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Minutes of the Remote Environmental Affairs Committee Meeting held on 18th January 2021 via BT Telephone Conferencing at 7:00pm

Present: Chair: Cllr Christopher

Cllr Roden
Cllr Bryn
Cllr Feakins
Cllr Blair
Cllr Jupp

Cllr Gunter
Cllr Dewhurst
Cllr Treharne
Cllr White

In attendance: C. Williams (Officer)
6 members of public

Agenda Item No.	Details	Action
40	<p>Declarations of Members interest and dispensations To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda in accordance with Part 111 of the Local Government Act 2000, which established the Local Government Code of Conduct for Members.</p> <p>Cllr Gunter declared a personal interest in agenda item 43 Cllr White declared a personal interest in agenda item 43</p>	
41	<p>Attendance and apologies for absence Apologies were received from Cllr Jackson-Graham and Cllr Lucas</p>	
42	<p>Payments & Budgets To approve any payments/late payments and to note budget details</p> <p>It was resolved to approve the payments/late payments and to note budget details.</p>	

<p>43</p>	<p>War Memorial Garden Working Group To discuss and agree the setting up of a Working Group to mediate on the future planting in the War Memorial Garden.</p> <p>It was resolved to suspend Standing Orders to allow Mrs S Campbell to speak on the matter.</p> <p>Mrs Campbell told members that she supports the idea of pollinators and welcomes the plans for Monmouth however she feels that the War Memorial Garden is not a suitable place for such plants. Mrs Campbell felt it was heartbreaking to see the garden in its current state and she believes it does little for the town. Mrs Campbell feels that the grassed area should be returned and a place for the Remembrance crosses too as this was the first year there wasn't a place for the crosses to be planted.</p> <p>It was resolved to reinstate Standing Orders</p> <p><i>Cllr Jupp joined the meeting at 19.10</i></p> <p>It was resolved to set up a Working Group to mediate on the future planting in the War Memorial Garden.</p> <p>The members of this Working Group are Cllr Roden, Cllr Feakins, Cllr White, Cllr Christopher, Cllr Dewhurst, Cllr Blair and Cllr Bryn. It was agreed that the interested parties from the community would be invited to join the Working Group. Lead Councillor is Cllr Dewhurst.</p> <p>It was resolved to send a map of the area with details of the discussions to date to interested parties in the community and to invite their views on planting at the War Memorial Garden to facilitate discussions with responses to be returned after 2 weeks.</p>	
<p>44</p>	<p>Dog Waste Bins (a) To discuss and agree the future provision of Dog Waste Bins within the town.</p> <p>It was resolved to defer this item to F&P Committee to produce a policy regarding the future provision of dog waste bins within the town.</p> <p><i>Cllr Feakins left the meeting at 19:36</i></p> <p>(b) To discuss and agree the purchase and installation of a Dog Waste Bin and associated emptying costs in:</p> <p>(i) Osbaston</p> <p>It was resolved to defer this item until the Dog Waste Policy is put in place</p> <p>(ii) Rockfield Park</p>	

	<p>It was resolved to purchase a dog waste bin based on the correspondence received from S. Parkinson (MCC) who states that the need for a dog waste bin in the area is urgent.</p>	
45	<p>Motorhome Parking (KJG) To receive an update regarding the possibility of changing parking bay sizes for 4 vehicles and adapting or adding a ticket machine for the purpose of allowing overnight motorhome parking in Monmouth and to agree any actions or costs arising from the same.</p> <p>In the absence of Cllr Jackson-Graham, it was resolved to defer this item to the next meeting.</p>	
46	<p>Picnic Tables and Benches (KJG) To discuss and agree the purchase and installation of additional benches and picnic tables near the River Monnow, the River Wye, at the top of town and the top of Mayhill (Wyesham Road) / bottom of Hillcrest Road.</p> <p>In the absence of Cllr Jackson-Graham, it was resolved to defer this item to the next meeting</p>	
47	<p>History Banners To discuss and agree any action regarding the History Banners with particular consideration to the longevity of the banners and health and safety.</p> <p>It was resolved to continue displaying the history banners</p> <p>It was resolved to defer this item to Town Amenities Working Group for them to consider and to provide a recommendation to the Committee at the next meeting.</p> <p>For the time being the banners would remain in situ but Cllr Christopher advised that he would arrange a Town Amenities meeting as soon as possible.</p>	
48	<p>Footpaths in Overmonnow (JT) (i) To consider and agree the installation of a sign on the footpath of Goldwire Lane to the junction of Fitzroy Close/ Elstob Way to make residents aware of the road ahead following a recent health and safety issue.</p> <p>It was resolved that Cllr Treharne should write a letter to MCC regarding the installation of a sign or contraflow on the footpath.</p> <p>(ii) To consider and agree the repair of the contraflow on the footpath between Victoria Estate and the Fitzroy Close/ Elstob Way junction.</p>	

