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| **MARSHFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**   Minutes of the Council meeting held on 10th March 2015 at Marshfield Village Hall, Wellfield Road, Marshfield, commencing at 7:00 p.m.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Present: Mr Alan Chase (Chairman)  Mr Anthony Quilter  Mrs Linda Southworth-Stevens  Mr James Rowlands  Mr David Collingbourne  Mr Geoff Stockham  Mr Joel Williams  Mr Cenydd Edwards  Mr Mike Woods    Apologies: Mr Adam Rowbotham (work), Newport City Councillors Richard White (meeting) and Tom Suller  In attendance: Mr James McGrath HAGS SMP, 9 members of public, PCSO’s Caroline Doidge & Huw Moses (Gwent Police) G C Thomas (Clerk).  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  The minutes of the Council meeting held on 10th February were agreed to be a true record and signed by the Chairman.  **137. Declaration of Interests**  No interests were declared.  **138 Presentation By HAGS-SMP**  Mr James McGrath of HAGS-SMP presented details of their Arena Multi-Use Games Area System using slides, leaflets and a wallchart showing an impression of the facility sited within the Marshfield Village Hall grounds. Mr McGrath described the options available and the after sales services.  Members of public and Councillors asked questions about the MUGA system and a general discussion about the proposal followed, including practical issues and the need for a MUGA on this site.  **139. Leisure Facilities**  **a) Multi-use games area** - The Council agreed to postpone any decision on the specification and site for a new multi-use games area facility until after a review of consultations.  **b) Marshfield Village Hall Extension –** Councillor Stockham felt that arrangements planning application registered with Newport City Council will stall until Marshfield Village Hall Management Committee has a new committee after the AGM on 24th March.  Councillor Chase noted - <https://www.streetlife.com/area/marshfield/> - as a means of communicating locally.  **140. POLICE**  The Council welcomed PCSO’s Caroline Doidge and Huw Moses who provided details of local police activity over the last month. This included thefts from sheds and garages, many of which were left unlocked, motoring checks resulting in arrests for driving ‘under the influence’, whilst disqualified and without insurance. The officers noted a white transit van suspected of being involved in criminal activity and encouraged residents to pass on registration numbers if they see anything suspicious.  Police gave contact details and are happy to receive calls on their mobiles:  Emergencies 999 – Non-Emergencies 101  Blackberry Mobile – PCSO Caroline Doidge 07813 898049 – PCSO Huw Moses 07971 165820 – PCSO Rodney Caddy 07971 165762  Also see Gwent Police website:  <https://www.gwent.police.uk/?wardid=NP113&cHash=5708440903de41c430722bd683a54070>  The police attend Marshfield Road as often as possible to assist with issues relating to parking around Marshfield School, but time is limited. Tickets have been issued on occasions.  The police have made suggestions on how things can be improved and a meeting with the school is being arranged.  **141. PLANNING MATERS**  a) There were no planning applications requiring the Council’s observations.  b) Councillor Southwood-Stevens had obtained one free copy of the Local Development Plan from Newport City Council. The Council asked Councillor Southworth-Stevens to make enquiries about buying one further copy of the LDP.  c) The Council agreed to follow a policy of objecting to further residential development in the area due to the lack of facilities to serve the existing population.  **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING**  142. Council Vacancy (Min 123)  The Clerk reported that the Council was now in a position to fill the vacancy by co-option and one Castleton resident had recently expressed an interest in becoming a community councilor.  143. Leisure Facilities (Min 124b)  Village Hall Extension – The proposed meeting with the Village Hall Management Committee to ensure that the plan provided a needed facility and was value for money was carried forward until after the MVHMC AGM.  144. Planning Matters (Min 125c)  Church Farm Trackways – Nothing further had been heard.  145. Welsh Hearts (Min 126)  The Clerk reported that a letter had been sent to the Coach & Horses, Castleton about assistance with funding and siting further defibrillators.  Councillor Southworth-Stevens agreed to e-mail Welsh Hearts to let them know the position regarding Marshfield Village Hall Management Committee which is causing delays in moving forward the earlier agreement with Welsh Hearts.  146. Potential Safe Routes in Communities Scheme (Min 128)  Councillor Chase reported that he is waiting for arrangements to meet with Marshfield Primary School and will re-present the Council’s interest in pursuing this idea.  147. New Residents Introduction (Min 129)  Councillor Chase told Members that the letter had been prepared and will be delivered soon.  148. Leader Programme: Local Development Strategy for Newport (Min 130)  Councillor Stockham agreed to look at this matter and come back with recommendations.  149. Cardiff Conservation Volunteers (Min 131)  Councillor Southworth-Stevens has booked CCV and will contact Newport CC to discuss footpaths that would benefit from maintenance and will be a suitable project for CCV.  **150. FINANCIAL MATTERS**  a) Financial Regulations  The Council agreed to adopt the model Financial Regulation 2014 issued by One Voice Wales including the EU Procurement thresholds shown.  b) Invoices and Payments  The Council agreed to pay the following items:  Newport City Council – Village Hall grounds - one-off cut to edge of fields -£581.76  Planning Aid Wales – Cllr Southworth-Stevens training course - £20.00  Alan Chase – Reimbursement for paper and printer ink - £32.27  Ken Honey – Reimbursement for allotment matters as detailed on 09-13-15 - £18.25  c) Income  Marshfield Youth Club provided a cheque to the Community Council for £2230.72. The youth club is closed for the time being and the balance of funds in the Club account was passed to the Council for safe keeping.  d) Cheques  101445 G Thomas – Salary February 2015 (net) £ 273.73  101446 HMRC – PAYE February £ 68.40  101447 G Thomas – Internet connection reimbursement - February £ 18.00  101448 Newport City Council V Hall grounds (Min 150b) £ 581.76  101449 Ken Honey – Reimbursement for Allotment costs (Min 150b) £ 18.25  101450 Planning Aid Wales – Training Course (Min 150b) £ 20.00  101451 Alan Chase – Reimbursement- Paper, printer ink (Min 150b) £ 32.27  **151. CONSULTATIONS**  a) **National Assembly for Wales Finance Committee inquiry into the powers of the Public Service Ombudsman for Wales** – The Council agreed to write in support of all five proposed changes.  b) **Welsh Government Consultation Document – Tax Devolution in Wales – Land Transaction Tax** – Councillor Stockham described his findings after some research on this complex matter. The Council agreed to consider any response during the April Council meeting.  *(Councillor Collingbourne left the meeting)*  c) **Planning Inspectorate -Tidal Lagoon Cardiff – EIA Scoping Notification and Consultation –** The Clerk had contacted the other community councils in Marshfield ward to find out if they had been consulted. Wentloog Community Council had been consulted and was due to discuss the matter at their council meeting on 17th March and invited representatives of Marshfield Community Council to attend. The Council agreed that Councillor Chase should attend the Wentloog CC meeting and all Members should contact Councillor Chase with any suggested comments for him to collate a response to return to the Planning Inspectorate before 2nd April 2015.  **152. CORRESPONDENCE**  a) Barchester Healthcare wrote to invite representatives of Marshfield CC to the Topping Out Ceremony on 3rd March at their new building on the former Wyevale Garden Centre site in Castleton. Councillor Williams had attended the ceremony.  b) Marshfield Action Group e-mailed to update on litter issues and contacts with Newport CC and Wastesavers. Councillor Quilter noted that the local litter pick had collected 25 bags of litter.  It was also suggested that a Member of Marshfield CC should accompany Keep Wales Tidy to Bassaleg School to talk about the litter problems around school bus stops.  Councillor Joel Williams agreed to do this.  c) The Council received a copy of a letter from a local resident to Newport City Council Planning about the alteration of the access to Church Lodge, Church Lane, Marshfield. Members noted the information received.  d) A local resident e-mailed on 20th February with concerns that the footpath from St Marys’ Church to Ty Mawr Lane has been closed-off near the railway line crossing. Councillor Southworth-Stevens had made enquiries with Newport CC Rights of Way Officers and action is being taken for the removal of the barriers. Also, because of the imminent electrification of the line there are ongoing discussions with Network Rail to divert the footpath so that it will avoid crossing the actual railway lines.  **153. COMMUNICATION**  a) The Council agreed to publicise details of:   * MUGA * Village Hall Planning Application * Police Report * Village Hall Management Committee AGM * Castleton Care Home   b) Councillor Stockham suggested a periodic newsletter from the Community Council to be delivered to all residents. The council agreed to agenda this matter for discussion at the next Council meeting.  **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**  a) Welsh Government Consultation - Devolution, Democracy and Delivery White Paper – Reforming Local Government: Power to Local People  Councillor Stockham agreed to look at the consultation documents and circulate comments to be considered at the next Council meeting, before the deadline of 28th April.  b) Cardiff City Council – Appeal Concerning Residential Development at Goitre Farm, Newport Road, Old St Mellons, CF3 2WH (14/02207)  Councillor Stockham suggested that the Community Council makes a further statement to the Planning Inspectorate, in addition to the earlier response to the planning application. The Council agreed that Councillor Stockham should circulate suggested points for confirmation at the next Council meeting.  c) Marshfield Village Hall AGM  Councillor Stockham was due to attend the meeting as the Council’s representative and asked for some clarification of the Council’s position on supporting the Hall.  **Meeting ended 22:30** | **Action**  **L-SS**  **L-SS**  **AC**  **AC**  **GS**  **GT**  **AC**  **JW**  **GS**  **GS** |
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