

ST ARVANS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING OF ST ARVANS COMMUNITY COUNCIL held at THE MEETING ROOMS, ST ARVANS on TUESDAY 9th JULY 2013 at 7.15 pm

Present: Chairman A. Vickers
Councillors A. Bolton
B. Howell
B. Howells
A. Jarrett
M. Davies
B. Moar

In Attendance J. Bolton (clerk)
PC. Louise Thorpe
CO112 Laura Redwood
Mr. C. Hatcher
Mrs. M. Hatcher
Mr. T. Fisher
Mr. R Snow

The chairman allowed extra time for the public as two parties attended at 7pm to give information to councillors and answer questions.

- Mr. and Mrs. Hatcher detailed their objections to Planning Application DC/2013/00456. They had sent an e mail in the afternoon giving illustrated evidence supporting their objections.
- Mr. Fisher and Mr. Stone represented Garden City Football Club which plays on St Arvans playing field. They apologised for the misunderstanding about the installation of a container in the field and outlined future plans for developing the sports hut. They also confirmed that the club would comply with all demands of the Council reference the container.

Thanks were expressed to the four individuals for their attendance and the chairman also thanked Mr. Snow and Mr. Fisher for the work they did for the young people in the area.

1858 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Stokoe and Webb had sent apologies.

1859 REPORT FROM PC LOUISE THORPE

- a) No Incidents of crime reported between 9/6/13 and 7/7/13. Despite the welcome lack of incidents, PC Thorpe said that the public should remain vigilant.
- b) Speed camera results from Van located on Devauden Road

| | Month | No. of visits | Total hours spent | No. of incidents | Resulting RAG Rating, Visits & Time needed |
|------|-----------|---------------|-------------------|------------------|---|
| 2012 | June | 4 | 06:09 | 5 (Low) | Red. 5 visits needed. 07:30 hrs required. |
| | July | 5 | 08:00 | 9 (Low) | |
| | August | 2 | 01:45 | 0 | |
| | September | 6 | 10;10 | 3 (Low) | |
| | October | 3 | 04:43 | 4 (Low) | |
| | November | 3 | 05:05 | 3 (Low) | |
| | December | 2 | 03:15 | 5 (Low) | |
| 2013 | January | 1 | 01:45 | 11 (High) | |
| | February | 3 | 04:31 | 1 (Low) | |
| | March | 4 | 07:05 | 4 (Low) | |
| | April | 4 | 06:30 | 4 (Low) | |
| | May | 3 | 05:00 | 9 (Med) | |
| | June | 4 | 06:40 | 12 (med) | |

- c) Results of speed monitoring on A466 near fountain by the officer with motor bike. speeds recorded in both directions

| | Month | No. of visits | Total hours spent | No. of incidents | Resulting RAG Rating, Visits and Time needed |
|---|-----------|---------------|-------------------|------------------|--|
| 2 | June | 2 | 03:20 | 5 (Low) | Amber 3 visits needed 04:30 hrs on site needed |
| 0 | July | 2 | 03:15 | 9 (Med) | |
| 1 | August | 4 | 05:15 | 19 (High) | |
| 2 | September | 3 | 04:45 | 19 (High) | |
| | October | 1 | 01:40 | 6 (high) | |
| 2 | April | 2 | 03:20 | 9(Med) | |
| 0 | May | 1 | 01:40 | 17 (high) | |
| 1 | June | 3 | 04:55 | 20(high) | |
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The chairman reported that there had been two known incidents of burning tyres in Fedw Woods. PC Thorpe said that any further incidents like these could be reported either to the police or the Forestry Commission as there was good liaison between the offices.

The Council thanked the two officers for their attendance and input. CO112 Laura Redwood reported that this would be her last meeting with SACC because she was starting Police Constable Training. Councillors and clerk congratulated her, thanked her for the support she had given in the past and wished her well for the future.

1860 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

There were none declared.

1861 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11th June 2013

These were approved, proposed by Councillor Jarrett seconded by Councillor Bolton and all were in favour.

1862 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 11th June 2013 (for information only)

There were none.

1863 PLANNING MATTERS

a. Planning Applications under Consideration:

- i. DC/2013/00444. Conversion of existing outbuildings to accommodation at Ford Cottage, St Arvans. The Council recommended approval.
- ii. DC/2013/00461. Certificate of lawful use. Land adjoining Cockshoot Wood. Approval was recommended
- iii. DC/2013/00462. Land adjoining Cockshoot Wood. Proposed landscape works in restoration of unauthorized works that have taken place. Approval recommended
- iv. DC/ 2013/00456. Land adjacent to existing workshops, New Barn Yard, St Arvans Approval recommended. It was agreed that, in the report to MCC, the clerk should state: 'Taking into account the business proposed on the site, MCC Planning Department should apply appropriate hours of use restrictions

All above recommendations were agreed unanimously by councillors present.

b. Planning Decisions;

- i. DC/2013/00265. Single storey extension, to provide ancillary accommodation for single family use at Gorse Farm, St Arvans. Approved.
- ii. DC/2012/00613. New Barn Workshops: Storage area for building materials, construction machinery and equipment. This Planning Permission has been quashed in the High Court and remitted back to MCC. The Council decided to make no further comments as its previous observations would be taken into account.

c. There were no Planning Applications/Decisions received since the agenda was published.

1864 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR A. WEBB

No report.

