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|  **MARSHFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**Minutes of the monthly Council Meeting held on 14th February 2023 at Marshfield Village Hall and via a Zoom video/audio conference call commencing at 7:15 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Present: Ms Cath Davis (Chairperson) Mrs Chris Roberts Mrs Linda Southworth-Stevens  Mrs Sally Simpson  Mrs Susan Davies Mr Gary Doubler  Mr Patrick Legge  Mr Jim Smith Fr Ross Maidment Apologies: Mrs Elizabeth Connolly (MVHMC), Mrs Kate Tunnicliffe (Bus Campaign Group)In attendance: City Councillor Allan Screen, Mrs Jayne Constance & Mr Tim Davies (MVHMC) G C Thomas (Clerk)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_The minutes of the monthly Council meeting held on 10th January 2023 were agreed to be a true record and were signed by the Chairperson.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**203. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**No interests were declared.**204. POLICE MATTERS**Councillor Doubler refereed to complaints from neighbours who had experienced random tyre slashing at a number of locations.Councillor Davis told the meeting that Sgt Mervyn Priest had changed the meetings with the police to bi-monthly.**205. BUS CAMPAIGN**Mrs Tunnicliffe had emailed on 14th February giving apologies for not attending and provided updates which had been circulated to all Council Members.Councillor Screen had circulated an email dated 12th February from NCC Councillor Laura Lacey, Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Assets, who referred to the Welsh Government powers under the Transport Act 2006, which enables them to directly procure bus services that in their view ‘otherwise wouldn’t be provided’ in order to meet policy objectives.Councillor Screen agreed to get in touch with Jayne Bryant MS to ask her to raise the matter with the relevant Welsh Government minister. Councillor Screen told the meeting that the Ward City Councillors are contacting Jayne Bryant, lobbying Newport City Council for a survey to identify demand for a bus service and have raised the matter with the leader of Newport CC.Councillor Davis asked Councillor Screen to find out the cost of undertaking the proposed survey, and to ask Councillor Laura Lacey and officers to attend a meeting with Marshfield Bus Group.Councillor Legge referred to a new Bus Act being talked about in WG discussions and Councillor Southworth-Stevens added that a bus link will be needed for the new railway station proposed for St Mellons, and this should be thought about now.**NEWPORT CITY COUNCILLOR UPDATE**Councillor Screen addressed the Council.206.Replacement Local Development PlanNewport City Council is undertaking its Replacement Local Development Plan: Growth and Spatial Options Consultation. Events involving Planning Aid Wales are being arranged. There will be a presentation on 21st February at the Newport Centre, commencing at 6:00 p.m. and online events.Councillor Screen emphasised the importance of looking at this subject to make a response.Newport City Council budget consultation has ended and included a response from the Newport Fairness Commission. The cabinet will now make a final decision on cuts necessary to present to the Council before submitting final figures to Welsh Government by 1st April.207. Lych Gate/Bus ShelterCouncillor Davis referred to an email dated 8th February from Castleton Baptist Church which proposed requesting that Newport City Council should oversee the Castleton graveyard lych gate structure. As this is a war monument there could be funding from Newport CC. Councillor Southworth-Stevens pointed out that the Department of Constitutional Affairs may also be a source of funding for the maintenance required.Councillor Screen asked for a copy of the email to discuss the matter with the Head of Law and Standards.***The Council asked the Clerk to reply to Revd De Lima with this information and to ask for full copies of any documents which relate to the Community Council’s responsibility for the structure.*****(*Councillor Screen left the meeting)*****208. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**There was nothing to bring to the Council**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING**209. Waste & Recycling (Min 178)Councillor Doubler had asked how much Newport City Council contributes to Wastesavers costs. ***The Council asked the Clerk to remind Councillor Watkins about this query.***210. Pentwyn Terrace Footpath (Min 181)Councillor Doubler referred to the footpath at the back of Pentwyn terrace. There are pot holes, a tree stump and no lighting, which cause dangers to people using the path. ***The Council asked the Clerk to remind Councillor Watkins about this query.***211. Castleton Bus Shelter (Min 182)Refer to minute 207.212. Public Participation (Min 183)Mrs Connolly asked the Council to tarmac the remainder of the path around the Village Hall grounds to create a sound running track around the fields. The Council is awaiting more information from Mrs Connolly.Councillor Southworth-Stevens had been in touch with Newport City Council’s Public Rights of Way Officer part of the public footpath affecting the Village Hall from Wellfield Road. The changes are listed for action but he was unsure when this will happen due to finances.213. Litter Bin Replacement (Min 187)Agreed that Mrs Connolly, Councillor Davis and Councillor Southworth-Stevens would investigate the requirements and report back to the Council. A meeting is due to be arranged.214. Assault Course/Trim Trail (Min 189)Councillor Southworth-Stevens told the meeting that there had been no progress since the last meeting.A return wall was to be included in the plan which requires a review of the layout.215. Nuisance Neighbour (199)The Council heard that this matter had received satisfactory attention.216. Cardiff Bus (Min 201)The Clerk reported that Cardiff Bus had replied and refused to extend service X45 into Marshfield.217.Water Quality (Min 202)Natural Resources Wales had provided water quality statistics for the Wentloog Levels and these had been circulated to Members.**218. MARSHFIELD VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**Mr Tim Davies provided an update on the Village Hall.* Bookings are busy
* Aneurin Bevan University Health Board are asking about booking the hall on a Tuesday for a mental health counselling event.
* A film company has paid to use the hall for its production.
