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| **MARSHFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  Minutes of the Monthly Council meeting held on 11th February 2020 at Marshfield Village Hall, Wellfield Road, Marshfield, commencing at 7:30 p.m.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Present: Mrs Catherine Grady (Chairman)  Mrs Elizabeth Connolly  Mrs Linda Southworth-Stevens  Mrs Rachel Johnson-Poulsen  Mr Mark Dawkes  Mr Geoff Stockham  Apologies: Councillor Antonia Cox (ill), Councillor Ronald Carrie (work), Councillor Susan Davies (work) City Councillor Tom Suller  In attendance; City Councillor Richard White, Mrs Jayne Constance (Marshfield Village Hall Management Committee), G C Thomas (Clerk)  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  The minutes of the monthly Council Meeting held on 14th January were agreed to be a true record and signed by the Chairman.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **218. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**  There were no interests declared.  **219. POLICE MATTERS**  The Council noted that there had been no police report for January and heard that the reports for the Marshfield ward may have ended. The Council noted two road traffic accidents on A48.  ***The Council asked the Clerk to contact Gwent Police to find out the position on monthly reports.***  **CITY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**  220. Review of Electoral Arrangements for the City of Newport  Councillor White referred to the ongoing review by the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales. He understood that the proposed change was owing to the need for an extra councillor in the Tredegar Park ward. Councillor White said that his preferred change would be to merge the whole of the existing Marshfield ward with the whole of the existing Tredegar Park ward with three councillors representing the new larger ward.  ***Members agreed to consider the proposals and to come back to the March Council meeting with any comments to agree a Council response to the review, which is required by 8th April 2020.***  221. Solar Farm Gwent Levels  Councillor White alerted the Council to a pre-planning application by Wentlooge Community Energy/Savills for a very large solar farm of 250,000 solar panels and three wind turbines to be sited in the Gwent Levels in Wentloog.  **MARSHFIELD VILLAGE HALL**  The Chairman welcomed Mrs Jayne Constance representing Marshfield Village Hall Management Committee.  222. Village Hall Grounds Maintenance  This matter was brought forward from Financial Matters on the agenda.  Mrs Constance referred to the decision to favour Newport City Council as contractors for ground maintenance as stated in minute 82 of the September 2019 Council meeting. Newport City Council had requested a review of current arrangements and had provided price for the new schedule of works put forward by MVHMC amounting to £4453+VAT. This was within the amounts accepted in September 2019 and included general price increases being implemented by Newport CC from April 2020.  ***The Council agreed to purchase the ground maintenance service from Newport City Council and donate this service to the VHMC. Mrs Constance agreed to ask Newport City Council to provide a contract to the Community Council, which will form the basis of the agreement.***  223. Matters Affecting Village Hall Grounds  Mrs Constance passed on matters which were of concern to the VHMC:   * Defibrillator – Battery replacement – The Clerk informed the Council that an order was being processed and should be delivered to Mark Redwood in the near future. * Rocker Snail – Damage repair - The Clerk informed the Council that W M Garden Services had removed the equipment to make safe and had were costing a repair. * Dug-outs – Wind damage – Mark Redwood is taking action to secure the dug-outs. * Moles – There is a problem with mole activity affecting ground surface. * Gaps in boundary hedges on bend of Wellfield Road – Safety concerns – The MVHMC had found that around £1000 would be required to erect a fence to prevent children exiting the grounds on to Wellfield Road and was asking Marshfield Community Council to contribute to the cost.   ***The Council asked for a written request for funding with more details of the proposals which would then be discussed before any decision is made.***   * Mural – Weather conditions are delaying this project. * Senior Football – The football club has given notice to end its contract to use the Village Hall facilities from March 2020.   **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING**  224. Car Dismantlers – Ty Mawr Road (Min 197)  Councillor White told the Council that he had not yet heard how Newport City Council’s Planning Section are proposing to deal with the latest planning application but when he receives this information he will seek to ensure it is decided in Committee.  225. Flooding on St Mellons Road (Min 198)  Councillor White told the Council that Newport CC had only cleared part of the ditch, the grating and under the road, but this seems to have worked to allow drainage to flow.  226. Urdd National Eisteddfod 2020 (Min 207)  The Urdd wrote on 30th January to assure that the donation will be appreciated and will help create a successful event.  227. Defibrillator Battery  The Clerk reported that he had enquired about the order with Welsh Hearts. They had received the order and had requested the battery from their suppliers and will chase-up the matter.  **228. TRANSPORT AND ROAD SAFETY WORKING GROUP REPORT**  Councillor Stockham reported that the Group had met for the first time on 28th January.  It was agreed that the Terms of Reference are adequate. The Group split to divide activity, 1) to deal with transport and road safety for the villages, 2) to look at issues affecting the A48, and 3) to monitor progress in the Hendre Lakes/Cardiff Parkway development. The Group will need to involve City Councillors when suggestions relating to the A48 are put forward.  The Group agreed to request that the Community Council contact the Local Authority with a view to establishing a physical barrier at the intersections where motorists disregard the Highway Code etc and cross double solid white lines thereby exposing both themselves and others to risk.  