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| **MARSHFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  Minutes of the Monthly Council meeting held on 14th January 2020 at Marshfield Village Hall, Wellfield Road, Marshfield, commencing at 7:30 p.m.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Present: Mrs Catherine Grady (Chairman)  Mr Ronald Carrie  Mrs Linda Southworth-Stevens  Mrs Rachel Johnson-Poulsen  Mrs Susan Davies  Mr Geoff Stockham  Apologies: Councillor Antonia Cox (work), Councillor Elizabeth Connolly (ill), Councillor Mark Dawkes (holiday), Councillor Ross Maidment (work), City Councillor Tom Suller  In attendance:1 member of public, PCSO’s Caroline Doidge & Claire Montgomery-Brown (Gwent Police), City Councillor Richard White, G C Thomas (Clerk)  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  The minutes of the monthly Council Meeting held on 10th December 2019 were agreed to be a true record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following change: Minute 190 – Councillor ~~Stockham~~ *Richard White* pointed out…….  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **194. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**  There were no interests declared.  **CITY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**  195. Review of Electoral Arrangements for the City of Newport  Councillor White referred to the ongoing review and pointed out some concerns with the proposal to create two new wards for Marshfield West and Tredegar Park and Marshfield East. The proposal would split the exiting rural community, create one councillor for Marshfield West (including Castleton and Marshfield) and two councillors for Tredegar Park and Marshfield East. At the moment there are two city councillors representing Castleton and Marshfield.  196. Planning Application – Five Detached Dwellings, 21 St Mellons Road  Councillor White referred to planning application, conex 19/1003, and gave concerns that the proposed houses were close to the road. There is no pavement and this would thwart any future plans to widen the road to allow buses to pass, particularly with the plans for Hendra Lakes.  Councillor Southworth-Stevens outlined the comments sent to Newport City Council by their 31 December deadline.  **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**  197. Car Dismantlers – Ty Mawr Road  A member of public advised that the company website gave hours of operation and services offered which did not comply with the planning permission conditions.  198. Flooding on St Mellons Road  A member of public reported flooding on St Mellons Road in Marshfield. Councillor White was aware of the problem which he thought was due to a blockage in the drainage ditch from the village hall playing fields to the bridge.  ***The Council agreed to ask Newport City Council to clear the ditch.***  **POLICE MATTERS**  199. Loose Horses  Councillor Grady asked the officers present about the position regarding loose horses. PCSO Doidge gave the police position. Councillor White advised that horses cannot be placed in random fields or gardens by the police to resolve the problem.  200. Suspicious Persons  PCSO Montgomery-Brown reminded Members that the public should let the police know if they see any suspicious persons in the area.  201. Quad Bikes  PCSO Doidge told the Council that the police will seize bikes if the owners are breaking the law.  202. Fly Tipping Green Lane  PCSO Doidge asked about fly tipping in Green Lane. Members noted that this is a problem area but some clearing has been undertaken by Newport City Council.  **MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING**  203. Police Report (Min 171)  Councillor Grady asked if statistics for the corresponding period in earlier years could be shred with the Community Council in the monthly reports.  204. Inspection of Fencing at Pentwyn Terrace (Min173)  The Council awaited the reply to Councillor Dawkes.  205. Electronic Bus Timetable (Min 191)  The Clerk reported that Newport Bus had advised that the electronic timetables are the responsibility of Newport City Council. The City Council was asked about the matter but is yet to reply.  206. Councillor Contact Details (Min 193)  The Clerk had updated and circulated the contact list but some Members had not received the list.  Councillor Grady asked the Clerk to check this and recirculate the list.  **FINANCIAL MATTERS**  207. Urdd National Eisteddfod 2020  The Council had been asked to make a donation towards the cost of staging the Urdd National Eisteddfod for youths to be held in Denbighshire.  Members of the Finance & General Purposes Committee had made a recommendation to donate £50.  A further proposal to donate £100 was put to the Council.  ***The Council agreed, by majority, to donate £50.***  208. Defibrillator Battery  The Clerk reported that Mark Redwood, Caretaker for the Village Hall, had seen that the defibrillator at the front of the Village Hall was showing a message to replace its battery. Welsh Hearts had been contacted and the correct battery had been priced at £148.50 including delivery.  ***The Council agreed to purchase a new battery for the defibrillator to be posted to Mark Redwood who will replace it.***  New pads had already been supplied to Mr Redwood free of charge and he had replaced them.  209. Invoices  The Council agreed to pay the following invoice:  Newport City Council – Village Hall grounds maintenance 1/10/19-31/12/19 £910.66  210. Planter Maintenance  Councillor Carrie asked about maintenance of the planters recently purchased by the Council.  ***The Council agreed to spend up to £50 on plants etc required to maintain the planters***.  