	It was resolved that Cllr Treharne would write a letter to MCC to obtain the costs likely for the repair of the contraflow on the footpath.	
49	<p>Street Signage (JT) To discuss and agree the reinstallation of a missing sign on Elstob Way.</p> <p>It was resolved to withdraw this agenda item.</p>	
50	<p>Update from Working Groups To receive such oral reports on progress as may be available from the working group members.</p> <p>1.Town Amenities, (TJC (Lead), AL, AD, JT, CB, SW, JL, Mrs Hargaden and Mr Munslow) Cllr Christopher confirmed there has been no meeting but one will be arranged to consider the history banners.</p> <p>2. Litter, (AD, (Lead), TJC, CB and EB) Cllr Dewhurst confirmed there has been no meeting. The group have had to stop due to lockdown. Cllr Dewhurst asked that Members manage waste in their area safely with appropriate PPE.</p> <p>3.Active Travel - Pedestrians & Cyclists, (Including Town 20mph Zone), (EB, (Lead), AD, KJG, RJ, Mr Munslow, Mrs Hargaden, Mr Hoyle, Mr Cullen-Jones, Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Jones, Mr Walton and Mr Wright) Cllr Bryn advised MCC have confirmed that bike parking is being included in their plans for Agincourt Square as part of their planting plans. The group are currently waiting for a final cost of the bike shelter by Monnow Bridge and are hoping to order the same and have it installed soon.</p> <p>4.Cemetery, (TJC, (Lead), AD, AL, RR, SW and Mr Munslow.) Cllr Christopher confirmed that there has been no meeting.</p> <p>5.Welsh Assembly Government Funding - Coach Parking, (RR, (Lead), KJG and JL) Cllr Roden confirmed that he and Cllr Lucas have enquired with MCC regarding the time limit for coach parking and it has been agreed that it is a signage issue.</p> <p>6.Hereford Road Parking, (JL, (Lead), RR, AD and CB) Cllr Roden confirmed that MCC are currently concentrating on emergency issues and so no capacity to deal with this at present. Cllr Dewhurst confirmed that she is going to push forward as residents are still concerned.</p> <p>7.Wye Bridge Pedestrian Footbridge, (JL, (Lead), AD, KJG and RJ) Cllr Lucas was not present at the meeting</p>	

	<p>8.Plastic Free Monmouth, (EB, (Lead), AD and CB) Cllr Bryn confirmed that there has been no meeting</p> <p>9.Climate Emergency, (CB, (Lead), MF, AD, EB, KJG, Mr Cullen-Jones and Mrs McCartney) Cllr Blair advised that the tree planting is on hold as the group can't source the trees and people are not able to work together as a result of the pandemic.</p> <p>10.Agincourt St Toilets, (RR, (Lead), SW and AD) Cllr Roden confirmed that more information is required from MCC regarding costs.</p> <p>11.Bee Friendly, (Caru Gwenyn), (AD, (Lead), TJC and SW) Cllr Dewhurst advised that there has been no meeting</p>	
51	<p>Update on Action Summary To update the Action Summary</p> <p>The Action Summary was noted.</p>	
52	<p>Items for Discussion at Next Meeting To agree any future items for discussion</p> <p>It was agreed to include an agenda item regarding a management plan for the pruning of trees in Monmouth (EB)</p>	
53	<p>Press Release To agree a Press Release</p> <p>No press release was agreed</p>	
54	<p>Date of Next Meeting To agree a date for the next meeting</p> <p>This is to be determined</p>	

Meeting Closed: 20:18