removed. It was agreed that because the sign is not within Gwehelog CC that a copy of the correspondence should be forwarded to Llantrisant CC for them to pursue if they wish. **ACTION: Clerk**
- h. Rural Forum Meeting - 15 November 2012. Cllr. Maggie Godwin informed the meeting that a presentation was given by 'Adventa'. The minutes of the meeting will be forwarded to the Clerk by e-mail. Date of the next Rural Forum 20 December 2012
- i. Local resident using a mobility scooter in Wainfield Lane. Cllr. Charles Kirby reported to the meeting that he had informed the residents of Highways response
- j. Emergency Contacts Directory - letter from MCC. Confirmation sent that no action is required. **DISCHARGED**
- k. Parapet wall of a bridge on the Llancayo Road had been damaged. Clerk has pursued a response from Highways that matter has been referred to the Structures Officer.
- l. Carriageway of the road from the crossroads at top of Trostrey damaged by a lorry going into the ditch. Clerk has pursued. Cllr. Kirby reported that the lower section of the C215.15 had been swept, but not the upper section.
- m. Drivers of lorries visiting an industrial estate in Llancayo have been using the lanes of Trostrey and Gwehelog and getting stuck. Clerk has pursued
- n. Surface of the lane breaking up at the bottom of Chapel Pitch. Clerk has pursued
- o. Dyffryn Pitch being awash with water - matter already highlighted to Highways, MCC. Cllr. Frampton informed the meeting that he had arranged to meet Mark Watkins (Highways) to discuss the condition of C33.4 Duffryn Road. **ACTION: Cllr. Paul Frampton**

## 8. Planning

### MCC Planning Committee Meeting

8.1 MCC Planning Committee Agenda - none received this month

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DC/2012/00928 - Change of use of part of storage barn to gathering space/reception area, Park House Barn, Gwehelog, Usk, NP15 1QX. **RECOMMENDATION: Approve. There were no adverse comments**

DC/2012/00790 - Planning Permission - Proposed conversion of barn B to residential use, Barn B, Lower House Farm, Church Lane, Kemeys Commander, NP15 1JU. **RECOMMENDATION: Approve. There were no adverse comments**

DC/2012/00791 - Planning Permission - Proposed conversion of Barn A to residential dwelling, Barn A, Lower House Farm, Church Lane, Kemeys Commander, NP15 1JU. **RECOMMENDATION: Approve. There were no adverse comments**

DC/2012/00882 - Planning Permission - Proposed straw storage barn, Trostrey Court Farm, Usk, NP15 1HT. **RECOMMENDATION: Approve. There were no adverse comments**

DC/2012/00935 - Planning Permission - Proposed extension to existing barn conversion to provide additional bedroom at ground floor level with bathroom and sitting room facility for disabled user, Poplars Farm, Gwehelog, Nr Usk, NP15 1RE. **RECOMMENDATION: Approve. No specific objections, but consider that this site has been sufficiently developed**

DC/2012/00955 - Planning Permission - Construction of a riding arena/manege (private use), Spring Farm, Gwehelog, NP15 1RA. **RECOMMENDATION: Approve. No objection, 'but is change of use' required?**

## 8.4 MCC Enforcement Cases - New and closed cases

### October - new cases

E12/222 Neath House, Trostrey Common, Usk      Erection of building over footpath

## 9. Correspondence

### 9.1 For discussion

- a. Request for contact information from Janet Finch-Saunders Assembly Member for Aberconwy. Members agreed that only the clerk's details should be given.  
**ACTION: Clerk**
- b. Monmouthshire Deposit Local Development Plan (LDP) Next Stages - scanned and e-mailed

### 9.2 Feedback from Correspondence Box

### 9.3 For Correspondence Box

- a. Play for Wales - issue 38 Winter 2012
- b. Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council - Agenda and minutes received
- c. Clerks & Councils Direct - November 2012 Issue 84
- d. Social and Community Enterprise - Community Led Plans
- e. Gwlad - Nov/Dec 2012
- f. Abergavenny Eisteddfod

### 9.4 Other Correspondence received and forwarded

- a. PCC public meeting on the 1st November
- b. Planning Committee - 6th November 2012
- c. How well is your Council performing? E-mail from Richard Jones, MCC
- d. Stakeholder Information, e-mail from OVW
- e. Remembrance Day Parade and service in Monmouth - e-mail from MCC
- f. Cabinet - 7th November 2012
- g. The Ombudsman's Casebook - Issue 10
- h. GAVO Ebulletin

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- i. Marine Conservation Zones
- j. Individual Cabinet Member Decisions - 14th November 2012
- k. OVW Training Needs Survey - request for survey to be completed
- l. Community and Town Councillor Invite - e-mail from MCC
- m. Funding Newsletter Winter Issue 6 - e-mail from GAVO
- n. WCVA/ GAVO e-briefing 07.11.12
- o. Craft Fair - Little Mill Village Hall - 24 Nov 2012
- p. Heritage Lottery Fund new programme information
- q. Central Monmouthshire Area Committee - 20th Nov 2012
- r. Review of Community Health Councils - Consultation: Circulation to Clerks of Town and Community Councils in Gwent
- s. Monmouth Through Time
- t. Gateway Project - survey about an area in Monmouth
- u. Marine Conservation Zones
- v. Sustainable Development Bill Bulletin
- w. Welsh Affairs Committee Press Announcement: Evidence session - The Silk Commission - Financial Devolution in Wales
- x. BCW Newsletter - November 2012
- y. FCFCG Winter Regional Gathering Invitation
- z. Welsh Affairs Committee Press Announcement - New inquiry launched - The impact of changes to housing benefit in Wales
- aa. Tidy Wales Awards 2012

## **10. Finance**

- a. Balance = £1,477.18 Passbook was checked and copy of accounts distributed and scrutinised
- b. Clerk's expenses, withdrawal slip was presented and payment was agreed by all and signed
- c. Invoice for £989.70 from MCC for clerk's salary for 6 months, April to Sept 2012 received. Clerk confirms that payment has been made

## **11. Any Other Business**

- 1. Cllr. Charles Kirby referred to Planning Application DC/2012/00600 Pren-y-derwen, Monmouth Road, Gwehelog. Concern that the site is being used as a residence and that the access onto the main road is being used far more frequently. Queried whether the applicant should apply for 'change of use'.
- 2. Agreed that the budget and donations should be agreed for the next meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**

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

**12. Date of next meeting - Wednesday 16th January 2013.**