

ST ARVANS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING OF ST ARVANS COMMUNITY COUNCIL held at THE MEETING ROOMS, ST ARVANS on TUESDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2013 at 7.15 pm

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

In Attendance

Judith Bolton (clerk)
Councillor Ann Webb
CSO70 Andy Jones
CO112 Laura Redwood
PC 1396 Ioan Williams
Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner Paul Harris

Prior to the Council Meeting, the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner, Paul Harris, outlined the aims of the Police and Crime Commissioning team, including consulting residents on the efficiency of the present PACT system. A Policing Plan setting out the way policing services are to be provided is being drawn up and will be accessible on the Gwent Police website

The chairman expressed confidence in the rural police team, said that communication was always extremely good and thanked the visitors for attending.

1775 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

1776 REPORT FROM PC LOUISE THORPE

CSO Andy Jones presented the report of incidents in St Arvans and Howick between 5th January 2013 and 12th February 2013.

31/01: A large tree came down on Devauden Road, landing on some parked vehicles. The road was blocked for a few hours and a number of people reported loss of power

05/02: Three reports in the St Arvans area of a suspicious van driving around trying to sell Chainsaws to residents.

09/02: Theft of a Rally car from the Racecourse overnight. The owner of the vehicle was not from the local area.

02/02 2 Commercial break-ins at Devauden and Tintern

The PACT priorities for the area were discussed and were left as:

- Traffic speed on the A466
- Traffic speed on Devauden Road
- Off road motorbikes

The chairman thanked CSO Jones for the report

1777 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were none

1778 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8th January 2013

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

1779 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 8th January 2013 (for information only)

- a) Ref. 1762e) The Planning Application DC/2011/00879 submitted by Livox Quarry is still not determined. The CC reported the continued movement of quarry lorries to MCC because the delivery of aggregate waste should have stopped on the 31/12/12 (a condition of the Approval of Mineral Permission Review) MCC issued a breach of condition order on the owners of the quarry The order was due to come into effect on the 8th February 2013.

- b) Ref 1759 The papers littering the hedge on the A466 had been cleared by Nigel Hoskins
- c) Ref 1766. MCC has confirmed receipt of Precept Claim for 2013-4
- d) Ref 1767a) The chairman has written to Mike Moran ref. the Children's Play Audit and has had a reply which has been circulated in correspondence.
- e) Ref. 1768a) Damien Weeks of MCC Transport Department is responsible for deciding the date of installation of the bus shelter. He will notify the clerk in advance.
- f) Ref.1768c) Paul Keeble of MCC Highways has been informed of the road sign in the hedge, on Devauden Road, opposite the entrance to Grange Road.
- g) Ref 1771a) Councillors Bolton and Vickers attended the One Voice Wales 'Strong Roots' Training.

1780 PLANNING MATTERS

- a. No planning applications have been received since the last Council meeting:
- b. Planning Application Determined by MCC Planning Dept. Since last Council meeting:
DC/2012/00208; Little Cophill, Itton. Double storey extension and double garage.
Approved on 14/1/13
- c. To note receipt of planning applications/permissions received since the preparation of this agenda
 - i. DC/2012/00613: New Barn Yard Workshops, Tintern Road. Change of use to allow storage of building materials, construction machinery & equipment, including metal storage containers and retention of security gates. Approval was confirmed with conditions at the Planning Committee meeting on 5/2/13
 - ii. DC/2012/00886: New Barn Yard Workshops, Tintern Road. Variation of condition of planning application 21850. Approval was confirmed with conditions at the Planning Committee meeting on 5/2/13

1781 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR A. WEBB

Councillor Webb reported that the MCC Council Tax Rate next year was to stay the same as this year.

1782 ACCOUNTS

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

Overall True Balance of Accounts as statement of 25th January is £ 10517.10

- i) HSBC Balance
 - Money Manager Account £ 6788.40
 - Community Account £ 105.74.
- ii) Monmouthshire Building Society £3012.96

iii) Cheques received but not yet on statement

Source	Reference	Cheque No.	Value £
Monmouthshire Housing Assn	Sponsorship towards cost of bus shelter	200233	600.00
Garden City Jnr Football Club	Payment towards cost of cutting grass	101659	100.00
		Total	700.00

v) Outstanding cheques

To Whom	Reference to Work Done/Expenses/salary etc	Cheque No.	Value £
St Arvans Village Trust	Donation ref Minute1752	100854	50.00
Mr & Mrs Chisholm	Electricity for Christmas lights	100857	40.00
		Total	90.00

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 January	100858	128.00

Judith Bolton	Clerks salary, SCP 18 £149.76 + £60 , 3 guests meals (Rural police team) at Council dinner 8/2/13	100859	209.76
SARA	Donation ref Minute 1769	100860	50.00
MCC	Supply & planting of shrubs (inc £50 VAT) Ref minute 1733d	100861	300.00
St Arvans Village Trust	Hire of hall (inc £4.03p electricity)	100862	24.03
Merlin waste	Dog Litter Bin emptying	100863	11.88
Alan Bolton	Chairman's annual allowance	100864	100.00
Margot Davies	Christmas gifts for service providers	100865	20.00
		Total	843.67

