

GOETRE FAWR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT GOYTRE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 26TH JANUARY 2015

Present: Community Councillors Michelle Cooper, Carol Fodden, Roger Howells, Owen Dodd, Gareth Cuerden, Rose Thayers, Colin Deakins, John Kostanjevec, Syd Welford, Robert French, Jonathan Lazenby

In Attendance: Clerk - Ian Blacker, County Councillor Bryan Jones

Apologies: None

		ACTION
1	<p><u>Meeting suspended at 7.30pm</u> <i>Dave Lewis of First Responders.</i> Thank you to Council for donation to provide new equipment for Community. 2 public access defibrillators are available for use in Community, ideally the village halls, possibly Spar shop. Council could arrange for placement at suitable location. These are minus storage cabinets, which are circa. £450 each. Cabinets would be accessible to the public. Training can be arranged for members of the public. They would need to be checked on a regular basis by FRs. Training pack is available to use. Cabinets are stored outside, unlocked for easy access. Electric supply would be required. Suitable for well-lit area, easily accessible. Suitable locations are to be sourced with locations discussed at next Council meeting.</p> <p><i>Jay from Goytre Spar Post Office.</i> Future of Post Office is in doubt. Currently running at a loss. Potentially at risk of closure in June 2015. Some services have been taken away by the Post Office. They have refused to let the shop run at reduced hours. Community Council to write to Post Office to support conversion to reduced hours.</p> <p><u>Meeting resumed 7.57pm</u> Chairman's Remarks Chairman, Gareth Cuerden welcomed everyone to the meeting and hoped everyone had a good Christmas and New Year.</p>	Clerk
2	<p>Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting Proposed by Councillor Welford. Seconded by Councillor Cuerden</p>	
3	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Little Mill play area cleaning acknowledged. Awaiting a break in the weather 2. BT acknowledge phone box damage in Little Mill 3. School sign and green road signs recorded in Mon CC management system 4. Public Con signs backing might require replacing in the near future confirms Councillor Howells 	
4	<p>Reports <u>Monmouthshire County Council</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Budget set. Council tax to go by up 4.9% 2. Grey bags will stop. No new bags will be issued but "carry on recycling". Black bags can be used for general waste. Yellow bags will be every two weeks. 3. Pavements in Goytre, particularly Longhouse Barn and Fairfield very poor and requires attention. Pavement parking on School Lane also an issue. 4. Pedestrian crossing in Little Mill going head once money is released from Charles Church, the developers. 5. Is the Retreat development to be adopted? Cae Melin road currently needs resurfacing after development work left in bad state of repair <p><u>Little Mill Village Hall</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Performing rights license expensive. Over £1000 for the year. Village hall committee to review. 2. More day bookings secured. <p><u>Goytre Village Hall</u></p>	

	<p>1. Next meeting February. Nothing else to report.</p> <p><u>Goytre School</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. School has been graded 'green' by inspectors after recent inspection. 2. Concerns about intake, which could have impact on finances. New development at Folly View could have implications but as yet unknown. 3. Little Stars nursery can now take children funded by local authority. <p><u>Goytre Community Centre</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clerk to email draft letter to be sent Mon CC for all Councillors 2. Can Councillor Howells prepare supporting letter to be sent to Mon CC regarding lease 3. Boiler needs to be reset each day, sometimes several times. One quote currently received to replace. Recommendation that the one circuit board should be rewired 4. CPC has booked the Centre for two bookings <p><u>Public Conveniences</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gents toilet needs redecorating and deep cleaning. Young offenders are able can do community work, which they might be able to help freshen up. Contact Young Offenders, Community Safety Partnership to try to set up. Youth Offending Team. Should have ramp installed for disabled users but perhaps part of a general refurbishment programme. 2. Clerk logs toilet costs 2013/14 =£5181.98 (inc. staff payments). 2014/15 to date =£2607.40 <p><u>Goytre Scout Hut.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Committee has changed with new chairman. 	<p>Clerk RH</p> <p>Clerk</p>
5	<p>Other Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Suggestion from Councillor Cuerden that letters to be sent to organisations, churches, public houses and businesses in community to ask if they would like to attend meetings on a regular basis. They will be limited to 5mins or sit in on the meetings. Concern that meetings could be swamped disrupting normal business. Suggestion that invitations either be staggered or generalised to notify that Council is available if required. 	Clerk
	<p>Communications</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Officer PC Evans suggestions that Community Council makes formal request to Mon CC for positioning of pedestrian crossing in Little Mill* 2. Request from Goytre School to locate bird boxes in Goytre Park and support for placement of 'yellow fish' markers by drains in the village*. 3. Telephone Activation Service "Short Fuse 2015" Bae Systems Glascoed major incident exercise from Monday 26th January 2015 <p>*denotes via email</p>	
8	<p>Planning Applications</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DC/2009/00451 – Building of a shed Ty Draw Barn, Ty Draw , Little Mill, Monmouthshire, NP4 0HR <p>NO OBJECTIONS</p>	
9	<p>Proposed School Catchment Area Changes</p> <p>Potentially children currently going to Caerleon School could go to Monmouth High School.</p> <p>Deadline for consultation is 30th January.</p> <p>Reason from changing catchment area is to make King Henry VIII the only school to take pupils from this area. Reduces bus travelling costs. Trying to get more pupils in the new school in Monmouth.</p> <p>Choice will be removed if plans go ahead. Go online to register</p>	
10	<p>Goytre and Little Mill Sports Grounds</p> <p>Two sites proposed, new facility in Goytre park and upgrade at Little Mill village hall.</p> <p>Grant funding potentially available from Sports Wales.</p> <p>Council needs to be serious about committing to projects before moving ahead.</p> <p>Ongoing maintenance costs should be relatively low with over first 5 years.</p> <p>Proposal that we go ahead with Little Mill project.</p>	

