

MARSHFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Action

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 12th November 2012 at Marshfield Village Hall, Wellfield Road, Marshfield, commencing at 7:35 p.m.

Present: Mr K D Evans, Chairman
Mrs K Evans,
Mrs S Jefferson,
Mr A Quilter,
Mr N Evans
Mr C Edwards
Mr A Sims
Mr M Woods
Mr M Sykes
Mrs V Maud

Apologies: None

In attendance: City Councillors R White & T Suller , 5 Members of public, G C Thomas (Clerk).

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 8th October were agreed to be a true record and signed by the Chairman.

173. Declaration of Interests

Councillor S Jefferson – Agenda item 8 - Planning Application MCC 698 - Conex 12/00979

Councillor V Maud – Agenda item 8 - Planning Application MCC701 Conex 12/1029

Councillor C Edwards – Agenda item 13b - Request for sponsorship

174. Trackways Church Farm, Church Lane

(Councillor Jefferson joined the meeting)

The Council reviewed the position on this development since it was last discussed by the Council in May 2012. The Chairman permitted members of the public to address the Council on this matter.

(Councillor Maud joined the meeting)

Members understood that there are concerns about the volume and content of waste material brought to the development and that the Environment Agency has put a stop to work whilst they conduct investigations.

The Council agreed to write to the Environment Agency to ask why checking has stopped at the site and also write to Newport City Council to express any concerns that may be seen after Councillor Rowbotham has collated the information currently available.

175. Newport City Ward Councillor's Report

- a) Councillor White reminded the Council that grants may be available to junior football from landfill tax.
- b) Railway bridge closures are ongoing at Peterstone and Duffryn. Work will take 26 weeks when Peterstone bridge will see intermittent closures and Duffryn will be continually closed.
- c) Permission has been granted to build a house on the site of the former Castleton police

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<p>station.</p> <p>d) Newport CC cabinet approved the Scrutiny Team report about Gypsy sites on 29th October. The matter is to go to the full Council in the spring. When the UDP has been agreed it will go to the Welsh Government for approval. The sites that are eventually chosen will still need to go through the process to gain planning permission.</p> <p>e) Councillor Sykes had been in touch with Newport City Council about S106 money and referred to a list of unspent money. Councillor White took details to allow further enquiries.</p>	<p>MS/RW £</p>
<p><u>176. Police Matters</u></p> <p>a) The Clerk circulated a police report for October 2012 which was noted by Members. Councillor White added that a speed check on Marshfield Road checked 107 vehicles resulting in 8 tickets and 3 drivers to appear in court.</p> <p>b) Councillor Woods asked if there is any evidence of crime increasing in the area because of street lighting being switched off. The Council agreed to write to the police to ask this question.</p> <p><i>(Councillor Woods left the meeting)</i></p>	<p>GT</p>
<p><u>REVIEW OF ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS</u></p>	
<p><u>177. LDP Alternative Sites Addendum (Min 143ii)</u></p> <p>The Chairman allowed members of the public to address the Council about concerns relating to land off The Meadows. The Council confirmed that it will reiterate its comments for the Alternative Sites consultation for the addendum.</p>	<p>GT</p>
<p><u>178. Welsh Government Gypsy & Traveller Strategy (Min 143vi)</u></p> <p>Councillor Kirstie Evans told the Council that Councillor Julie Foster intends contacting all community councils affected by the strategy to arrange a meeting with Jane Hutt AM.</p>	<p>KE</p>
<p><u>179. Section 106 Payments (Min 145)</u></p> <p>Councillor Sykes had made enquiries to Newport CC about unspent Section 106 payments available for leisure facilities.</p>	
<p><u>180. Church Lane Resurfacing (Min 146)</u></p> <p>The Clerk reported that Newport CC has not completed the resurfacing of Church Lane as a section of the lane has been damaged by large vehicles disposing of materials into an adjacent field. Investigations are ongoing as it has been damaged by a third party to an extent that micro asphaltting is now not suitable and needs to be reconstructed.</p>	
<p><u>181. Posts at Groes Corner (Min 148)</u></p> <p>The Council asked the Clerk to order the installation of the posts by J D Civils in accordance with the schedule prepared by Newport CC Streetscene and the contractor's quote.</p>	<p>GT £</p>