Councillor Stokoe proposed acceptance of the accounts and Councillor Moar seconded

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ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION GROUP REPORT

a) Entrance to KGV Playground

Area outside the gate is now complete. Work on the area just inside the gate will start when the weather is more amenable

b) Village Maintenance Schedule

The group recommended that the schedule of work remain the same and that extra needs be catered for as and when determined. The Council accepted this recommendation

c) Dog Bins

Dog waste is still being dropped around the village, even after the provision of two bins. This includes waste actually bagged by owners but left on pavements. It was decided that the clerk should approach the Wye Valley Area Committee for a grant for two more bins, including installation costs

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FINANCE GROUP REPORT

a) Village Maintenance Costs.

The Finance Group recommended that the hourly rate for village maintenance work be raised to £8.50p per hour from the current rate of £8.00. Proposed Councillor Howells, seconded by Councillor Jarrett, A vote was taken. 5 councillors voted in favour and one against.

b) The receipt of a grant from MHA of £600 towards the cost of the proposed bus shelter.

Following the previous meeting of the Finance Group in December, an application was made to MHA for a grant of £600 towards the cost of the proposed bus shelter. This application was successful meaning that, with the contribution of £600 from MCC the net cost to the Community Council will be £600 not the £1200 envisaged. This cost is almost met by the budgeted election expenses of £600 which were not needed this year as the Council only had to meet administration costs of £57. The Council decided that £540 should be moved from the Election Budget to 'Grounds Maintenance' and the bus shelter be charged to the latter head

c) Councillor Stokoe commented that the size of the reserves should be taken into account when setting the precept for 2014-5

1785 HIGHWAYS ADVISORY GROUP

There was no meeting this month but the chairman, Councillor Moar reported on issues relating to Piccadilly and Penterry Lanes

- a) Lanes were gritted during the bad weather and MCC Highways has been thanked.
- b) One of the two outstanding sets of drainage works has been completed. This was generally satisfactory apart from the poor siting of one of the kerbs. Unfortunately towards the end of the work it was not made clear that the road was still closed and a delivery to one of the farms had to be aborted involving the farmer in unnecessary expense. This needs to be addressed for any future work.
- c) Some residents have reported road safety problems resulting from an increase in traffic, some speeding and other road traffic rules being broken. Some drivers' registration numbers have been reported to the police. The rural police team have visited the area, dropping leaflets through doors and talking to residents. The Council was grateful for the quick response and support.
- d) Graham Kinsella (MCC Highways) has been asked again to organise repainting of

dotted white lines at the junction with Penterry Lane and to discuss the possibility of having two Give Way signs installed.

- e) The clerk had contacted MCC Highways to ask for a site meeting to discuss the state of the lane surfaces. Councillor Ann Webb discussed this with the department and will speak again with staff there to try to expedite such a visit. In the meantime, Ryan Pritchard of MCC has said that the authority is programming hot potholing works through Penterry Lane etc. towards Tintern and that this should be carried out imminently. MCC has also scheduled for gully emptying and pipe cleaning as soon as resources are available. It was decided that a site visit was still important to ensure that the work was targeted in the right areas.
- f) The Community Council reported that the lane between the crossroads on Penterry Lane near Wyndcliffe Court and the Upper Wyndcliffe Car Park is subsiding. MCC Highways have reported back that it is not yet in need of any work.
- g) MCC has been asked to sweep the lanes as there is a considerable amount of debris lying around.

1786 TO CONSIDER DONATIONS TO CHARITY

It was resolved that £50 be donated to Homemakers Community Recycling. This is a charity which operates County-wide, training volunteers from vulnerable backgrounds to recycle bulky furniture and other household goods. These provide affordable (sometimes free) items for people made homeless due to circumstances beyond their control. In doing so, it also serves the purpose of reducing land-fill.

1787 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence Received between 8th January and 11th February 2013

- a) Circulated by e mail and originating from;
 - i. MCC: Papers for Monthly Cabinet Meeting
 - ii. MCC Annual Budget Report
 - iii. MCC.(Alan Browne) 'What Matters to you' i.e. in ref. to MCC and Area Committee Funding
 - iv. MCC Planning Training for Community councillors
 - v. MCC (Mike Moran) Thanks for contribution to Play Audit
 - vi. MCC Single Integrated Plan
 - vii. MCC Review of Committees and Electoral Arrangements
- b) In Hard Copy
 - i. Memorial Hall Committee. Thanks for donation
 - ii. WAG Funding for Web sites for Community Councils
 - iii. MCC Area meeting papers for Feb meeting , Councillor Howell attended this meeting

1788 ITEMS FOR PARISH MAGAZINE

- a) Lorries
- b) Precept
- c) Dog waste
- d) MHA grant
- e) Dinner

1789 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was none

1790 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

This will be Tuesday March 12th 2013 at 7.15 pm in the Meeting Rooms.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed: Clerk
Date

Signed: Chairman
Date