

# MAGOR WITH UNDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2014 – 2019

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#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 MAGOR WITH UNDY COMMUNITY

Magor with Undy Community Council is situated in SE Wales in the County of Monmouthshire. The community is adjacent to the Severn Estuary, and is in close proximity to the Second Severn Crossing. The M4 cuts through the community, with junction 23A giving access directly off the M4 into the Community. The Steel Works Access Road gives access through to Newport, as does the B4245 westbound. The B4245 eastbound gives access to Caldicot and Chepstow. The GWR Swansea to London Paddington line (via Severn Tunnel) also cuts through the community.

#### **1.2 UNITARY AUTHORITY**

The Unitary Authority for this community is Monmouthshire County Council (Mon CC), and there are two County Ward Councillors, one for each of the Unitary Authority Wards: Mill and The Elms. The Ward Councillors are salaried. The County Council Area Committee for the community of Magor with Undy is the Severnside Area Committee. Both Ward Councillors sit on the Committee, and the Community Council is also represented.

#### **1.3 COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

The Community Council is made up of four wards: Mill, Denny, The Elms and Salisbury. Across the four wards there is a total of thirteen elected (or Co-opted) Community Councillors. All Community Councillors are volunteers, and the position is an unpaid one.

The Community Council is solely funded through Council Tax (Precept), and unlike the Unitary Authority receives no Government Grant. A small amount of income is collected from way-leaves and tenancy rents and small grants are occasionally awarded for projects.

The Community Council employ a Clerk to the Council and three village warden/litter pickers. The Clerk works out of an office based within the Magor Police Station at Main Road, Undy.

The Community Council owns/leases and manages:

- The Procurators House
- Common-y-coed Plantation
- Three Allotment Sites (Undy, Sycamore & Greenmoor)
- Norton Lane Poor Land
- Undy Half Pipe Skate Park
- Three Children's Play Parks (at Undy Playing Fields, Sycamore Playing Fields, Millfield Park Playing Fields)
- Tennis Courts
- War Memorial
- Undy Pound

The Community Council is also responsible for several benches, litter bins, 20 dog waste bins and 9 notice boards.

#### 2.0 MISSION STATEMENT

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To conserve and improve Magor with Undy as an attractive and sustainable place in which to live, visit and do business

#### 3.0 <u>PURPOSE</u>

#### **3.1 GETTING STARTED**

The Development Plan should set out our vision of what our community wants and what it needs to develop.

Key issues were identified as priorities during three consultation events that involved the whole of the community. These highlighted local needs and aspirations, which the Community Council will endeavour to deliver.

Actions required to develop the plan are:

- 1. Set up a working group to lead the process
- 2. Work out short, medium and long term plan
- 3. Develop programme of proposed works

- 4. Share a draft plan, adopt and publish
- 5. Regular reviews and updates.

#### 3.2 THE PURPOSE

The purpose of this Development Plan is fourfold:

- 1. To set out the objective and plans of the Council and assist in budgeting for the Annual Council Tax Precept
- 2. To help the Council fulfil its role within the Community
- 3. To communicate the Council's plans and initiatives to its residents
- 4. To provide a basis for the Community to become involved in shaping the future of their village

#### 4.0 **OBJECTIVES**

#### 4.1 MAIN OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of the Community Council over the next 5 years are as follows:

- 1. To protect, enhance and improve core services/assets and promote the Community Council
- 2. To raise the profile of the villages within the Monmouthshire County Council Tourism regime
- 3. To improve public awareness of facilities and events within the community and encourage community participation
- 4. To protect, improve and enhance the quality of the natural environment, bio-diversity and character throughout the villages
- 5. To improve the Village Way of Life and recognise local achievement
- 6. To improve communication to residents via various means

#### 4.2 OBJECTIVE DETAIL

Each objective has a number of key actions and a year when that action will be effected and/or assessed.

#### 4.3 KEY ACTIONS

The Key Actions are available as appendices from the Community Council Office, or via the Community Council web site: <u>www.magorundy.org.uk</u>

#### 5.0 <u>REVIEW</u>

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The Community Council will review and amend the development plan on a regular basis and the Clerk will provide a six monthly report to full Council outlining progress made to date.



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