

GWEHELOG FAWR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting No 304

Wednesday 24th April 2013

Present

Chair Cllr. Simon Carbury, Cllr. Paul Frampton, Cllr. Maggie Godwin, Cllr. Charles Kirby and Cllr. Steve Hoselitz

Members of the Public

County Councillor Val Smith

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr. Judith Bayliss
Cllr. Tony Sargeant

2. Declarations of interest

None

3. Police Report

The Owl Police report was discussed, a case of a dog worrying sheep in Chepstow was highlighted as a reminder for dog owners in general to keep their dogs under control/on leads.

April 22nd-April 26th is National Rogue Trader week; Operation Rogue Trader is a joint operation between police forces and local partner agencies including trading standards. Gwent Police and partners are offering the following advice to residents to prevent them from becoming victim of cold callers: "If in doubt keep them out!"

4. Report from County Councillor Val Smith

County Cllr. Val Smith gave an update on her activities around the community:

The Traffic Management Document acted as a catalyst for Highways working group, and highlighted the fact that there will be even less budget available from Monmouthshire for the maintenance of roads in general. Cllr. Val Smith proposed a contribution levy (bond) for property development, where heavy vehicle usage was to take place and impacts on the state of the community roads.

The planning application for White House (A Gwehelog property) was attended by Cllr. Val Smith, who did not support the application in relation to a large barn development, which had been contested by local residents. Planning however was granted for this development.

The Fire Authority Innovations Committee asked for ideas for money saving opportunities, a nomination received £1000, for the suggestion of reuse of kits, anticipated to save £2500 for every 12 new recruits.

Cllr. Val Smith has raised a motion to Council for a 40 mph speed limit along the A472, Alexandra Terrace to Usk, particularly the Equestrian Centre and the additional flow of traffic from the new County Hall Headquarters. Over the last 20 years there have been 6 recorded deaths on this stretch of road. A consultation with the police is planned.

A review of One Stop Shops and Libraries is underway, with the plan to combine to maximise resources and combine the two.

Cllr. Val Smith also provided an update on her progress with the Monmouthshire Educational Action Plan, which has now gone to the Welsh Government and awaiting a response.

Cllr. Val Smith made it clear that more work needed to be done around the speed limits of our roads in general, a consistent and sensible approach was required, and a discussion was held around this topic.

5. Meeting adjourned and members of the public invited to speak

No members of the public in attendance other than Cllr. Val Smith

6. Minutes of the Meetings

Meeting 303 held on Wednesday 27th March 2013 at 8pm. Cllr. Simon Carbury asked the Councillors if it was their wish that he sign the minutes. This was proposed by Cllr. Charles Kirby and seconded by Cllr. Paul Frampton. All in attendance agreed and the minutes were signed by the chairman Cllr. Simon Carbury.

7. Matters arising

a. (and J.) Cllr. Paul Frampton confirmed that he had driven around the lanes and completed an assessment on the state of the local roads in general. He confirmed that most pot holes have now been filled by MCC. Cllr. Paul Frampton completed a Highways operation Issues Pro-forma listing the main areas of concern these include: Chain link fencing opposite Village Hall that has become detached from posts, no centre white line through Llancayo village (B4598 Abergavenny/Usk Road), Debris in Council roadside depot washing down the road (Jcn.C33.4 and C215.15), General accumulation on debris on roads (C33.4 Duffryn Road, C215.4 Piggeries Road, C215.6 Hollaway Bron Hill Road). The road has also collapsed presenting danger on the C215.2 Bank Road.

Action – Clerk to send to highways MCC. Cllr. Paul Frampton also confirmed that work has not started on the parapet wall of a bridge on the Llancayo Road.

b. The Council felt that the existing arrangements of displaying the Community Council meetings and agenda notices on the Gwehelog Village Hall Website served the community appropriately for the demographic and size of community and therefore declined to attend the meeting for Website funding on 25th April.

c. Cllr. Paul Frampton thanked the Councillors for their useful and constructive comments in relation to the draft copy of the revised standing orders. This enabled the simplification of some laborious paragraphs in the text. It was agreed a vote on adoption of the new standing orders would take place at the next Council meeting in May. **Action – Cllr. Paul Frampton**

d. Cllr. Steve Hoselitz explained that he had only been able to obtain 4 email contacts for the purpose of direct communication to residents of Wainfield Lane. Cllr. Steve Hoselitz did propose the idea of a 'letterbox drop' to all local community residents, about the community council members and what they do and how to get in touch, and volunteered to take on the distribution of a newsletter. Cllr. Val Smith brought up the Llanbadoc newsletter as a guide to what other local community councils are doing; the clerk will provide a copy at the next meeting – **Action – Clerk**

e. Cllr. Simon Carbury provided an update on the planning application of White House as detailed earlier in County Cllr. Val Smith's report. Cllr. Simon Carbury did attend the site visit and was aware of the successful outcome for the applicant. Details of the planning consent were distributed for the Councillors information.

f. The clerk provided an update on Pren-y-Derwen, Monmouth Road and after speaking to Guy Delemere at MCC, confirmed that an enforcement notice was issued 2 weeks ago and the council will look to prosecute in the summer if no further action taken.

g. MCC has been informed of the damage from construction traffic in Wainfield lane.

