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| **MARSHFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  Minutes of the Monthly Council meeting held on 12th March 2019 at Marshfield Village Hall, Wellfield Road, Marshfield, commencing at 7:30 p.m.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Present: Mrs Catherine Grady (Chairman)  Mrs Linda Southworth-Stevens  Mrs Rachel Johnson-Poulsen  Mr Ronald Carrie  Mr Mike Rigby  Mr Mark Dawkes  Fr Ross Maidment    Apologies: City Councillors Richard White & Tom Suller (meeting), PCSO Caroline Doidge  In attendance: 1 member of public, G C Thomas (Clerk)  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12th February 2019 were agreed to be a true record and signed by the Chairman.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **264. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**  No interests were declared.  **265. CO-OPTION TO FILL COUNCIL VACANCY**  A potential candidate had withdrawn his interest.  **266. POLICE MATTERS**  Members noted the Gwent Police report for the Marshfield Ward for February 2019.  **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**  267. Car Dismantlers, Ty Mawr Road  A member of public raised concerns about the extent and timing of work at the site. Councillor Southworth-Stevens was contacting Newport City Council about planning conditions but there was nothing to report at the moment. The member of public will also contact Councillor White.  **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING**  268. Road Safety, St Mellons Road Bridge (Min 245)  The Clerk reported that there had been no reply from Newport City Council.  269. Speed of Traffic – Ty Mawr Lane – Marshfield Road (Min 250)  The Clerk reported that there had still been no reply from Newport CC, to date. The Council asked the Clerk to contact Newport CC to ask for an update  ***The Council was concerned about the lack of response by Newport City Council to emails and letters sent recently and asked the Clerk to write to the Chief Executive expressing concern about this.***  270. Concurrent Functions Money Update (Min 254)  The Clerk updated the Council on the present position following the withdrawal of the concurrent functions grant by Newport City Council. Bishton Community Council had considered the barrister’s report and had decided to contact the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales about the matter.  **FINANCIAL MATTERS**  271. Payments & Receipts 2018/19 Update  Members were circulated a schedule showing the updated payments, receipts and a bank reconciliation.  272. One Voice Wales Membership 2019/20  One Voice Wales wrote to invite the Council to continue its membership for 2019/20. A subscription of £379 was payable to renew.  ***The Council resolved to renew the subscription.***  273. Wales Air Ambulance  Wales Air Ambulance wrote to request a donation towards its work.  Councillor Dawkes proposed that the Council donates £50. This was seconded by Councillor Grady.  ***The Council resolved, by a majority, to reject the proposal, whilst noting that a donation had been made to the Air Ambulance in November 2018.***  274. Village Hall Meeting  Councillors Grady and Carrie reported that they had met with representatives of the Village Hall and Events Team Committees on 5th March to discuss the withdrawal of the concurrent functions grant by Newport City Council.  Councillor Johnson-Poulsen will ask the Village Hall Management Committee to make a formal request to the Community Council for a general donation towards the maintenance and upkeep of the Village Hall. This will be considered by the Council at its next meeting.  275. Cheques  101822 G Thomas – Salary February (net) 452.00  101823 HMRC – PAYE February 113.00  101824 G Thomas – Internet connection reimbursement February 18.00  101825 G Harris – Allotment key deposit + shed deposit refund 50.00  101826 One Voice Wales – Membership subscription 2019/20 (Min 272 ) 379.00    **276. COMMUNITY PROJECT**  The Council wished to asses the eight projects identified for further consideration and assigned tasks to collect more information.  1. Fitness Equipment at Marshfield Village Hall near the multi-use games area - Councillor Sue Davies  2. Providing more effective speed bumps on Marshfield Road – Councillor Mark Dawkes  3. Improvements to existing children’s play areas – Councillor Grady provided information on some apparatus investigated.  4. Providing a meeting shelter for young people – Councillor Sue Davies  5. Improving junior football pitches at Marshfield Village Hall – Councillor Rachel Johnson-Poulsen to take to the VHMC for discussion.  6. Provide additional bench seats at various locations - Councillor Rachel-Johnson-Poulsen to survey sites at Castleton Village Hall, Mallards Reach/Meadows, outside St Mary’s Church. Clerk to provide prices of benches installed in village hall grounds.  