

**MINUTES FOR 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**1. Councillors Present -:**

- a. Mathern: Cllr D Harris Cllr M Sidwell, Cllr J Harris
- b. Mounton: - Vacancy
- c. Pwllmeyric: -.Cllr G Page.
- d. County Councillor L Brown
- e. Jane Kelley (Clerk)

**2. Councillors Apologies-:**

- a. Mathern: - None
- b. Mounton: - One Vacancy
- c. Pwllmeyric– Cllr S Stevens

**3. Members of the Public: -  
None**

**4.Member of Police**

None

**11/24 PROCEDURAL ITEMS**

**1. Public Comment: -**

Clerk had been contacted regarding the minutes on the website not appearing in order.

Clerk advised that Stock It Ltd were currently working on this and hoped to have this resolved before the end of the week.

Cllr J Harris had been approached regarding noise levels from Mounton Brook Lodge. Following recent events.

Cllrs advised that the conditions of the planning were on Monmouthshire Planning portal and advised the resident to check these to ensure that the agreed conditions were being adhered to.

If the resident felt these, weren't they would need to contact environmental health with details.

## 2. To receive police report None received

This has been received following a new format. Clerk to contact and ask for the old format to be followed which gave details of actual issues within our community.

## 3. Apologies: -

Cllr S Stevens

## 4. Declarations of Personal or Pecuniary Interest: -

Cllr David and Jayne Harris – Wales in Bloom application.

## 5. Minutes of the previous meeting: -

- a. **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 as true and accurate records. These were to be signed by Cllr D Harris To be placed on the Website.

## 12/24 Finance

- a. To consider approval of payments as per below. **All approved.**
- b. Monthly Bank Reconciliation authorisation – May  
**Were approved by Cllr M Sidwell.**
- c. Review Budget to spending consider EMR  
Budget to spending was agreed as on track.  
Clerk to obtain a quote for weed spraying within the community in case MCC  
Don't complete this. Weeds on pavements and verges are currently very bad.

## Receipts and Payments April/May

Receipts - Precept received 31 05 2024 £1430.63 Solar Farm Money

20 05 2024	Internal Audit Fee	100.00
21 05 2024	Bank Charges	5.00
31 05 2024	Salary	669.40
31 05 2024	NI – Paye	151.92
31 05 2024	Zurich Insurance	589.32
31 05 2024	J Kelley (Working Home Fee)	26.00
06 06 2024	Stock it Ltd	55.20

04 06 2024	Village Hall Rent	18.00
10 06 2024	Telephone/internet	69.10
10 06 2024	Merlin Waste	93.60

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**13/24 Responses to queries raised at previous meetings:**

**a) Update Welsh Water Meeting Re Mounton Brook**

Still awaiting Welsh Water to agree a date for the next meeting.

**b) Response from MCC re protocol when flood occur in Villages.**

**14/24 HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATHS**

Clerk to chase Highways re Drains Pwllmeyric Hill, Pavements overgrown, Growth shrubbery Pwllmeyric

- Hedge Box tree cottage overgrown onto pavement
- Snakey lane overgrown
- Hedges and Verges Barn Lane and Chapel Lane

**15/24 COUNCILLORS REPORTS/CLERK REPORTS**

**a. OVW– No updates.**

**b. Defibrillator checks**

All checked and working.

**c. County Councillor Brown advised:**

COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT JUNE 2024

County Councillor Brown advised:

**Performance and Overview Committee 14<sup>th</sup> of May 2024**

The Performance and Overview Committee covered reports on Additional Learning Provision and Supporting Vulnerable Learners. The reports can be found at the following link:

<https://democracy.monmouthshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=305&MId=5847>

**Cabinet 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2024**

The Cabinet reports confirmed the proposed adoption of the Local Transport Policy and the Climate Emergency Strategy. As well as a report on the use of section 106 monies from housing developments but not any impacting our local ward. In addition, a proposal for the Green -fingers site in the grounds of the Melville Centre for the Arts in Abergavenny to develop a community gardening project. The reports can be found at the following link:

<https://democracy.monmouthshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=144&MId=5748>

## **County Council 16<sup>th</sup> of May 2024**

As it was the start of this Council year, the County Council covered reports on the appointments to committees and outside organisations, together with a number of questions asked. The reports can be found at the following link:

<https://democracy.monmouthshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=143&MId=5747>

### **d. Best Kept Garden as seen from the road side. Cllrs S Stephens and Cllr J Harris**

Cllrs J Harris and Cllr S Stephens to meet to discuss this.

Cllrs suggested The owners of Mounton House be asked to judge this year.

### **e. Risk Assessments**

Cllr D Harris to complete Mathern Risk Assessments Outstanding

Cllr S Stephens to complete Mouton and Pwllmeyric Now Completed

16/24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Plus any applications received after Agenda is issued.

#### **a. New applications –**

**DM/2024/00685** 18 Badgers Meadow – conversion of garage and carport into annex to serve main house. – No Comments

#### **b. Decisions and Appeals -**

#### **c. Enforcement -**

## **17/24 CORRESPONDENCE AND FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

07 05 2024 Smart Pension confirmation of payment

07 05 2024 Chairman Report Circulated

12 05 2024 Update My Monmouthshire 19175521

13 05 2024 J Lomaz – re Website issues

14 05 2024	Information re future police reports
14 05 2024	Planning note
14 05 2024	Full audit update Wales Audit Office
15 05 2024	MCC log re knotweed
15 05 2024	TTRO re closure Chapel lane 29 <sup>th</sup> May – 4 <sup>th</sup> June
15 05 2024	MCC Highways confirmation of highways issues logged
17 05 2024	Request for police report
17 05 2024	TTRO Road closure Chapel Lane
20 05 2024	IRP Cllr Allowance briefing
20 05 2024	OVW Recruitment Clerks/RFO
21 05 2024	Invoice Zurich insurance Receipt of Payment
21 05 2024	OVW Guide for digital working
22 05 2024	Mounton /Pwllmeyric risk assessments completed
23 05 2024	MCC (18877) Footbridge repair survey commissioned
30 05 2024	OVW Environmental principles
30 05 2024	OVW Training July August September
30 05 2024	Have your say fire safety
30 05 2024	Invoice Rent Village Hall - £18.00
30 05 2024	Invoice Stock it £55.20
31 05 2024	OVW Training Dio diversity
31 05 2024	Vacancy Locom Clerk
31 05 2024	Invoice Merlin Feb £91.00
31 05 2024	Invoice Merlin June £93.60

## **18/24 OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

**Pwllmeyric Co-Opt Vacancy – No applicants Clerk to re advertise**

**Mounton Co-opt Vacancy – No applicants Clerk to re advertise**

Chairman to contact a prospective interested person to advise on commitment required.

**Website Updates - Matter on going hopefully glitches will be fixed by end of the week**

## **19/24 PROJECTS AWAITING COMPLETION**

Clerk to send a welcome card to new Vicars and retirement card to Julian White

## **20/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Next meeting: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

**Signed**

**Dated**

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