	Invest in Little Mill site. Pay set up costs for both sites with a view to moving forward with Goytre once the funding/grants are in place. Proposed by Councillor Cooper. Seconded by Councillor Kostanjevec																					
11	Monmouthshire Dog Fouling Initiative Council unanimously welcomed the initiative and confirmed it’s involved in the scheme. Clerk to advise Mon CC	Clerk																				
12	Donations 1. Request from Young Farmers Clubs with assistance to run the movement. No action at this stage. 2. Donation request from Teenage Cancer Trust to help support unit at University of Wales Hospital Cardiff. No action at this stage.																					
13	Community Council Insurance Invoice from Zurich Insurance for £1189.23, £4.27 up on 2014. End of current deal February 2016. Specifications remain although index linked uplift on buildings imposed as agreed. Clerk to advise Zurich with payment in due course.	Clerk																				
14	Review of Accounts <table><tr><td>1. S Fodden</td><td>£220.00</td></tr><tr><td>2. Ian Blacker (Clerk)</td><td>£480.00</td></tr><tr><td>3. Thomas Waste Management</td><td>£91.20</td></tr><tr><td>4. British Gas (electricity)</td><td>£21.21</td></tr><tr><td>5. Mon CC Parks benches x 2</td><td>£1152.00</td></tr><tr><td>6. Goytre Scouts shower and drainage donation</td><td>£435.00</td></tr><tr><td>7. Goytre Social Club</td><td>£1718.40*</td></tr><tr><td>8. SLCC membership renewal</td><td>£118.00</td></tr><tr><td>9. Zurich Insurance renewal</td><td>£1189.23</td></tr><tr><td>10. Select Security Specialists</td><td>£118.80</td></tr></table> 2015/16 Precept acknowledged and confirmed by Mon CC set at £28,000 *Lone payment of £591.00 to be paid back February 2015	1. S Fodden	£220.00	2. Ian Blacker (Clerk)	£480.00	3. Thomas Waste Management	£91.20	4. British Gas (electricity)	£21.21	5. Mon CC Parks benches x 2	£1152.00	6. Goytre Scouts shower and drainage donation	£435.00	7. Goytre Social Club	£1718.40*	8. SLCC membership renewal	£118.00	9. Zurich Insurance renewal	£1189.23	10. Select Security Specialists	£118.80	
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15	Advertising Usk and Raglan March diary contributions Goytre Post Office under treat. Petition available in store. Next Council meeting dates																					
16	Maintenance 1. See list from Councillor French 2. End of Pentre Lane pothole, where it meets Old Abergavenny Road 3. Flooding at 37 Fairfield, in the corner. Not finished last of drains The meeting closed at 21.35																					
13	Date of Next Meeting Monday 23 rd February 2015	All																				

Chairman:

Date: