

## ST ARVANS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF MEETING OF ST ARVANS COMMUNITY COUNCIL held at THE MEETING ROOMS, ST ARVANS on TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2016 at 7.15 pm

**Present:**                    **Chairman:**                    **A. Bolton**  
   **Councillors:**                B. Howell  
                                      M. Davies  
                                      V. Kennedy  
                                      J. Richards  
                                      B. Howells  
                                      R. Edwards  
                                      S. Banfield

**In Attendance:**

Judith Bolton: Clerk

**2325 APOLOGIES**

Councillor Ann Webb

**2326 REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE**

Email received from the Community Police ref. St Arvans and Howick incidents between 12<sup>th</sup> January and 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

23/01 – suspicious van seen in the lane leading up to Rogerstone Grange – driving recklessly and beeping the horn. The registration number was PK11PYU, a white VW caddy van – not a local keeper – the driver got aggressive with the caller.

29/01 – report of suspected stolen trailers being sold at the racecourse auction. Enquiries reveal at least one stolen trailer from the Gloucester area.

**2327 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were none.

**2328 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2016**

These were approved, proposed by Councillor Kennedy and seconded by Councillor Davies .All agreed.

**2329 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 12<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2016 ( for information only)**

- a) Ref. 2315c. Councillors Howell and Edwards reported on the January Lower Wye Valley Committee meeting.

**2330 PLANNING MATTERS**

- a) Planning Applications Considered by the Planning Group Since the Last meeting:
  - i. DC/2016/00074 . Oak framed veranda with glass roof and open sides. 2, Old Mill Barn, St Arvans NP16 6EU. This is a lean-to extension on the south side of the house. The Planning Group thought it sympathetically designed and enhancing the property. The Council recommended approval.
  - ii. DC/2016/00006 , 2 storey extension to Beguildy Barn, NP16 6EZ. The Council decided to recommend approval but asked that it be subject to protection of the hedge on the roadside.
- b) Planning Applications Decided by MCC Planning Dept. Since last Council meeting: None
- c) To note receipt of planning applications/permissions received since the preparation of this agenda

## 2331 REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR ANN WEBB

No report.

## 2332 ACCOUNTS

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

The overall true balance of accounts at 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016 was £13674.75 and is made up of:

i) HSBC Balance

Account No. 70724513	£ 787.89
+ Account No. 41440942	£10,020.57
+ Monmouthshire Building Society	£ 4059.90

ii) Minus £ p, comprising:

To whom	Reference to Work Done/Expenses/salary etc.	Cheque Number	Value £
MCC	Outstanding to MCC for clerk's salary		1193.61

**b) Invoices/Expenses and Salary Costs presented for Authorisation and Signature of cheques.**

To Whom	Reference to Work Done/Expenses/salary etc.	Cheque Number	Value £
Nigel Hoskins	Grounds maintenance	101033	166.50
Judith Bolton	2 hour web site work £18.40 Basic salary January £239.38	<b>Paid thru MCC</b>	257.78
Merlin waste	Dog Bin emptying	101034	40.68
St Arvans Community Plan Steering Group	Donation to Village Fete 2016 fund Ref Minute 2320	101035	50.00
MCC	Clerk's salary. £842.11p + Admin( £22.50 inc. £3.75 VAT)	101036	864.61
		<i>total</i>	1379.57

The accounts were accepted, proposed by Councillor Kennedy seconded by Councillor Howell. All agreed.

## 2333 HIGHWAYS GROUP REPORT

a) E-mail response from MCC to SACC Highways Queries.

- i. Traffic calming measures on the A466. MCC agreed with the need to renew these but it rejected further suggestions.
- ii. Devauden Road, MCC reported that the number of vehicles travelling above the speed limit was insufficient to consider introducing formal traffic calming measures. Further information on speeding on the A466 as well as Devauden Road could become available from Speedwatch data.