* The coffee shop is going well and proceeds are providing a financial contribution to the hall.

Councillor Legge asked about access to the Village Hall account statements. Points were discussed and Mrs Constance added information.Councillor Davis told the meeting that the Living Levels Partnership had offered to provide an information board about the Gwent Levels and asked for a check whether the Management Committee would want this and where it would be sited.Councillor Legge asked if the Management Committee would look into new courses for residents to bring people together in the hall in a creative and cohesive way.**FINANCIAL MATTERS**219. Receipts and PaymentsThe Clerk had circulated to Members a schedule of receipts and payments with a bank reconciliation as at 8th February. There were no questions arising from this.220. Invoices and PaymentsThe Council agreed to the following payments:* 1st Marshfield Scouts – Donation £50
* C Davis Reimburse – Pos Display Shop – Perspex leaflet holder - £31.98
* G Thomas Reimburse – Zoom subscription February - £14.39
* Newport City Council – Litter bin emptying MVH to 31 /3/23 - £1145.64
* G Thomas Reimburse – Stationery, stamps, etc December- February - £42.88
* C Davis reimburse – The 8 Building – Distribution of newsletter - £79.20

221. Security CameraCouncillor Davis had spoken to Eurosec about improving the security camera covering the Village Hall playing fields and had been advised that a better column fixed camera would be needed. EuroSec had provided a quote.The Council agreed that further quotes should be obtained and brought to the Council when a final decision would be made on the matter.222. Cheques102220 G Thomas – Clerk’s salary and travel January 2023 - £874.78102221 HMRC – PAYE & Employer’s NIC - £266.81102222 G Thomas – Internet reimb. - £18.00102223 G Thomas – reimb. for stamps, stationery, etc - £42.88102224 1st Marshfield Scouts Group – Donation - £50.00102225 C Davis reimb. – Pro Display Shop – Leaflet holder - £31.98102226 G Thomas reimb.– Zoom subscription February - £14.39102227 Newport CC – Emptying 13 litter bins MVH until end March 2023 - £1145.64102228 C Davis reimb. – A&N Print Ltd – Newsletters - £100.00102229 C Davis reimb. The 8 Building – Newsletter distribution - £79.20**223. TRAINING**The Clerk explained the process for booking on to One Voice Wales courses. ***The matter should be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.*****PLANNING MATTERS**224. Replacement Local Development PlanNewport City Council wrote on 25th January 2023 inviting responses to the Replacement Local Development Plan: Growth and Spatial Consultation by 8th March 2023,Members identified the areas of concern which should be included in any response and asked the Clerk to arrange a draft document to be sent before 8th March 2023.225. Strategic Development Plan/place PlanThe Council discussed the matter and asked for it to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.226. Planning Application Observations***The Council confirmed the following observations already sent to Newport City Council:*****MCC 995****Conex 22/1186****Proposal:** Extension to existing agriculture building**.****Site:** Llanfair Farm, Church Lane, Marshfield, CF3 2UF*The Council feels that as long as the proposed extension uses the same materials to the**original construction there would be no reason to object.*227. Highways MattersCouncillor Legge was concerned about the condition of the road surface of Church Lane and Councillor Roberts raised concern about the hedging at the junction of Marshfield Road/St Mellons Road which has grown into the carriageway narrowing the junction for traffic.***The Council agreed that the Clerk should write to Newport CC Highways to ask them to investigate the issues and arrange remedial work.*****228. CORRONATION OF KING CHARLES III**Councillor Maidment told the meeting that a service will be held at St Mary’s church on the morning of Sunday 7th May, similar to the Remembrance Day service. On Saturday 6th May a Ring for the King event will be held at St Mary’s Church and volunteers are needed.Councillor Maidment is looking for a team or committee to help with the organisation of these events and asked whether councillors could assist. Councillor Legge referred to the national Big Help Out day on Monday 8th May.***The Council asked for all to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.*****CORRESPONDENCE**229. Black Scum Around TapsCouncillor Davis had received complaints about a black scum being deposited around taps in Castleton and Marshfield and proposed that the Council writes to Welsh Water to ask that the matter is investigated.***The Council agreed to write to Welsh Water.***230. BiodiversityCouncillor Davis had spoken to Rachel Carter, Local Places for Nature Officer for One Voice Wales with a view to arranging a presentation at a future Council meeting. The Council has a statutory duty under Section 6 of the Environment Act (2016) to create and update a biodiversity plan and the presentation was expected to assist with this.***The Council agreed to ask Rachel Carter to present at a future Council meeting.***231 Geocache A resident had contacted the Council about organising Geocache events in the area.Geocaching is a worldwide treasure-hunting game. The App is downloaded to your phone and youfollow GPS coordinates to find the treasure. These are usually small boxes that are hidden andcontain a log book that you have to sign.***The Council supported this idea but agreed to ask the resident to contact all site owners directly in order to obtain the necessary permissions.***232. Speeding on A48 CastletonCouncillor Legge had received a compliant from a resident about speeding on the A48 at Castleton. **The Council agreed to contact GoSafe to ask if they would carry out speed checks.****233. TRANSPORTER BRIDGE TALK**The talk will take place at Marshfield Village Hall on Friday 3rd March, commencing at 7:00 p.m. Councillor Davis asked for volunteers to assist with the set up.**234. COMMUNICATION**The winter newsletter has been prepared and is being distributed.**235. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**There was no other business.**Meeting ended 22:07** | GTGTGTAgendaGTAgendaGTAgendaGTGTGTGT |