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| **MARSHFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  Minutes of the Monthly Council meeting held on 10th July 2018 at Marshfield Village Hall, Wellfield Road, Marshfield, commencing at 7:30 p.m.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Present: Mr Mathew Taylor (Chairperson)  Mrs Linda Southworth-Stevens  Mrs Catherine Grady  Mr Mark Dawkes  Mr Ronald Carrie  Mrs Susan Davies    Apologies: Mr Mike Rigby (personal).  In attendance: 3 members of public, City Councillors Richard White & Tom Suller, G C Thomas (Clerk)  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12th June were agreed to be a true record and signed by the Chairperson  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **61. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**  No interests were declared.  **CITY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**  62. Street Lighting  Councillor White told the Council that street lights are usually set to be turned off at 22:00 but if a fault is suspected residents should take the number on the light column and report the matter to Newport City Council.  63. Hawse Lane Bridge  A few issues remain from the safety audit and although the bridge is not officially open access is possible.  64. School Equipment Funding  Councillor White told Members that interactive white boards are needed at Marshfield Primary School and the Parents and Friends Association may be writing regarding assistance with funding.  **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**  65. Keep Us Rural  Mr Geoff Stockham addressed the Council on behalf of Keep Us Rural regarding their fly tipping camera project. The group will not be proceeding with the project mainly due to data protection legislation issues. KUR will be returning the donation made by the Council towards the purchase of cameras. A cheque for £480 was handed to the Clerk.  66. Fly Tipping Witness  Mr Stockham described an incident involving fly tipping. The Council discussed the process following a witness report to the City Council. Councillor Southworth-Stevens gave information from the Living Levels fly tipping group and will speak to someone belonging to the group about what action can be taken when fly tipping is witnessed. Councillor White offered to speak to the police about the process of evidence.  ***The Council resolved to write to Newport City Council and the police to gain clarity of the process if a member of public witnesses and reports fly tipping. Also, to agenda -To discuss measures to deter fly tipping in the area – for the September Council meeting.***  *(Councillor Suller joined the meeting)*  67. A48 Road Safety  Mr Geoff Stockham referred to his correspondence that detailed five points which he aspired to achieve to improve road safety on the A48 through Coedkernew and Castleton. Members discussed various matters of concern and possible measures that were felt would improve road safety.  Councillor Taylor referred to past attempts to get something done by Welsh Government and Newport City Council who were not willing to act due to financial constraints.  The Council was aware of local interest in Michaelston y Feddw and Langstone to try to influence improvements in road safety with a Road Safety Conference being arranged in Langstone.  ***The Council resolved to ask Councillor White to bring up in Newport City Council the footbridge over the A48 which is sub-standard for disabled users.***  ***The Council resolved to write to Andrew Jenkins, Newport City Council raising the concerns over the dangers inherent in the A48 arrangement.***  ***The Council resolved to write to the GoSafe, Wales Road Casualty Reduction Partnership to recommend additional speed camera arrangements and suitable locations on the east bound carriageway up from Channel View before the St Mellons Hotel turn, and on the west bound carriageway near Spring Cottage, Coedkernew.***  ***The Council resolved to chase-up a response from Jayne Bryant AM.***  ***The Council resolved to write t the St Mellons Hotel to ask that drivers adhere to the no right turn rules at the hotll junction with the A48***  Councillor Suller agreed to chase-up sign maintenance on the A48 with Newport City Council.  68. Road Closures  A member of public enquired about the proposed road closure around St Mellons Road/Wellfield Road.  69. Police Patrols Pentwyn Terrace  A member of public felt that although the police have said they patrol the Pentwyn Terrace area she had not seen evidence of this.  ***The Council resolved to contact PCSO Doidge to ask about police attendance in this area.***  **PLANNING MATTERS**  To confirm the observations to be sent to Newport City Council for the following planning applications:  **70. MCC 872 – Conex 18/0332**  **Proposal: Conversion of Garage to Study.**  **Site: 11 Cambrian Close, Marshfield, CF3 2TB**  ***The Community Council did not wish to make any comments.***  **71. MCC 873 – Conex 18/0570**  **Proposal: Removal of Single Storey Extension and Outbuildings and Erection of Single Storey and Two Storey Rear Extension.**  **Site: 68 Marshfield Road, Marshfield, CF3 2UW**  A member of public addressed the Council concerning this application and Councillor Suller said he had asked for the application to be decided in a full Planning Committee.  The Council resolved to send the following observations to Newport City Council:  ***The Community Council would offer the following observations and concerns relating to neighbourly concerns, reduced quality of life and loss of privacy resulting from the above planning application.***  ***This single and two storey proposed extension would appear to be out of proportion to the original build of a two-bedroom property. This application proposes to double the size of the original build and seems out of keeping with other neighbouring extensions.***  ***The property is situated on the main busy Marshfield Road. The safety on this road is always of concern. There are two road bends in close proximity and the heavy goods vehicles, speed of the traffic, and school parking make this road highly dangerous at most times of the day to both pedestrians and drivers. Any vehicles parking in the road in connection with a construction build / deliveries will exacerbate this problem.