- iii. Grange Road. It was accepted that the speed data provided from Grange Road monitors showed there was very limited traffic travelling above 30mph. However, as previously communicated to MCC, the provision of terminal speed limited signage was considered to be a retrograde step. Clerk to write to Highways to request that the 30mph limit be extended along the lane.
- iv. Traffic Speed through Howick. When attending the Council meeting in November Sgt Parsons said that action might be taken to monitor vehicles through Howick and provide traffic speed data. Clerk to write to him to ask what progress has been made.
- v. Speedwatch signage. Other areas have erected signs indicating that Speedwatch operates there. Clerk to request information about similar for St. Arvans..

b) Racecourse

A meeting had been requested, but it was not possible to agree a date. To be pursued. No traffic problems have been reported at the Racecourse meetings including the Welsh Grand National but numbers were considerably reduced due to postponement from Christmas.

c) Date of next meeting, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 09:00am at Cedar House.

## 2334 ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION GROUP REPORT

a) KGV

i. Play Train.

- Caldicot Joinery making progress with the refurbishment. Timescale to completion is approximately a month. The field is very wet at present. Inspection will be done before delivery of train is requested.
- Consideration to be given to providing a plinth as well as matting to provide protection.

ii. Councillor Bolton has done insurance checks.

iii. Shrubs to be pruned.

b) Memorial Hall Verge.

- Councillors Bolton and Richards reported that would be difficult because of the poor nature of the soil (mainly rubble). Suggestion was made that the verge could perhaps be re-aligned to help reduce the problem of vehicles driving over it. This would move any planting further back onto the banking where the soil looks better. To be discussed with Hall Committee
- It was noted that a number of the big trees are encroaching over the building and will need pruning: Councillor Bolton will discuss with Hall Committee.

c) Dog Fouling

Councillor Howells reported incidents of dog fouling.

d) Defibrillator

Councillor Richards to undertake to speak with local professions. The clerk to speak to other clerks of councils and Councillor Howells to speak to the Lions about possible funding.

e) Proposed Notice Board at Howick.

Councillor Edwards is seeking to have a small display board sited for local information. Funding is being investigated..

f) Nursery Waste Storage Area

The Nursery has provided a more robust screen for the bins. Clerk has thanked the manager for the timely response to the CC request.

g) Grass Cutting 2016-17

The cost will be £628.83 plus vat for 14 cuts (weather permitting) which is inclusive of labour, material and plant costs.

h) Garden Competition

The Council will invite Avril branch who has judged the Council Garden Competition to the annual dinner. Proposed by Councillor Howell and seconded by Councillor Kennedy.

- i) DONM  
March 1st 9.45am @ Church House.

The report was accepted and the chairman thanked everyone for their input.

## **2335 CORRESPONDENCE**

To note and consider correspondence received since the previous meeting,

Circulated by e mail and originating from;

- i. MCC Ref. Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations. This has been passed to the Community Plan Steering Group
- ii. MCC. Ref. celebration of Welsh St. Valentine's Day
- iii. CAB. Ref. Funding Application
- iv. 3 Residents ref. Fly Tipping
- v. One Voice Wales Meeting, ref. Public Appointments; Chair of 'Sport Wales' and members of 'Social Security Advisory Committee'
- vi. One Voice Wales: Presentation on Superfast Broadband
- vii. MCC. Ref. Waste and Recycling Survey.
- viii. Invitation to Chairman and his wife to a 'Friends of the Racecourse' Dinner.
- ix. Chepstow & Caldicot. Eistedfodd group: Application for funding
- x. Nick Ramsay: request for petition to register any residents' objections to merger of Monmouthshire with other authorities. Council resolved that the Chairman write to Nick Ramsey for further background information to the proposed merger.
- xi. One Voice Wales, Consultation events on the Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill. Council resolved that the Chairman would reply, expressing the Council's concerns on how it might affect Community Councils
- xii. Invitation from Trellech Community Council to a joint meeting with Julian Hayman, of the Aneurin Bevan University Health Board Engagement Team, ref. The Clinical Futures Programme.

## **2336 ITEMS FOR PARISH MAGAZINE**

- a) Cherry trees in Playground
- b) MCC Survey of household waste collections
- c) Donation to Village Fete

## **2337 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Updated electoral registers are being organised for councillors

## **2338 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Council meeting will be on Tuesday March 10th at 7.15 pm in the Meeting Rooms.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm  
Signed: Clerk  
Date

Signed: Chairman  
Date