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| **MARSHFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  Minutes of the Monthly Council meeting held on 10th March 2020 at Marshfield Village Hall, Wellfield Road, Marshfield, commencing at 7:30 p.m.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Present: Mrs Catherine Grady (Chairman)  Mrs Antonia Cox  Mrs Linda Southworth-Stevens  Mrs Susan Davies  Mr Ronald Carrie      Apologies: Councillor Geoffrey Stockham (holiday), Councillor Elizabeth Connolly (work), Councillor Rachel Johnson-Poulsen (ill), Councillor Mark Dawkes (ill), Councillor Ross Maidment (work), City Councillor Tom Suller, PCSO Caroline Doidge (Gwent Police)  In attendance; 2 members of public, City Councillors Richard White and Tom Suller, G C Thomas (Clerk)  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  The minutes of the monthly Council Meeting held on 11th February were agreed to be a true record and signed by the Chairman.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **245. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**  There were no interests declared.  **246. POLICE MATTERS**  a) Monthly Report  The Council had asked about the lack of a monthly report after December 2019 and the Clerk was asked to make further enquiries.  PCSO Doidge had replied stating that her sergeant will be contacting the Council directly on this matter. As there had been no further reply, the Clerk was asked to chase-up the matter.  b) Marshfield Primary School Traffic Movements  Councillor Cox told Members that she had observed police officers outside the school who appeared to be monitoring traffic movements and were shocked to see how bad it was, especially as they were in attendance.  c) Vehicles Mounting Pavement  Councillor Suller told the Council that he had received a report that a resident of Coedkernew had been clipped by a wing mirror of a car which had mounted the pavement in the congestion outside Marshfield Primary School. C  Councillor Suller will contact PCSO Doidge with the details of the incident.  **CITY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**  247. Review of Electoral Arrangements for the City of Newport  Councillor White informed the Council that other community councils in the Marshfield Ward had responded with a preference for no change to the current position but otherwise, a merger of the whole of the existing Marshfield Ward with Tredegar Park Ward.  248. Jayne Bryant AM Surgery at Marshfield Village Hall  Councillor Suller had attended the surgery and had referred to the poor bus service for the area. He felt that bus services should be not-for-profit and be adequate to comply with the aims of the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act.  Councillor Suller had also made the point that Welsh Government should create stronger laws to help with the fly tipping problem which is a serious concern in the Marshfield Ward.  249. Drainage St Mellons Road  Councillor White noted that St Mellons Road had been clearer of flooding since the drainage ditch maintenance undertaken by Newport City Council.  **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**  250. Vehicles on Ty Mawr Lane  A member of public was concerned about road safety after witnessing cars being test driven along Ty Mawr Lane and Hawse Lane which are assumed to be untaxed and uninsured.  Councillor White suggested taking vehicle registration plate details to pass to the police.  251 Motor Bikes Pentwyn Terrace Area  A member of public raised safety concerns about motorbikes being ridden in the area and nuisance from the engine noise. She had reported the matter to the police who had not taken any action to investigate.  ***The Council agreed to write to Gwent Police to ask why these matters were not being investigated.***  252. Car Dismantlers -Ty Mawr Road  A member of public reported a nuisance from toxic black smoke coming from the business premises and a continuation of earlier reported problems and asked for help from the Community Council to resolve the matters causing concern.  The Chairman reiterated that the Council had given support to the complaints with police and had been corresponding with planning officers to encourage action to resolve the problems.  253. Fence Pentwyn Terrace  A member of public reported a hole in the fence recently erected in the Pentwyn Terrace area.  The Chairman advised that the matter should be reported to Newport City Homes.  254. Notification of Meetings  General discussion took place regarding the publication of the surgery meeting for Jane Bryant AM and the A48 Traffic Survey through Newport City Council and Capita. It was noted that some residents had received letters informing them of the AM’s surgery and for the Traffic Survey, a notice had been stuck over the Councils notice boards shortly before the meeting.  Community Council Members and City Council Ward Councillors had not directly received notice of the surgery nor a timely notice of the Traffic Survey.  ***The Council agreed to write to Jayne Bryant AM pointing out the position and asking her to consider an evening surgery as this would be most convenient for those who work during the day. The Council also agreed to write to Newport City Council to complain about the short and inadequate notice of the Traffic Survey, suggesting direct email notification to the Community Council.***  *(Councillors White and Suller left the meeting)*  **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING**  255. Review of Electoral Arrangements for the City of Newport (Min 220)  The Council had considered the proposals and alternatives that may otherwise be acceptable.  