7. Improving broadband coverage – Councillor Maidment had spoken with Rev Ian Roberts of Michaelson Y Fedw to discover that Marshfield is not eligible for the project grant suggested.  Could consider Open Reach/Virgin improvements. Councillor Dawkes spoke of the Open Reach superfast fibre roll out which is in the public domain. Samknows.co.uk can be used to check.  ***The Council agreed to remove suggestion 7 from the list.***  8. Provide a bus shelter outside the St Mellons Hotel on the A48 – Councillor Grady had obtained prices from a supplier and will survey the proposed location.  A further two proposals for a community project were put to the Council:   * Councillor Dawkes suggested creating a circuit for local events such as a park run or walk open for local residents. * Councillor Johnson-Poulsen suggested providing a Net Bike service to Marshfield village, particularly to serve access to A48 bus services.   ***The Council resolved to add both of these suggestions to the list for further consideration.***  **277. CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS**  Councillor Dawkes told the Council that he had contacted Mr Edward of L&R Landscapes Ltd on numerous occasions in an attempt to arrange the return of five sets of solar lights purchased by the Council to decorate the Christmas tree he had donated. A letter had also been sent by the Council and Councillor Southworth-Stevens had contacted Mr Edward. To date, there had been no response to confirm arrangement for the return of the lights.  Councillor Dawkes proposed that the Council takes the matter further.  ***The Council was mindful of the requirements for audit purposes and resolved to write to express concern about the lack of response and ask Mr Edward to return the lights or explain why he can not do this. The Council will reserve the right to take further action if there is no response.***  **278. Cardiff Conservation Volunteers**  Members brought suggestions for work that the CCV can carry out if employed by the Council:   * Repairs to hedging in the village hall toddler’s play area. * Clearing of the public footpath to St Mary’s Church. * Clearing of the public footpath at Mallards Reach.   ***The Council resolved to appoint Cardiff Conservation Volunteers for one day at a cost of around £140 and asked Councillor Southworth-Stevens to liaise with CCV and decide which suggestions could be completed within the one day proposed.***  **PLANNING MATTERS**  279. Planning Applications  ***The Council approved and adopted the observations sent to Newport City Council for the following planning applications:***  MCC 893  Conex 19/0078  PROPOSAL: Single storey porch to the front (resubmission of refusal 18/0846)  SITE: 89 The Meadows, Marshfield, CF3 2DY  *The Community Council does not wish to make any comments.*  MCC 894  Conex 19/0081  PROPOSAL: Construction of two storey dwelling and rebuilding of an existing open-sided barn as a double garage and store.  SITE: Walk Farm, Farm Drive, Castleton, CF3 2UY  *The Community Council does not wish to make any comments.*  ***The Council agreed observations to be returned to Newport City Council for the following planning applications:***  MCC 895  Conex 19/0161  PROPOSAL: Single storey extension, roof alteration including dormer extension and external works.  SITE: 4 Catherine Drive, Marshfield, CF3 2XB  *The Community Council does not wish to make any comments.*  MCC 896  Conex 19/0225  PROPOSAL: Single storey side extension and construction of part wo storey/single storey extension.  SITE: Millbrook House, Mill Lane, Castleton, CF3 2UT  *The Community Council does not wish to make any comments.*  **280. CORRESPONDENCE**  There was no correspondence to bring to the Council.  **281. COMMUNICATION**  The Council agreed to include the following matters in the Marshfield Mail and Community Council website:  Council vacancies  Allotment availability  Open Reach Broadband  **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**  282. Marshfield Road Surface  Repairs to manhole covers near 116 Marshfield Road had left holes around the repair.  ***Councillor Dawkes agreed to report the issue to Newport City Council.***  283. Removal of Hedging  A query arose whether permission would be required for the removal of hedging at the front of a property on Marshfield Road.  Councillor Southworth-Stevens felt that there were no planning permission issues from this.  284. Fly Tipping  Councillor Southworth-Stevens referred to an email from Pamela Jordan, Fly Tipping Enforcement Officer, Living Levels Project, which updated on CCTV camera installation and other measures to combat fly-tipping*.* Information was provided about the newly formed Gwent Police Rural Crime Team.  **Meeting ended 22:07** | **Actions**  **LS-S**  **GT**  **GT**  **GT**  **LS-S**  **MD** |
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