***  ***A hedge at the rear of this property was owned and within the rear neighbours boundary. The erroneous removal of this hedge gives the impression that the rear boundary of No. 68 is further than it actually is. Consequently, it is deceiving as to the extent that this application will extend into the garden of this property.***  ***The size of the extension will affect the neighbours to both the side and rear. Both their light and privacy will be reduced. In particular the closeness of the two-storey extension with balcony will allow direct sight into the downstairs living space and bedrooms of the properties at the rear.***  **POLICE MATTERS**  72. Police Report  Members noted the police report for July2018 including an increased incidence of fly tipping.  **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING**  73. Crime Prevention Panel (Min 33)  Residents had been informed about the Panel via social media and the Council’s website but there had been little interest at the moment.  74. Benches and Litter Bins (Min 44)  Councillor Taylor had met with the contractor who had quoted for the bench a bin work and is arranging to award the contract via the Clerk.  75. Planters (Min 46)  The Council was informed that Greenmoor Nurseries and L&R Landscapes had withdrawn their sponsorship for the planters some had been removed from site. The remaining planters are sited at Groes Corner and Castleton Village Hall.  Councillors Dawkes and Grady agreed to buy plants for the remaining planters on behalf of the Council and Councillors Taylor and Carrie agreed to assist in planting.  ***The Council resolved to investigate new arrangements for next year.***  76. GAVO Awards (Min 60)  The Village Hall Events Team could be nominated for an award in the group category.  **FINANCIAL MATTERS**  77. Income   * Newport City Council credited the Council with £7244 for the concurrent functions payment for 2018/19. * Keep Us Rural – Refunded donation - £480   78. Invoices  The Council agreed to pay the following invoices:   * One Voice Wales training course – Community Engagement Part II (Tools & Techniques), Usk, 7th June - £40.00 * Newport City Council – Village Hall playing fields grounds maintenance, quarterly charge for period 1/4/18 to 30/6/18 - £910.66 * Broxap Ltd - Derby Double E240 recycling bin with Magpies logo - £583.14 (to be paid from Viridor grant to Magpies).   79. Stamps, Printing, Stationery  The Clerk provided receipts and asked for reimbursement for items purchased in connection with Council business between May and July 2018 amounting to £85.14.  The Council agreed to reimburse this amount.  80. Cheques    101753 G Thomas – Salary June (net) 452.00  101754 HMRC – PAYE June 113.00  101755 G Thomas – Internet connection reimbursement June/July 36.00  101756 G Thomas – Salary July (net) 452.00  101757 HMRC – PAYE July 113.00  101758 One Voice Wales - Training Course Fee (Min 78) 40.00  101759 Newport CC - V Hall Ground Maint. Apr-Jun ’18 (Min 78) 910.66  101760 Broxap Ltd - Recycle bin for Magpies (Min 78) 583.14  101761 J McGrath - Allotment key deposit refund 10.00  101762 C Elliott – Allotment key deposit refund 10.00  101763 G Thomas – Reimb. stamps, printing, etc. (Min 79) 85.14  **ALLOTMENT MATTERS**  81. Allotment Committee  The minutes of the Allotment Committee held on 19th June 2018 were approved and adopted by the Council.  **82. IDEAS FOR A COMMUNITY PROJECT**  Councillor Taylor updated the Council on the progress of the public consultation seeking ideas for a community project and gave details of the ideas received so far. Councillor Taylor suggested that the consultation continues until September when those received can be shortlisted before bringing to the September Council meeting.  ***The Council resolved to agree with this process and to add an item for the September meeting agenda. Also, to add a further specific item Christmas Trees to the September agenda.***  **CORRESPONDENCE**  83. Village Fete Accident  Councillor Taylor reported the details of an accident during the village fete involving an eight-year-old girl and the railings surrounding the football pitch behind the village hall.  ***The Council resolved to ask the Marshfield Village Hall Management Committee to prepare a report on the matter and to advise that the matter should be dealt with by the VHMC and its insurance as this was a Village Hall event.***  Councillor Taylor advised Members not to comment on such situations but to ask for any correspondence to be addressed to the Council via the Clerk.  **84. COMMUNICATION**  The Council agreed to include information in the Marshfield Mail and the Council’s website on the following matters:   * Community project consultation. * Benches & litter bins installation. * Road Traffic Event/A48 actions. * Effect of fly tipping garden waste in Mallards Reach/Shires on footpaths.   **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**  85. Grass Verges A48  Councillor Grady reported difficulties for pedestrians due to the encroachment of grass verges onto the footpath between Castleton and Vendre Close.  86. Hedges & Fencing Around Marshfield Village Hall  Councillor Grady referred to the maintenance and upkeep of the hedges and fencing with reference to the toddler’s play area.  ***The Council resolved to include an item about fencing in the toddler’s play area in the September agenda.***  87. Thanks to Council  Councillor Davies passed on thanks given by a shopper who said the Council had done a fantastic job in removing the fly tipping on St Mellons Road.  88. Community Speed Watch  Councillor Dawkes gave an update on the Community Speed Watch:  Volunteers had been trained and undertook two proper speed check sessions. The sessions recorded 30 vehicles travelling at over 30 MPH. 20 vehicles were recorded resulting in 17 letters and one person referred to the police. More volunteers are needed.  89. Bus Service  Councillor Dawkes told Members he had been travelling to work by bus in the morning from Newport Road, Castleton. The 30 service and the X5 service had all been empty until reaching his stop. Statistics may be needed but this could strengthen the case for busses to travel via Marshfield Road.  **Meeting Ended 21:43** | **Actions**  **GT**  **RW**  **GT**  **GT**  **GT**  **GT**  **TS**  **GT**  **LS-S**  **MT** |