1865 ACCOUNTS

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

Overall True Balance of Accounts as statement of 25th June is £ 9517.08 and comprises:

i) HSBC Balances and Building Society

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| Money Manager Account | £ 748.33 |
| Community Account | £ 5902.75 |
| Monmouthshire Building Society | £ 3015.76 |

ii) Less cheques not yet presented

| To Whom | Reference to Work Done/Expenses/salary etc | Cheque No. | Value £ |
|---------------|--|------------|---------|
| Judith Bolton | Clerks salary, SCP 18 £149.76 | 100880 | 149.76 |
| | | Total | 149.76 |

iii) 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 June, inc. refurbishment of notice board & Memorial Hall grounds work | 100882 | 213.00 |
| Judith Bolton | Clerks salary, SCP 18 £149.76 + 'Signed for' postage of accounts £2.00 | 100883 | 151.76. |
| Merlin | Emptying of dog bins (3 times) | 100884 | 17.82 |
| Society Local Clerks | Membership | 100885 | £63.00 |
| | | Total | 445.58 |

Councillor Howell proposed acceptance of the accounts and Councillor Davies seconded. All agreed.

1866 COMMUNITY COUNCIL WEB SITE

It had been resolved (Ref minute1849) that a business plan be submitted to MCC, applying for a Welsh Government grant of £500 to cover the cost of a web site from Visionict.com. The chairman presented the draft business plan which had been circulated earlier for comments. It was proposed by Councillor Howells and Councillor Jarrett that the business plan be accepted and sent to MCC. All were in agreement.

1867 JUNIOR FOOTBALL ACCOMMODATION ON FOOTBALL FIELD

On Monday 1st July at 23.30 hours, the clerk received notification that Garden City Football Club intended to install a container for club storage on the Playing Field. Owing to a misunderstanding, club officials thought that no Planning Permission was required and that the Community Council needed only a courtesy call prior to delivery and installation: they had contacted the Racecourse management who gave their approval. The container was en route from Stafford on the morning of 2nd July and both delivery and installation had been organised as training exercises for a number of army personnel.

The Council decided that the club could install the container but with certain conditions. This was agreed by Mr Terry Fisher, chairman of Garden City Football Club and he signed a letter confirming acceptance of these conditions on behalf of the club.

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- a) A formal Planning Application is made to MCC as soon as possible.
- b) If the application is approved, any conditions attached will be fully met.
- c) Should Planning Permission not be granted, the container would be removed

immediately at the club's expense.

- d) Should the club cease to be active at the playing field in St Arvans for any reason, the container would be immediately removed at the club's expense.

The Council agreed that circumstances had demanded a quick resolution to the problem and that the result was acceptable.

1868 FINANCE GROUP REPORT

There was no meeting this month.

1869 ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION GROUP REPORT

Councillor Davies presented the report

- a) The internal entrance to the KGV has now been seeded and the grass is growing well. The shrubs planted outside the entrance are thriving. This completes the present programme of work for the internal/external entrances to the KGV.
- b) The annual inspection of the equipment in the KGV was carried out by MCC on July 2nd. No report has yet been received but some renovation of the slide is likely to be suggested. If this is the case, MCC and Garth Engineering will be asked for quotations.
- c) It is recommended that remedial work to some of the wooden play equipment and a bench should be done by Nigel Hoskins.
- d) Garden City Football Club has expressed an interest in using and taking responsibility for, the former playgroup garden, as part of their expanding activities at the playing field; i.e. Girls' Football/Cricket.
- e) An additional Dog Litter Bin has now been installed opposite the Memorial Hall the shop on the A466.
- f) The shortlist for the Best Front Garden/ Hanging Basket Competition has been submitted to the judges.
- g) Thanks to everyone who helped to prepare the village for this year's Best Kept Village Competition. Results have not yet been published.
- h) The refurbishment of the notice-board at the cottages has been completed by Nigel Hoskins.

The report was accepted. The next meeting of ERAG will be on the 03/09/2013 at 9:45a.m. at Church House.

The chairman thanked the members of ERAG for their work.

1870 HIGHWAYS ADVISORY GROUP

No report

Next meeting of the Highways Group will be Monday 2nd September 9.45am at Woodpecker Cottage.

1871 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence Received between 11TH June and 8th July 2013.

Sent by e mail and originating from:

- a) MCC Fwd: Notice of Individual member Decisions- 10th July.
- b) MCC: Community Covenant

- c) Forwarded by One Voice Wales & originating from Severn Wye Energy Agency, letter ref. Monmouthshire Action Plan for Sustainability.
- d) Dog Walker. Asking for provision of dog bin on A466.
- e) AONB. Invitation to Study Tour.
- f) e mail from parent-volunteer for Garden City Football Club with reply.

In Hard Copy and originating from;

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- a) One Voice Wales. Voice Magazine and notice of AGM of Monmouthshire/Newport Area on 11/7/13 at 7.30pm at Llandenny Parish Hall.
- b) Ombudsman's Report (also available on-line).
- c) GAVO. Voluntary Voice magazine.

There were no comments on last month's correspondence.

1872 ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER PARISH MAGAZINE.

- a) Hanging Basket/ Front Garden Competition Results.
- b) Best Kept Village.
- c) Dog Bin.
- d) Web site.
- e) Cycle Path.

1873 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

This will be Tuesday September 10th 2013 at 7.15 pm in the Meeting Rooms.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Signed: Clerk

Date

Signed: Chairman

Date