

ST ARVANS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING OF ST ARVANS COMMUNITY COUNCIL held at THE MEETING ROOMS, ST ARVANS on TUESDAY 9th April 2013 at 7.30 pm

Present: Chairman A. Bolton
Councillors A Vickers
B. Howell
B Howells

In Attendance Judith Bolton (clerk)
Councillor Ann Webb
CSO70 Andy Jones

1806 APOLOGIES

Apologies from Councillors Davies, Moar, Stokoe and Jarrett

1807 REPORT FROM CSO ANDY JONES

There was just one incident to report in the St Arvans area since the previous meeting.

On the 23rd March, there was an overnight break-in at the Racecourse Garage in the New Barn Workshop. The lock was forced on the main unit and tools and machinery of considerable value were taken. :

1808 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were none declared.

1809 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12th March 2013

These were approved, proposed by Councillor Howell and seconded by Councillor Vickers

1810 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 12th March 2013 (for information only)

- a) Ref. 1795c) The clerk has written to Paul Keeble again, requesting the name of the area maintenance engineer to whom responsibility for this sign was passed.
- b) Ref. 1797 b) Paul Matthews has verbally confirmed that this meeting will take place after the new Director of Education is in post.
- c) Ref 1798b) The bill for the purchase and erection of the bus shelter was paid after written confirmation of satisfactory installation from 3 councillors and verbal from others.

1811 PLANNING MATTERS

- a. No Planning Applications have been received since the last Council meeting:
- b. No Planning Application Determined by MCC Planning Dept since the last Council meeting:

1811 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR A. WEBB

- a) The new County Hall at Usk will be in operation very soon. Legal, Planning, Democratic Services and Enforcements will be there. There are 200 desks for 400 staff.
- b) Conservation Area document will be open for consultation soon.
- c) Road between St Arvans and Tintern is to be swept and tidied for the season.
- d) 'Hogging the Bridge' event to be relocated to the Racecourse in October.

1812 ACCOUNTS

- a) To review the current bank balance and approve the schedule of accounts accounts

Overall True Balance of Accounts as statement of 25th March is £8048.65

- i) HSBC Balance
Money Manager Account £ 1624.74
Community Account £ 4684.98
- ii) Monmouthshire Building Society £3012.96

- v) Outstanding cheques

To Whom	Reference to Work Done/Expenses/salary etc	Cheque No.	Value £
MCC	Payment toward Bus Shelter. Ref. minute 1749b)	100870	1200.00
St Arvans Village Trust	Hire of hall (inc £4.03p electricity)	100862	24.03
Homemakers Community Recycling	Donation ref Minute 1786	100868	50.00
		Total	1274.03

b) Invoices/Expenses and Salary Costs presented for Authorisation

To Whom	Reference to Work Done/Expenses/salary etc	Cheque No.	Value £
Nigel Hoskins	Monthly Grounds maintenance for March	100871	148.00
Judith Bolton	Clerks salary, SCP 18 £149.76	100872	149.76
One Voice Wales	Membership	100873	85.00
		Total	£ 382.76

Councillor Howells proposed acceptance of the accounts and Councillor Vickers seconded.

- c) At the request of Councillor Stokoe, it was agreed by all councillors present that a bank mandate be drawn up, excluding his name.
- d) Howard Nash has offered to audit the accounts again this year. All councillors present agreed to accept this kind offer.

1813 FINANCE GROUP REPORT

There was no meeting this month

1814 ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION GROUP REPORT

Councillor Bolton presented the report:

a) KGV Entrance

The ground on the right just inside the entrance to the KGV Playground is almost ready for seeding. A further working party will complete the work

b) Playschool Garden/St Johns Nursery

- i. Meeting held with the Nursery. Councillors Bolton and Davies attended. The nursery has no further interest in the play area at the Memorial Hall as it now has one on site. Future of the Hall play garden to be decided by CC following site visit.
- ii. The Nursery confirmed that it had not purchased the shed from the Playgroup.
- iii. Nursery Would like to use the Memorial Hall for ballet classes, but access still a problem as little ones cannot be walked around the road in a group for safety reasons.