182. Network Rail Proposed Closure/Diversion of Public Footpath to Cross Railway Line (Min 150)

Councillor Kirstie Evans told Members that the public consultation failed to provide a way forward that was acceptable to everyone and Network Rail are to come back with a suitable alternative. Network Rail can try to force a plan through the Welsh Government.

183. Request for Funding Towards Firework Display (Min 159)

The Council noted that around 400-500 people attended the Bonfire Night event and that posters and the Marshfield Mail named the Community Council as a sponsor.

184. Concurrent Functions Allocation Review (Min 160)

The reply to Newport City Council providing details of how the concurrent allocation for 2011/12 was spent is being prepared.

185. Poppy Appeal (Min 161)

Councillor Karl Evans told the Council that he and a number of other community councilors had represented the Community Council at the local Remembrance Day service.

186. Castleton Baptist Church – Gateway Centre (Min 163)

The Church wrote on 18th October to thank the Council for the donation following use of the Gateway Centre, St Mellons Road for a Leisure Committee meeting.

187. One Voice Wales Area Committee (Min 167)

Councillor Nathan Evans told the Council that he was unable to attend the One Voice Wales Newport/Monmouthshire Area Committee meeting held on 8th November at Llandenny Parish Hall.

PLANNING MATTERS

188. Planning Committee Minutes

The minutes of the Planning Committee held on 15th October were approved and adopted by the Council.

189. Planning Application Observations

The Council agreed to make the following observations:

MCC 697 Conex 12/0713

Proposal: Construction of Two Storey Extension to Nursing Home to Create Additional 5 Bedrooms.

Site: Pentwyn Nursing Home, 166 Marshfield Road, Marshfield, CF3 2TU.

Observations:

The Council objects to the proposal as there is currently inadequate parking provision. Visitors and staff park on the pavement at the entrance to Blacktown Gardens creating reduced visibility at the junction. The proposal will result in additional staff and visitor numbers that will add to this problem.

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(Councillor Jefferson declared an interest and left the meeting)

MCC 698 Conex 12/00979 - Full

Proposal: Retention of Balcony to Rear Elevation.

Site: 6 Tynewydd Drive, Castleton, Cardiff, CF3 2SB.

No observations.

(Councillor Jefferson rejoined the meeting)

MCC 699 Cardiff City Council 12/1658/DCO

Proposal: Improvement of Path Surface as Part of Wales Coastal Path, 2km X Approximately 2m Wide Along Top Of Seawall.

Site: Sea Wall Between Newport and Lamby Way, Cardiff.

Observations:

Marshfield Community Council wishes to register support for the improvements of the path surface as part of Wales Coastal Path whilst registering just one concern that it could be damaged by the animals that also tread in this area.

MCC 700 Conex 12/0957/Full

Proposal: Erection of a Stable Block and Shelters for Equestrian Purposes.

Site: Land Adjacent to and West of St Albans, 92 St Mellons Road, Marshfield.

Observations:

Whilst we have no objections to the proposal we would like planners to be mindful that this development is in green belt/wedge land and although the application specifies that there will be no impact to the landscape any new hardcore and structures will impact on the current landscape. The Council strongly recommends that any planning permission should protect the integrity of the land as green belt/wedge and permission to import materials should be strictly controlled and restricted.

(Councillor Maud declared an interest and left the meeting)

MCC 701 Conex 1029/Tree Preservation Order

Proposal: Crown Lift to Six Metres and Crown thin up to 15% of Ash Tree Protected Under TPO 5/2009

Site: The Vicarage, Church Lane, Marshfield, CF3 2UF.

No observations.