A proposal was put forward to be sent to the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales by 8th April, that the Council, in principle, would:  1. Prefer no change to the existing arrangement with two Councillors representing the Marshfield Ward.  2. Otherwise, support a single Ward including Marshfield /Castleton and Michaelstone-y-Feddw communities with one Councillor representing the two communities.  3. Strongly object to a single Ward comprising the existing Marshfield Ward and the existing Tredegar park Ward with three Councillors.  ***The Council unanimously agreed with the proposal and asked Members to provide any reasons for this which could be added to the response to the LDBC for Wales which is required by 8th April 2020.***  256. Transport and Road Safety Working Group Report (Min 228)  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).  Cardiff City Council wrote on 24th February regarding the Newport Road / Vaendre  Lane junction. Records indicate that there is no significant safety problem at this location and therefore this does not meet their criteria for a detailed investigation. However, the location will be added to their database as an Area of Concern and reviewed.  Cardiff Council informed that the Highway Code Rule 129 relates to double white lines and motorists are permitted to cross double white lines if it is safe to do so and they need to enter adjoining premises or a side road.  Newport City Council had not replied.  257. Dumping in the Severn Estuary (Min 240)  The Council wrote to Newport City Council stating that Marshfield Community Council objects to dumping in the Estuary and asked whether they have objected to this practice.  Mr. Matthew Sharp Senior Planning Policy Manger for Newport City Council emailed on 2nd March 2020 to inform that Newport City Council is aware of the proposal to dredge material from the Bristol Channel and deposit at designated disposal sites off the coast of Cardiff.  The dredging relates to the construction of the Hinkley Point power station off the Somerset coast.   It is understandable that there might be some concern about this proposal, but Natural Resources Wales and EDF Energy have published some useful material to clearly set out the facts.  The EDF document also attempts to offer some reassurance.  Please click on the links below:  <https://naturalresources.wales/CardiffGroundsSedimentDisposal?lang=en>  <https://cdn.naturalresources.wales/media/691018/sp1914-hinkley-point-c-edf-summary-of-dredging-campaign.pdf?mode=pad&rnd=132253911680000000>    You will note that NRW will need to issue several marine licences before this work can begin and before disposal can take place.  The sediment will also need to undergo stringent testing.  EDF will be required to undertake a chemical and radiological assessment of the sediment to establish whether it is suitable for disposal.  You may remember that there was also a dredging and disposal campaign in 2018, which EDF deemed as successful.  EDF are viewing this proposal as phase 2.    NRW are currently out for a six-week public consultation in order to communicate and engage with people with regard to the dredging and disposal proposals.  This consultation ends on 18th March.    Newport City Council has viewed the public documents and briefed the Cabinet Member accordingly.  NRW are consulting with the specialists and are complying with the relevant guidance.  Newport City Council does not feel the need to make representations to NRW at this stage, but will continue to monitor the situation and follow any progress which is made.    **FINANCIAL MATTERS**  258. Payments & Receipts Update  The Clerk had circulated an updated payments and receipts schedule including a bank reconciliation. There were no queries relating to the schedule.  259. Village Hall Grounds Maintenance  Further to the agreement, recorded in minute 222 11th February 2020, to purchase grounds maintenance from Newport City Council, the Council received contract papers from Newport City Council, Ground Maintenance Section.  The Council authorised the Clerk to sign and return the contract agreement which will run from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021, at a cost of £4453+VAT.  260. Financial Support to Marshfield Village Hall  The Treasurer of MVHMC emailed on 3rd March setting out a request for financial assistance towards the running costs of the Village Hall.  ***The Council agreed that this matter should be placed on the agenda for the next Council meeting.***  261. Allotment Committee  The Clerk presented three matters relating to allotment business:  1. Stephen Thornton, lead of Church Lane Working Group, requested reimbursement of £7.32 spent on postage connected to allotment business.  ***The Council agreed to reimburse this amount.***  2. Stephen Thornton had asked in October 2019 for the cost of repairing a brush cutter/strimmer belonging to Mike Atkins which was damaged during his voluntary work to clear part of the Church Lane allotment site. This had been agreed by the Chairman of the Allotment Committee.  ***The Council agreed that cost of the invoice from Webbs Garden Machinery, Cardiff, totaling £99.61 was to be reimbursed to Mr Atkins.***  3. An invoice from Castleton Turf & Soil requested payment of £876.50 for the sourcing of of 9no. 1000 litre IBC containers and various hoses and connectors from Smiths of the Forest of Dean Ltd, for the Marshfield Road allotment site water stations.  **The Council agreed to pay this invoice.