Councillor Carrie agreed to attend to the two planters in Castleton, Councillor Johnson-Poulsen agreed to attend to one in St Mellons Road and one opposite the shop on Marshfield Road, Councillor Southworth-Stevens agreed to attend to the planter in Mallards Reach and Councillor Grady agreed to attend to the planter at Groes Corner.  211. Cheques  101893 G Thomas – Salary December (net) 551.00  101894 HMRC – PAYE December 137.60  101895 G Thomas – Internet connection reimbursement December 18.00  101896 Newport City Council - V Hall grounds maintenance (Min 209) 910.60  101897 L Dowkes – Allotment key and shed deposit refund 45.00  101898 Urdd National Eisteddfod – Donation (Min 207) 50.00  101899 Welsh Hearts – Defibrillator battery (Min 208) 148.50    **212. COMMUNITY PROJECTS**  The Council reviewed the list of suggested community projects and confirmed the suggestions receive further investigation. Suggestion 3 was amended to include a suggestion to provide a fitness/adventure play area on the edge of the car park and senior football pitch. The Council agreed to contact Newport City Council about suggestion 3, 6, 9, 10a and 12 which could be acceptable for S106 funding for leisure. The Council agreed to write to Marshfield Village Hall Management Committee about suggestions 3 and 12 as these are within the Hall grounds and await their response before contacting Newport City Council.  **1. Removed**  **2. Removed.**  **3. Improvements to existing children’s play areas** – Councillor Grady provided information on some apparatus investigated.  **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.**  **4. Removed**  5. **Completed.** Improving junior football pitches at Marshfield Village Hall –  *£1412.84 to MJYFC for football posts and nets was regarded as fulfilling this project suggestion.*  **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 to Councillor Southworth-Stevens and Councillor Dawkes.  *Councillor Johnson-Poulsen had provided photographs of possible sites and 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.*  **7. Removed.**  **8. Removed.** No longer an MCC project but NCC asked to provide a replacement shelter.  **9. Creating a circuit for local events such as a park run or walk open for local residents**. - Councillor Dawkes.  *Councillor Dawkes indicated that the circuit could be created by installing signage to direct participants.*  **10. Removed.**  **10a.** Provision of bicycle storage at the junction of Marshfield Road/A48  **11. Completed –** Planters  **12.** **Village Hall playing Fields** - The Council agreed to add a further project suggestion in view of the S106 funding available. To improve the Village Hall playing fields by replacing the senior football pitch goal posts and providing drainage for the playing fields.  *Councillor Johnson-Poulsen should consult with the VHMC to obtain its views on this suggestion.*  *----------------------------------------------------------------------------------*  The Council received a suggestion from Mrs Jayne Constance to undertake a project that would benefit 10/16-year-old residents. Examples put forward were a skate park or a youth club.  Reference was made to the skate park facility at Tredegar Park and Councillor Southworth-Stevens pointed out that the DRT bus service could improve access to Tredegar Park for residents.  ***The Council agreed to contact Newport Bus to ask if this stop could be added to the DRT scheduled stops***  **PLANNING**  213. Planning Application Observations  ***The Council approved and adopted the comments already sent to Newport City Council for the following planning applications:***  **MCC 922**  **Conex 19/1003**  **Proposal:** Demolition of derelict house and construction of five detached dwellings.  **Site:** 21 St Mellons Road, Marshfield, CF3 2TX  *The Community Council does not wish to make any comments.*  **MCC 923**  **Conex 19/1221**  **Proposal:** Construction of two storey dwelling and double garage (resubmission following refusal of 19/0081)  **Site:** Walk Farm, Walk Drive, Castleton, CF3 2UY  *The Community Council does not wish to make any comments.*  ***The Council agreed the comments to be sent to Newport City Council for the following planning application:***  **MCC 924**  **Cone 19/1261**  **Proposal:** Erection of orangery extension.  **Site:** Tretio, Ty Mawr Lane, Marshfield, CF3 2YF  *The Community Council does not wish to make any comments.*  214. To consider any actions concerning the proposed Parkway Railway Station at Hendra Lakes, St Mellons.  ***The Council referred this matter to the Transport and Road Safety Working Group for further consideration.***  ***The Clerk was asked to reply to correspondence informing of this decision and that there is no decision to meet with residents at the moment.***  **CORRESPONDENCE**  215. Review of the Electoral Arrangements of the City of Newport  The Clerk presented a letter and two booklets from the Local democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales dated 8th January which publicised draft proposals for their review of electoral arrangements for the City of Newport. Any comments should be returned by 8th April 2020.  The Council noted the comments made by City Councillor Richard White (Min 195) and asked Members to consider the proposals in order that the Council can respond before the April deadline. Councillor Stockham took one booklet of the draft proposals.  **216. COMMUNICATION**  The Council agreed to include the following matters in the Marshfield Mail and Community Council website:  Quad bikes  Defibrillator battery  Membership of Marshfield VHMC  **217. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**  There was no other business.  **Meeting closed 21:25** | **Actions**  **GT**  **GT**  **GS**  **GT** |