Two locations were identified,1) The St Mellons Hotel and Golf Club (nr Tyla Lane), 2) Vaendre Lane (nr new residential development opposite Goitre Farm).  ***The Council supported this recommendation and asked the Clerk to contact Newport City Council and Cardiff City Council to put forward this suggestion.***  **FINANCIAL MATTERS**  229. Payments and Receipts Update  The Clerk had circulated a payments and receipts update including a bank reconciliation up to 10th February 2020. There were no questions arising from this.  230. Donation Request from Wales Air Ambulance  The Council received a request dated 24th January from Wales Air Ambulance to give financial support to help provide the service to the people of Wales.  ***Councillor Dawkes proposed that the Council donates £50. This was seconded by Councillor Southworth-Stevens and agreed by majority.***  231. One Voice Wales Membership  One Voice Wales wrote inviting the Council to renew its membership for 2020/21 at a cost of £399.  ***The Council agreed to renew its subscription.***  232. Cheques  101900 G Thomas – Salary January (net) 550.80  101901 HMRC – PAYE January 137.80  101902 S Faulkner – Allotment refund 30.00  101903 B Viggars – Allotment refund 35.00  101904 Wales Air Ambulance donation (Min 230) 50.00  101905 One Voice Wales membership subscription 2020/21 (Min 231) 399.00      **233. COMMUNITY PROJECTS**  The Council received a reply from Jo McBride, Chair of the MVHMC giving the Committee’s support for both community projects 3 and 12 which involve the Village Hall grounds, but would prioritise suggestion 3.  Following this support, the Clerk wrote to Newport City Council asking for an opinion whether five suggestions 3, 6, 9, 10a and 12 would acceptable for S106 funding for leisure. Jennie Judd, Newport City Council Leisure Section replied as follows:  **1. Improvements to existing children’s play areas (3)**  To improve the existing children's play areas by adding new equipment and to add further facilities on the land between the car park and the senior football pitch. This could be something suitable for youths and adults such as fitness equipment or an adventure playground which could be suitable for 10/16-year-old residents.  *No this could not be funded under the SPG this is classed as equipped play.*  **2.  Provide additional bench seats at various locations (6)**  Councillor Southworth-Stevens had met officers of Newport City Council on sites at Marshfield Road and near St Mary’s Church. May 2019 – Councillor Southworth-Stevens had made progress with NCC to find suitable sites and reported that NCC Estates office are looking at land ownership for one location.  *No this could not be funded as this is classed as informal leisure provisions.*  **3. Creating a circuit for local events such as a park run or walk open for local residents**. (9) .  *Yes, this could be funded.*  **4.  Provision of bicycle storage (10a)** at the junction of Marshfield Road/A48.  *Yes, this could be funded.*  **5.** **Village Hall playing fields (12)**  To improve the Village Hall playing fields by replacing the senior football pitch goal posts and providing drainage for the playing fields.  *Yes, this could be funded.*    ***The Council agreed that Councillors Southworth-Stevens and Dawkes would contact Newport City Council to further discuss the possibility of implementing those project that are acceptable for S106 funding.***  **PLANNING MATTERS**  234. Planning Application Observations  The Council approved and adopted the observations already sent to Newport City Council.  **MCC 925**  **Conex 20/0010**  **Proposal**: Proposed demolition of existing dwelling and construction of a new replacement dwelling and detached double garage.  **Site:** Tawstock, 305 Marshfield Road, CF3 2UU  ***The Community Council does not wish to make any comments.***  235. Other planning matters.  Councillor Southworth-Stevens told the Council that she is keeping in contact with Newport City Council about planning applications relating to the car dismantler business on Ty Mawr Lane.  **236. CORRESPONDENCE**  There was no correspondence.  **237. COMMUNICATION**  The Council agreed to include the following matters in the Marshfield Mail and Community Council website:   * Dog fouling footpaths from the Shires to Mallards Reach.   **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**  238. Community Project – Badminton Court  Councillor Dawkes favoured creating a badminton court in Marshfield Village Hall.  The Clerk felt that this would be a decision for Marshfield Village Hall Management Committee as it may lead to a new user group to schedule time for the use of the Hall.  239. Marshfield Primary School – Wellbeing Room  Councillor Johnson-Poulsen had attended the official opening of the wellbeing room on behalf of the Community Council. The room has been named ‘The Cwtch’ and is successfully being used by children, involving parents and visitors where appropriate.  *(Councillor Dawkes left the meeting)*  240. Dumping in the Severn Estuary  Councillor Southworth-Stevens was concerned about dumping of rubbish in the Severn Estuary and asked if Newport City Council had made representations.  ***The Council agreed to write to Newport City Council stating that Marshfield Community Council objects to dumping in the Estuary and asking whether they have objected to this practice.***  241. Fly Tipping Prosecutions  Councillor Southworth-Stevens told the Council that Pam Jordan of Natural Resources Wales had informed of a successful prosecution of a person caught fly tipping in Ty Mawr lane in 2018.  242. Cardiff Conservation Volunteers  Councillor Southworth-Stevens informed Members that CCV had postponed their work due to the weather.  243. Apologies for March Meeting  Councillor Stockham gave apologies for missing the March Council meeting.  244. Castleton Circular Walk  Councillor Stockham had walked the Castleton Circular Walk and found it was overgrown. He had cleared parts with a scythe himself and asked Newport City Council to maintain it, but was told it was the responsibility of the land owner.  **Meeting ended 22:3** | **Actions**  **GT**  **All**  **JC**  **GT**  **GT** |