**  262. Cheques  101906 G Thomas – Salary February (net) 550.80  101907 HMRC – PAYE February 137.80  101908 G Thomas. Internet reimb. January/February 36.00  101909 S Thornton – Reimb. for stamps used for allotment business (Min261) 7.32  101910 M Atkins – Reimb. of repair cost of strimmer (Min 261) 99.61  101911 Castleton Turf Ltd – Reimb. of cost of IBC’s etc (Min 261) 876.50    **263. COMMUNITY PROJECTS**  Councillor Southworth-Stevens informed the Council that she had contacted Jennie Judd of Newport City Council Leisure Section and was informed that prices are being sourced for the projects acceptable for S106 funding but these are not yet available.  Projects Currently Being Considered:  **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.  *S106 Funding - 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.  *S106 Funding - 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) .  *S106 Funding - Yes, this could be funded.*  **4.  Provision of bicycle storage (10a)** at the junction of Marshfield Road/A48.  *S106 Funding - 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.  *S106 Funding - Yes, this could be funded.*    **PLANNING MATTERS**  264. Planning Application Observations  ***The Council approved and adopted the following observations which had been sent to Newport City Council:***  **MCC 926**  **Conex 20/0136**  **Proposal**: Single Storey Rear Extension, Garage Conversion, Link Extension and Garage to Front  **Site:** Ty Carreg, 133A Marshfield Road, Cardiff CF3 2TU  Application Type: Full  The Community Council does not wish to make any comments.  **MCC 927**  **Conex 20/0159**  **Proposal**: Two Storey Rear Extension (Resubmission Following Refusal Of 19/0224  **Site:** 125 Marshfield Road, Cardiff CF3 2TU  **Application Type**: Full  The Community Council does not wish to make any comments.  **MCC 928**  **Conex 20/0094**  **Proposal**: Proposed variation of approved planning permission 16/1055 to amend design of dwellings  **Site:** 21 St Mellons Road, Marshfield, Cardiff CF3 2TX  **Application Type:** Renewals and Variation of Conditions  *There doesn’t appear to be a site layout shown for the planning application 16/1055. I am presuming that the layout is the revised layout with four houses and one exit on to the St Mellons Road as shown at Conex 18/1190 drawing 16(A) 011.2201. Provided this is the case then the Community Council does not wish to comment.*  **MCC 929**  **Conex 20/0033**  **Proposal**: Retention of 16No Panel Stand – alone Solar Array  **Site:** Property Known as Oakfields Farm, St Mellons Road, Marshfield Cardiff CF3 2TX  **Application Type:** Full  *The Community Council would like to make the following observations in respect of the above retention application.*  *Generally, the land in Marshfield is boggy, the recent heavy rain experienced resulted in this field being flooded. With Climate Change we are advised that we can expect more of this type of extreme weather conditions. Consequently, with this in mind, coupled with the fact that this field is now unoccupied since the removal of the caravans; and to a large extent the field is unobserved, questions on safety arise.*  *The panels seem to be positioned on a precarious frame. If the panels break as a result of vandalism or through adverse weather conditions this could lead to the hazardous toxins of Cadmium Telluride, Gallium Arsenide and Phosphorus leaching into the ground and subsequently the reens and ditches. If this is the case then this would obviously result in an undesirable health situation. It would pollute the field and at the same time adversely affect the delicate ecology of the reens etc.*  ***The Council agreed the following observations to be sent to Newport City Council:***  **MCC 930**  **Conex 19/1003**  **Proposal:** Demolition of derelict house and construction of five detached dwellings  **Site:** 21 St Mellons Road, Marshfield, Cardiff CF3 2TX  **Application Type**: Full (Additional Information)  *Marshfield Community Council would reiterate their original comments dated*  *26 December 2019 submitted under your conex number 19/1003 and Marshfield Community Council’s reference MCC 922. In particular that 5 houses represent a high-density development in this location and would not fit in with rural setting and street scene.*  *This property is surrounded mainly by bungalows in a rural section of the village. The density of the development of 5 houses would not fit in with the street scene of the general area. The St Mellons Road is narrow and in parts a single lane, with poor drainage. The additional traffic resulting from this proposed build would exacerbate this already busy road that has already experienced numerous near misses.*  *The village suffers from a lack of amenities, there being no regular bus service. The traffic congestion and parking at the school on Marshfield Road is positively dangerous, additional housing will exacerbate this problem.*  **265. CORRESPONDENCE**  There was no correspondence.  **266. COMMUNICATION**  The Council agreed to include the following matters in the Marshfield Mail and Community Council website:   * Jayne Bryant AM surgery – Make residents aware that the Community Council was not informed of the meeting held in Marshfield. * Facebook – The Community Council has no connection to Marshfield Facebook. * Vacancy for one Community Councillor. * Village Hall Management Committee AGM to be held on 21st April 2020.   **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**  267. Allotment Rent  The Clerk reported that all allotment rent had been paid apart from one tenant who had now incurred an additional late payment fee of £10.  **Meeting ended 22:00** | **Actions**  **GT**  **GT**  **All** |