(Councillor Maud rejoined the meeting)

190. Leisure Committee Report

Councillor Karl Evans reported the following points to the Council:

- The online questionnaire about new leisure facilities has now closed
- Survey data has been collected
- The Leisure Committee will meet next week to discuss the options
- Assessment criteria will be used for the options under consideration
- A meeting will be arranged with Newport City Council

- The children's play area annual safety inspection report is being considered to decide what actions are necessary.

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<p>Councillor Evans had been contacted by the Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee concerning improved leisure facilities in the Village Hall area. The Council agreed to issue a statement that subject to the request from the Marshfield Village Hall Management Committee Chairman to combine funding and efforts for a common leisure facility in Marshfield Village Hall, we agree in principle to exploring the options.</p>	KDE												
<p><u>ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE</u></p>													
<p><u>191. Allotment Committee Minutes</u></p>													
<p>The minutes of the Allotment Committee held on 22nd October were approved and adopted by the Council.</p>													
<p><u>192. Report</u></p>													
<p>The Committee will be arranging for overgrown allotments to be cleared.</p>													
<p>Councillor Quilter told the Council that applications to rent an allotment had been received from people living outside the Marshfield Community Council area and asked whether there should be any policy on how the place of residence affects eligibility to be offered an allotment tenancy. The Council did not wish to make any restrictions on applicants but asked the Chairman of the Allotment Committee to use his own discretion to decide whether an allotment tenancy should be granted.</p>	AQ £												
<p><u>FINANCIAL MATTERS</u></p>													
<p><u>193. Invoices</u></p>													
<p>The Council agreed to pay the invoice for £90 from D L Wilde & Partners for cutting the hedges around the allotment site.</p>	£												
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<p><u>195. Village Hall Management Committee Representative Report</u></p>													
<p>Councillor Jefferson fed back thanks from the VHMC for the assistance with the Bonfire Night event.</p>													
<p>Councillor Jefferson proposed that the Council’s representative on the Committee should attend Village Hall Management Committee meetings only when required to do so by the Committee. The Council agreed with this proposal and asked Councillor Jefferson to let the VHMC know about this.</p>	SJ												
<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></p>													
<p><u>196. M4 Corridor Enhancement Measures –Environmental Report</u></p>													
<p>Arup e-mailed on 5th November with details of the Welsh Government consultation ending on 3rd December 2012 about the Environmental Report (including Strategic Environmental Assessment) and a Habitats Regulations Assessment. Comments will help the Minister for Local Government and Communities, Carl Sargeant, make an announcement about what strategy will be adopted to resolve the</p>													

<p>problems of capacity, safety and resilience affecting the M4 Corridor between Magor and Castleton. The Council noted the consultation.</p> <p><u>197. Request for Sponsorship</u></p> <p>A letter dated 27th October from a local resident asked for a donation towards the cost of her venture to be part of Welsh Africamp 2013 to help children in Africa.</p> <p>The Clerk advised the Council that its power to make a financial contribution did not extend to this type of activity. The Council agreed to support the application by providing publicity through its website and asked the Clerk to contact the resident to obtain permission for an article to be included on the Council's website.</p> <p><u>198. COMMUNICATIONS</u></p> <p>The Council agreed to publicise the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gypsy & Travellers sites • Leisure Committee • Allotment availability • Request for people willing to help with community matters <p>Councillor Jefferson pointed out the condition of the notice board on the A48 at Castleton and Members agreed that costs should be obtained to purchase a suitable replacement. The Clerk was asked to provide Councillor Jefferson with details of Grippit UK Ltd who provided the new board on Marshfield Road.</p> <p><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p> <p><u>199. Clerk's Hours</u></p> <p>The Clerk told the Council that since this matter was last mentioned to the Council in April the average hours worked continued to exceed the contractual 7.5 hours per week. The Council agreed to review the Clerk's hours and asked for information to be provided to the Chairman.</p> <p>Meeting ended 22:50</p>	<p>GT</p> <p>KE/VM</p> <p>GT/SJ £</p> <p>GT £</p>
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