- h. The clerk received an email from Tony Wallen at MCC, providing an update on the Temporary road sign on the A449, The email was read to the councillors. SWTRA has been asked to brief their consultant, Parsons Brinkerhoff to produce a sign drawing and an installation design to satisfy the WG standards, Tony Wallen will keep the Clerk posted on progress.
- i. The Clerk's salary and hours were agreed.
- j. Included in Cllr. Paul Frampton's report with Item a.

8. Planning

Planning Training for Community and Town Councillors

8.1 Monmouthshire County Council planning training

Unfortunately, no councillors were available to attend this event.

8.2 Planning Applications

None received.

8.3 MCC Enforcement Cases - New and closed cases

Enforcement Reports received for completed and new cases March 2013, forwarded on to Councillors – No entries for Gwehelog Fawr Community Council

9. Correspondence

9.1 For discussion

- a. It was decided not to support Monmouth Citizens Advice Bureau, request for grant towards funding, in view of the level of precept Gwehelog Fawr receives, and the current donation commitments to local charities.
- b. No Councillors were available to attend the Western Power Distribution Stakeholder workshop and luncheon at Cardiff Wales Millennium Centre on 25th April.
- c. The Council decided not to participate in the Chepstow Garden Centre – Gwent best kept Village Competition 2013, due to the size of the community and deadline of the 10th May.
- d. It was agreed Cllr. Simon Carbury and the new clerk would attend at Rural Forum Meeting 25th April 7pm at Monmouthshire CC HQ in Usk. **Action: Cllr. Simon Carbury** to provide feedback
- e. Attendance at Welsh government funding website meeting 25th April, Usk British Legion. 6.30 – 8.00 was declined.
- f. Gwehelog Fawr Community Council has no Allotments and therefore the allotment and Community growing training events in May run by OVW on Monday 20th May Sessions House, Usk will not be attended.
- g. The Chairman Cllr. Simon Carbury brought to the attention of the Councillors the MCC Chairman's Sponsored Swim.

9.2 Feedback from Correspondence Box

None

9.3 For Correspondence Box

- a. One Voice Wales Monmouthshire / Newport Area Committee meeting minutes 10th January 2013.
- b. Monmouthshire Waste Prevention and Recycling changes in Monmouthshire
- c. Spring 2013 Edition of 'The Voice', One Voice Wales Publication.

9.4 Correspondence received and forwarded

(AW) – Forwarded by Alun Window

(OB) – Forwarded by Olivia Beaumont

- a. Cabinet Meeting - 3rd April 2013 (AW)
- b. Local Flood Risk Management Strategy – Consultation (AW)
- c. Eco Open Doors 27/28 April (AW)
- d. Planning Committee - 9th April 2013 (AW)
- e. Planning Committee Site Inspections - Monday 8th April 2013 (AW)
- f. The Big Lunch 2013 (OB)
- g. Monmouthshire Road works report w/e 12/04 (OB)
- h. Rural Forum meeting minutes 14th March (OB)
- i. Agenda for next Rural Forum Meeting 25th April 7pm at Monmouthshire CC HQ in Usk (OB)
- j. Monmouthshire Planning Training for community and town councillors 25th April – earlier item, under planning. (OB)
- k. Fallen stock guidance (OB)
- l. Measles outbreak in Powys (OB))
- m. Welsh government funding website meeting 25th April, Usk British Legion. 6.30 – 8.00 (OB)
- n. Enforcement reports March 2013 – none for Gwehelog Fawr CC (OB)
- o. Western Power Distribution Stakeholder workshop invitation – 25th April 9.15am registration Welsh Millennium Centre (OB)
- p. Allotments / Community growing training events in May run by OVW £10 – Monday 20th May Sessions House, Usk. (OB)
- q. Minor Authority Governor – Ysgol Gymraeg y Ffin, Caldicot (OB)
- r. Monmouthshire Road Works Report w/e 19/04 (OB)
- s. New County Hall HQ – List of departments moving to Usk (OB)
- t. Monmouthshire Eco Doors Event 27th & 28th April (OB)
- u. One Voice Wales planning training (OB)
- v. GAVO E-bulletin Monmouthshire Volunteer Achievement Awards 2013 (OB)
- w. Notice of individual cabinet member decisions 24th April (OB)
- x. Monmouthshire road works report w/e 26/04 (OB)
- y. Statutory Guidance Local Government Act 2000 Power of well-being

10. Finance

- a. Balance = £2,018.87 Passbook to be checked and copy of accounts distributed
- b. Budget forecast to be agreed upon please
- c. Clerk's expenses, withdrawal slip for £40.50 to be presented (including £10.50 black ink for printer) – **Action Clerk**
- d. Invoice for £494.85 from MCC for clerk's salary Jan, Feb and March 2013. Alun Window confirmed payment. – **Action Clerk**
- e. Invoice for Parish Council Insurance Renewal £230.00 – **Action Clerk**

11. Any Other Business

12. Date of next meeting - 29th May 2013

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.12pm

Yours faithfully

Olivia Beaumont
Clerk