

Minutes of Meeting

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Councillor Attendance			
Ward	Name	Present	Apologies
Mathern	CLlr M Sidwell (Chair)	✓	
Mathern	CLlr J Harris (Vice Chair)	✓	
Mathern	CLlr A Crossley	✓	
Pwllmeyric	CLlr S Stevens	✓	
Pwllmeyric	CLlr G Page	✓	
Pwllmeyric	CLlr J McConnachie	✓	
Mounton	CLlr D Carne	✓	
County Cllr	CLlr L Brown	✓	
Clerk	Jane Kelley		✓
Members of the Public			
	Name		
a)	None		
b)			
Members of the Police Attending			
a)	PCSO Elis Park		
b)			
11/25	Procedural Items		
a)	Declaration of Pecuniary and Personal Interest		
	CLlr Carne left the room while discussions were ongoing around the application for funding from St Pierre Church		
b)	Public Comment		
	Increase in Pot Holes forming on Mathern lane – MCC Highways to be contracted to resolve		
	Gill Phelps has reported that the visitors to the fishing lake are dumping their rubbish in her bins, please can we contact the fishery to advise that there are no public bins in Mathern and all waste needs to be taken away or they provide waste bins		
	The trees in the Crescent need crowning as they are all low lying and could cause an incident – MHA to be contacted		

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	Mike Edwards has reported that the neighbouring Vaughan-Hughes land has overground and is now invading his garden damaging his fence, can we reach out to the owners or the managing agent to get this sorted, also there is a report of 2 dead trees in this land that overhang the back lane that need removing before they break and cause an issue.
c)	Minutes of the Previous Meetings
	May Minutes to be re-issued as only blank template issued
d)	Monthly Police Report Review
	Elis Park to seek advise from inspectors on the level of information we require
	Elis advised that there were new speed cameras now available so more speed watch visits will happen
	Cllr Stevens to get the Pwllmeyric Speedwatch kit from James and its to be stored in the Village Hall for future use
	There was a report of a 3 car police pursuit on the 1st June where the cars went through the village in excess of 70MPH at 6.30pm on a Sunday when children were playing in the park. Can Elis investigate what this was about as nothing on the police report and this is in our eyes a safety concern.
	Elis to re-energise the community speed watch programme

12/25	Finance
a)	To consider approval of payments as per below.
	All Approved
b)	Monthly Bank Reconciliation Authorisation
	Completed by Cllr McConnachie
c)	To Consider Grants
	St Pierre Church after further quotes have been received it was agreed that £250 would be granted to St Pierre Church towards their church wall grant application.

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Payments / Receipts		
Date	Description	Value
08 05 2025	Vat Refund – Credit	644.59
12 05 2025	Smart Pension	146.44
12 05 2025	Merlin Waste	95.56
13 05 2025	Rent Village Hall	20.00
15 05 2025	Mathern District Club – VE Day	1000.00
16 05 2025	Mathern District Club – VE Day	180.93
19 05 2025	Telephone Internet	76.99
19 05 2025	P Brabon – Internal Audit	150.00
19 05 2025	HMRC	200.49
21 05 2025	Charges HSBC	5.00
29 05 2025	Home Fee – As HMRC	26.00
29 05 2025	Salary	814.52
13/25	Progress Report on Actions from Last Meeting	
a)	Update Welsh Water Meeting re Mounton Meadows	
	No Update – Awaiting confirmation of the next WW Meeting	
b)	Community Plan – 2025	
	Ongoing – On Update	
c)	Noticeboard @ Mounton Village	
	Mounton Church have confirmed a faculty is needed and this is to be established to decide on an outcome – Ongoing Cllr Carne to keep us informed	
d)	Mathern in Bloom	
	Cllr Sidwell met with Chris & Greg and it has been agreed to leave MIB running with a view that every year fund raising will happen to do the next years planting. It was discussed about the possibility of re-instating the Valentines Ball or similar – Ongoing	
e)	Church Magazine	
	It was agreed that a separate meeting with Rita Wilson would be needed to discuss thoughts and a proposal if this was to move forward.	

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14/25 Highways & Footpaths	
	Response MCC Highways re A48 removal of saplings
	Majority were removed, the remaining are to be removed in September after the bird nesting session
	Other highways issues
	Potholes in Mathern Lane to be addressed
15/25 Councillors' Report / Clerks Report	
a)	One Voice Wales Update
	No Update at this meeting
b)	Defibrillator Monthly Checks
	Completed by Cllr McConnachie
c)	County Cllrs Report
	COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT JUNE 2025
	County Councillor Brown advised: Cabinet – 21st of May 2025 The Cabinet meeting considered various reports including the Place Making Grant Programme for the town centre regeneration projects, entering a sport development partnership in the Gwent region; the Marches Partnership programme; digital and data technology collaboration through shared resources; a report on a shared apprenticeship construction scheme as a limited company by guarantee; and the letting of the Old Library Abergavenny as a Mosque and community centre. The Cabinet reports can be found at the following link: https://democracy.monmouthshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=144&MIId=6102 Place Scrutiny Committee – 22nd of May 2025 The meeting covered scrutinising the Active Travel presentation. Unfortunately, the legislation and funding for active travel schemes centres on urban towns rather than rural areas. The forward work programme shows that the RLDP is currently expected to be scrutinised on the 25th of September 2025 prior to going to the next meeting of full Council on the 23rd of October 2025. The Committee report can be found at the following link: https://democracy.monmouthshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=303&MIId=6166&Ver=4 Performance and Overview Committee on the 3rd of June 2025 This Special committee meeting covers reports on Additional Learning Needs and can be found at the following link:

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	https://democracy.monmouthshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=305&MId=6368
d)	Best Kept Garden - as seen from the roadside
	Cllr Harris & Cllr Stevens to contact Tim Streatham to do the judging again for 2025
	It was confirmed that judging will happen in the last 2 weeks of July
	Cllr Stevens to issue the marking criteria so we are all aware
e)	Risk Assessments
	Pwllmeyric & Mounton – Cllr Stevens Mathern – Cllr Sidwell
	All Ongoing
f)	Work to War Memorial Garden
	War Memorial works planned for the 21st June
g)	Dates for CPR Training
	CPR training – Cllr McConnachie to suggest some dates based on Tuesday and Thursday evenings

16/25	Planning Applications – Plus any applications received after Agenda is issued
	New Applications
	No New Applications
	Decisions & Appeals
	Cllr Brown is to respond to Ryan @ MCC ref Rwell Cottage Application with the same comments as Shirenewton CC had submitted
	Enforcement

17/25	Correspondence & Forthcoming Meetings
Date	Description
15 05 2025	Invoice internal Audit Paid £150.00
16 05 2025	D Carne update on response from Welsh Water re Mounton meadows

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16 05 2025	Approved Time sheet salary Clerk
21 05 2025	Police Report
28 05 2025	D Carne – Photo re divot in A48 opposite Badgers Meadow
28 05 2025	MCC Update re saplings – nesting birds' higher trees to be removed once nesting over
01 06 2025	Insurance invoice – Paid £501.50 02 06 2025
01 06 2025	D Carne – re toilets Mounton church

18/25	Other Matters for Discussion
a)	Community Resilience - Climate Emergency
	Ongoing
b)	Website Updates
	No Updates
c)	MCC fete attendance
	It was agreed that there would be no attendance at a MCC stall at the fete
19/25	Projects Awaiting Completion
a)	
b)	
20/25	Date of Next Meeting
	Monday 14 th July 2025 @ 7.00pm

Meeting Ended @ 8.36pm			
Signed:		Dated:	