

ST ARVANS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING OF ST ARVANS COMMUNITY COUNCIL held at THE MEETING ROOMS, ST ARVANS on TUESDAY 8th MARCH 2016 at 7.15 pm

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

In Attendance:

Judith Bolton: Clerk
CO70 Andy Jones

2339 APOLOGIES

Councillor Kennedy and Councillor Webb

2340 REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE

Email received from the Community Police ref. St Arvans and Howick incidents between 10th February and 8 March 2016.

- a) There has been no crime to report in the St Arvans and Howick Area.
- b) Two incidents of suspicious activity have been reported on Grange Road towards Rogerstone Grange . Both involved a vehicle, with youths, parking up in the layby. The caller thought they may have been taking drugs.
- c) There was a RTC on the Howick road towards Lions gate roundabout in the early hours of Sunday the 6th of March. The vehicle had left the road but the driver and any passengers had left. This is being investigated by officers.

The chairman thanked the CO Jones

2341 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were none.

2342 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 9th FEBRUARY 2016

These were approved, proposed by Councillor Howell and seconded by Councillor Richards .All agreed.

2343 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 9th FEBRUARY 2016 (for information only)

- a) Ref. 2335viii. The chairman and clerk attended the Friends of the Racecourse Dinner
- b) 2335x. Nick Ramsay. Cannot attend a SACC meeting in role of AM as the Welsh Government has been dissolved pending the election in May.

2344 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) Planning Applications Considered by the Planning Group Since the Last meeting DC/2016/00006. 2 storey extension to Beguildy Barn, NP16 6EZ. There has been an amendment to this application but only definitive measurements added and no structural changes that would need addressing by the council

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- b) Planning Applications Decided by MCC Planning Dept. Since last Council meeting: 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. MCC has approved.
- c) To note receipt of planning applications/permissions received since the preparation of this agenda. DC/2016/00164, Certificate of Existing Lawful Use or Development. A bungalow adjacent to St Arvans Lodge. The Planning Group will consider this at its next meeting.
- d) Report on meeting with Racecourse ref. proposed application for a building near the Lion Roundabout entrance. Date for this meeting now 14th March

2345 REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR ANN WEBB

No report.

2346 ACCOUNTS

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

The overall true balance of accounts at 25th February 2016 was £13137.72 and is made up of:

i) HSBC Balance

Account No. 70724513	£ 278.21
+ Account No. 41440942	£9408.89
+ 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	Paid by MCC	609.28

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	101037	144.00
Judith Bolton	1 hour web site work £9.20 Basic salary (February) £239.38 1/4 yearly contacted expenses £37.50	Paid thru MCC	286.08
Merlin waste	Dog Bin emptying plus bin and fitting	101038	252.12
St Arvans Village Trust	Hire of hall	101040	37.25
		<i>total</i>	<i>719.45</i>

The accounts were agreed, proposed by Councillor Howell and seconded by Councillor Davies

c) In consideration of likely spends in the future it was decided to ring-fence the following sums from the reserves

- i. £2000 for work that could result from reduction of services from MCC. This is raising the previous sum of £1000

- ii. £2000 for arboreal work that may be needed on the boundary of the football field

Proposed by Councillor Howell, seconded by Councillor Davies and all agreed

2347 HIGHWAYS GROUP REPORT

There had been no meeting but councillors discussed the following items:

- a) There has been no response to the email sent to Mark Davies ref. traffic speed on Grange Road, despite a reminder. Clerk to write to Roger Hoggins.
- b) Surface of alleyway between Laurel Park and Grange Road (near playground) has a broken surface. A quote has been requested for the work
- c) Nigel Hoskins to be asked to quote for the straightening of the bollard by the fountain.
- d) Surface of Grange Road damaged by rain and the bin lorry. Clerk to write to MCC
- e) Clerk to write to Steve Lane to ask for a reply to the email of 19/1/16 ref. advertising at the Lion Roundabout.

2348 ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION GROUP REPORT

Councillor Davies presented the report.

a) KGV Playground

- i. Play Train. Councillor Bolton visited Caldicot Joinery last week. The estimate for the cost of refurbishment is higher than anticipated (Ref. Minute 2303b iii) due to more deterioration on the inside of the boiler than could be seen on first inspection. It was agreed that the new quotation of Circa £500 be accepted and it was also agreed that safety matting be purchased to go around the train at a cost of up to £200. Proposed by Councillor Edwards and seconded by Councillor Howell, All agreed.
- ii. Shrubs still to be pruned, and consideration be made to re-plant some at the Memorial Hall
- iii. Councillor Bolton has done insurance checks

b) Memorial Hall

Councillor Bolton to prepare discussion document for Councillor Davies to take to the next Hall Committee meeting on 17/3/16 to include:

- Ideas on realigning the curb.
- Planting shrubs.
- Over-hanging trees.
- Status of flower boxes.

b) Defibrillator.

The results of the survey into funding and installation of defibrillators in other Monmouthshire villages was discussed. It was agreed that any decision should wait upon possible funding from Chepstow Lions Club. The clerk thanked for the work put into the survey.

c) Fly Tipping

There have been 2 more recent incidents of fly tipping in St Arvans and it appears to be a growing problem. Clerk to alert residents through the Parish Magazine and email list as to how to report incidents and what might be done to identify the perpetrators.

DONM: 5th April, 9.45am at Church House

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

2349 CORRESPONDENCE

To note and consider correspondence received since the previous meeting,

a) Circulated by e mail and originating from;

- i) MCC. Several Press Releases including one ref. High Speed Broadband in Monmouthshire
- ii) Nick Ramsay Am. Ref. proposed Meeting with SACC
- iii) Google Analytics. Website visited 225 times in February by 161 users
- iv) One voice Wales Area Meeting 7/3/16

b) By post.

Thank you letter from Treasurer of Community Plan Group.

2350 ITEMS FOR PARISH MAGAZINE

- a) Train
- b) Fly tipping
- c) Surface of the Alleyway
- d) Bollard at the Fountain

2351 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was none

2352 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Council meeting will be on Tuesday April 12th at 7.15 pm in the Meeting Rooms.

The meeting closed at 8.54 pm

Signed: Clerk

Date

Signed: Chairman

Date