- iv. St Johns School would like to use the football field for Wednesday activities. The council resolved that this should be agreed when a formal application has been received and that a contribution of £100 p.a. should be made towards the maintenance of the field similar to the sum paid by the football club.

c) Bus Shelter

This was Installed successfully on March 13th.

d) Additional Dog Bin

Site to be decided opposite the shop.

e) Best Kept Village Competition

Papers have been received from GAVO. Clerk to append village map with the application form clearly identifying the areas to be assessed. Notice to the village to be posted nearer the time of the inspection.

f) Wigloo on KGV

This has been repaired by councillors, is in use by children and shows sign of growth.

g) Mobile Post Office

At the request of Councillor Vickers, it was resolved that the clerk contact the Post Office Counter Service with a view to requesting that the Mobile Phone Service visit the village

h) Toddlers Group

The Council has been informed that volunteers are needed to organise the Mother & Toddler Group in the village. It was resolved that this be included in the Council's Parish Magazine notes.

The chairman thanked members of the ERAG group

1815 HIGHWAYS ADVISORY GROUP

The Highways Group had met on site on Penterry Lane with Steve Lane of MCC and Councillor Webb. The chairman presented Councillor Moar's report in her absence and thanks were expressed to Councillor Webb for organising the meeting. Various items of concern were discussed;

- a) The road leading from the car park to Wyndcliffe Court, which is showing signs of subsidence and flooding.
- b) The raised kerb on the passing place by the recently completed repairs.
- c) Water seeping out by the repairs. The source of the water is not clear, either a Welsh Water pipe or the recently completed works.
- d) The two passing places which received heavy treatment from Highways machines during the repairs. The councillors asked that the surfaces be repaired in a more permanent way.
- e) The road markings at the top of the lane leading to Porthcasseg Farm and at the T junction outside Wyndcliffe Court, which are timetabled in the near future

Steve Lane considered each of the points.

- i. Ref a) above: The flooding is currently under discussion with the owner of the field from where the water is draining. The subsidence is not considered a problem at present as it is outside the line of the carriageway.
- ii. Ref b) above: No work is likely to take place as it is not seen to be a major problem
- iii. Ref c) above: No water was leaking at the time of the visit. A local resident and councillors will report if there is a recurrence.

- iv. Ref d) above : Steve Lane was unwilling to commit MCC to resurface as it has hundreds of similar unofficial passing points in similar condition
The report was accepted. Councillor Moar will keep a watching brief on progress

1816 CORRESPONDENCE
Correspondence Received between 12th March and 8th April 2013

- a) Sent by e mail and originating from:
- i. From MCC Individual Cabinet Decisions 10/4/13
 - ii. From MCC: Papers for Cabinet Meeting 3/4/13
 - iii. From Alan Browne: Papers for Lower Wye Area Committee Meeting 20 March 2013-04-08
 - iv. From Alan Browne: Information on 'Dig It' event
 - v. Letter from Councillor Bryan Jones ref. Waste Prevention & Recycling Changes
In Hard Copy
 - vi. 'Big Lunch' Information
- b) Hard Copy: From One Voice Wales: Papers for Newport / Monmouthshire Area Committee 11/4/13 it was decided that Councillors Vickers and Bolton would attend.

There were no comments on last month's correspondence

18017 ITEMS FOR PARISH MAGAZINE

- a) Big Lunch
- b) Highways
- c) Waste
- d) Mobile Post Office
- e) Toddlers Group
- f) Method of reporting problems with street lights

1818 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was none

1819 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

This will be Tuesday May 14th 2013 will be the AGM at 7.15 pm in the Meeting Rooms.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm
Signed: Clerk
Date

Signed: Chairman
Date

PRELIMINARY MEETING REFERENCE WASTE

The chairman and Councillors would like to thank the residents who attended the preliminary meeting where Roger Hoggins and Glyn Edmunds of MCC gave a presentation and answered questions on the Recycling and Waste changes that are being implemented in Monmouthshire.

They explained that, owing to unprecedented financial circumstances and the protection of key services, such as education and social services, changes to the collection of domestic waste are necessary. The main aim is to persuade residents in the authority to recycle more as it has been shown that over 70% of the contents of black bags could actually have been recycled, saving landfill taxes paid by MCC and also helping to protect the environment.

Opaque grey bags are being provided for general, unrecyclable, domestic waste. Two will be collected fortnightly. Large households of 5 or more can apply for a larger allowance. Black bags will not be picked up as the aim is to remind people by the colour of the bag that it is specifically for waste that cannot be recycled

Ashes will be picked up fortnightly from a dustbin alongside the grey bags.

The collection of green waste, a discretionary service that the authority is not required to provide, will incur a charge of £8 per bag. Residents can opt into this service or choose to home-compost and/or use the free services offered at the Household Recycling Centres

Full details of the scheme were promised for every household before implementation on July 1st