

# GOETRE FAWR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT GOYTRE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2015

**Present:** Community Councillors Roger Howells, Owen Dodd, Gareth Cuerden, Rose Thayers, Colin Deakins, John Kostanjevec, Syd Welford, Robert French, Roger Price

**In Attendance:** Clerk - Ian Blacker

**Apologies:** Councillors Michelle Cooper, Jonathan Lazenby, Carol Fodden, County Councillor Bryan Jones

		<b>ACTION</b>
1	<p><u>Meeting suspended at 7.30pm</u></p> <p>Welcomed PC Rhydian Evans to the meeting. Based in Usk but covers Goetre Fawr. Crime report circulated to all Councillors for August/September. Additional incidents since the last report. 3 new incidents since September. Goetre ward is generally quite in comparison to others. Priorities driven by requirements of the community. Abergavenny station could possibly close although police to still be based in town Inspector Hugh Jones is the Operational Officer out of Abergavenny O.W.L. numbers are increasing and has proven successful</p> <p><u>Meeting resumed 7.55pm</u></p> <p><b>Chairman's Remarks</b></p> <p>Chairman, Gareth Cuerden welcomed everyone to the meeting</p>	
2	<p><b>Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b></p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Dodd. Seconded by Councillor Price</p>	
3	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dog waste bins now being emptied on fortnightly basis by Merlin Waste of Lydney</li> <li>2. Toilet refurbishment now complete. Quotation obtained by Clerk from Wallgate for replacement of washer/hand driers. Total cost £4326.00 ex. VAT. Clerk to obtain two additional quotes for similar units and to be discussed at November meeting in full</li> <li>3. Clerk has responded to Chip Shop owner regarding missing rental payments. Clerk to check with building society tomorrow</li> <li>4. Double yellow lines opposite Goytre Arms pub being considered by Mon CC for next financial year</li> <li>5. Clerk has obtained extra Dog Fouling (Red Card Initiative) signage for placement along the canal in response to issues raised by Councillor Price at September meeting. Clerk to erect sign near bridge 72</li> <li>6. New brown signage for shop rather than the chip shop.</li> <li>7. No light showing on the defibrillator on Goytre village hall. Councillor Dodd to check</li> <li>8. Councillor Dodd to also to speak to pub manager regarding illegal parking of delivery vehicles outside the Goytre Arms</li> </ol>	Clerk
4	<p><b>Reports</b></p> <p><u>Monmouthshire County Council</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Nothing to report</li> </ol> <p><u>Little Mill Village Hall</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Annual firework event on 5<sup>th</sup> November.</li> <li>2. New recycling arrangements planned for hall. Hall committee looking for possible assistance from Community Council with costs. Councillor Deakins to send breakdown of costs to Clerk for next meeting</li> <li>3. Puffin crossing in Little Mill is imminent</li> </ol> <p><u>Goytre Village Hall</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Nothing to report</li> </ol>	

	<p><u>Goytre School</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Councillor Thayers has retired from the School Governors after 20 years' service</li> <li>2. Issue of payment for room by school at Community Centre has been raised by Councillor Dodd</li> <li>3. School has two extra teachers working at the moment but could become permanent positions. Intake for last September was only 14, normally 20+</li> <li>4. Male teacher now in place in school</li> <li>5. Target for school attendance is 96.4% but is currently below that</li> </ol> <p><u>Goytre Community Centre</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Repairs to roof now underway. Started 13<sup>th</sup> October. Insulation will not be used on slopes due to potential condensation problems</li> <li>2. Boiler still causing problems. Has to be reset on a regular basis. Will require a review at the Community Centre meeting</li> </ol> <p><u>Public Conveniences</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Toilet refurbishment completed</li> </ol> <p><u>Goytre Scout Hut.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Scouts currently looking for new leaders</li> </ol>	
5	<p><b>Other Reports</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Councillor Cuerden updated PC Evans on the problems arising from the excessive speed on A4042 at the start of the village near the bus stop. Potential to put strips across the road to reduce speeds but only suggestion at present. No camera van available out of Usk currently. Speed enforcement bike is available but no plans to locate in this area. PC Evans will look at potential to locate in future</li> <li>2. Councillor Deakins attended a planning training workshop. Proposal that Community Council should play a more significant role in process in the future. More Community engagement envisaged. New Planning Officer Mark Hands is willing to come to Council meetings. Ask BBNP if they could join this or subsequent meeting. Clerk to request. Community Infrastructure Levy will replace Section 106 in the future</li> </ol>	Clerk
6	<p><b>Communications</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Community has been invited to a free competition with Llanover residents to grow a pumpkin. Heaviest, most attractive and best pumpkin lantern competition to be promoted locally</li> <li>2. Dog Fouling Red Card Initiative meeting to be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at County Hall. Clerk to attend*</li> <li>3. Letter from Nick Ramsey asking Council to support campaign to 'Save Monmouthshire'. Proposal to merge several Councils inc. Monmouthshire with Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Torfaen and Newport</li> <li>4. One Voice Wales is running a funding course should any Councillors be interested in attending*. Councillors to advise Clerk</li> </ol> <p><i>*Denotes Email</i></p>	
7	<p><b>Council Finance Arrangements Review</b></p> <p>Annual audit return should be available on website for residents to review</p> <p>2 Councillors to be appointed for finance control and review on quarterly basis</p> <p>Review of Financial Regulations for Small Councils under Council Standing Orders. Suggest Feb 2016</p> <p>Internal auditor should be professional person/body in future. Letter of engagement to be drafted</p> <p>Upgrading of budget setting (November meeting) and control</p> <p>External auditing arrangements to be conducted by Wales Audit Office from 2015-16 until 2018-19 initially</p>	
8	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. DC/2015/00177 – New track to enable lorries to enter and exit the site in a forward gear together with occasional parking for coaches. The Secret Garden Pentwyn Farm Mamhilad Pontypool NP4 0JE. NO OBJECTIONS Proposed by Councillor French. Seconded by Councillor Price</li> </ol>	
9	<p><b>Donations</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Request from St Illtyd's Church Mamhilad for assistance with graveyard maintenance. Proposal that grant of £450.00 is paid towards cost but church must provide evidence of expenditure for Council records. Proposed Councillor</li> </ol>	

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11	<b>Advertising</b> Usk and Raglan diary contributions for January 2016																												
12	<b>Maintenance</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Trees not yet trimmed by park and Spar</li> <li>2. Council to contact Mr Tucker concerning hedgerows along Croes-y-pant Lane as requested by Councillor Lazenby</li> <li>3. Hedge in Little Mill Park has not been trimmed fully. Clerk to check payment to Mon CC</li> <li>4. Branch overhanging at Little Mill next to Berthon Brook near 40mph limit</li> <li>5. Resident on Newtown Road has fallen due to poor lighting.</li> <li>6. Lamp post MA28 is covered by tree. Suggestion that tree is cut to free up lighting</li> <li>7. Speed signs along from St Peter's Church towards Newtown Road are obliterated by overgrowth</li> </ol> <p>The meeting closed at 9.25pm</p>	Clerk																											
13	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b> Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2015	All																											

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