

MAGOR WITH UNDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of an Extra-Ordinary Meeting of Magor with Undy Community Council held remotely on Monday 25th October 2021 at 7pm

COUNCILLORS: Cllr S Bailey, Cllr G Cook (Chair), Cllr J Crook, Cllr D James, Cllr P Kirkham, Cllr Plow, Cllr S Raggett

IN ATTENDANCE: Beverly Cawley – Clerk,

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Bisi & Wilson

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2021/22

Open Forum

Public Open Forum (15 minutes at discretion of Chair)

No members of the public in attendance.

156 Chair's Announcements

156.1 To receive apologies for absence from Councillors

Apologies for absence received as noted above.

157 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda – Forms to be completed

157.1 To receive any declarations of interest in items on the agenda

None declared.

158 Planning - View applications at <http://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/planning>

158.1 To note Mon CC weekly new and decided planning lists

<https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/planning-3/weekly-planning-lists/>

Noted.

159 Councillor Representation on Outside Bodies and Working Groups (*deferred from 11/10/21*)

159.1. To consider the need to replace the Council's representative on the below mentioned groups, and appoint if necessary:

- i. Sycamore Playing Field working group
- ii. Brewery working group

Resolved: Not to replace the Council's representative on the Sycamore Playing Field working group at present, but to review in the future if required.

Resolved: Not to replace the Council's representative on the Brewery working group at

present, but to review in the future if required.

Cllr Plow made reference to the resident led 'Residents Against Speeding Group' and relayed the message from the Group that additional membership was required due to dwindling numbers.

Resolved: *To reconsider the position and replacement of Cllr Bisi on the 'Residents Against Speeding Group' at the next Ordinary Meeting (refers EXOM 13/09/21 Min No 114.1)*

160 Footpath No. 372/1/1 Undy (refers EXOM 23/8/21 Min No 98.1)

160.1 To note correspondence between County Councillor for the Elms Ward Lisa Dymock and Mon CC Grounds and Cleansing Neighbourhood Services

Noted.

The Clerk added that Cllr Dymock had been in contact to advise that she was still investigating ownership and responsibility for the footpath and Right of Way (RoW). Cllr Crook expressed his frustration with Mon CC over the query raised with them twelve months earlier in respect of the RoW which was still outstanding. He further stated that the RoW was historic with usage traced back to the 1920's and earlier to that shown on various Tythe maps etc. and that it should be retained for future generations, and should not be lost to the proposed Tythe Farm development.

160.2 To consider proposal from Mon CC to undertake an initial cut of £69.48 before the winter, with the area being added into the Mon CC scheduled maintenance programme in 2022 at £36.33 per visit, and agree any action, with the cost being met by the Community Council.

Members discussed the footpath and RoW and the fact that investigations were still underway in respect of responsibility and ownership for/of the footpath and Green Lane RoW. Members considered the cost of works provided by Mon CC.

Resolved: *To ask and pay for Mon CC to undertake an initial cut, before the winter, as a gesture of good faith to the resident, at the cost of £69.48 but not to add it in to the schedule for 2022 at present.*

Resolved: *To wait for further investigations and responses regarding ownership and responsibility before considering any action for 2022.*

161 Grass Cutting Contracts (deferred from 11/10/21)

161.1 To note that the Grass Cutting Contracts are due for renewal for the year 2022

Noted.

161.2 To consider the requirements of the contracts and agree the specifications to go out for quotes.

Members looked at a previous specification as a starting point and agreed the areas requiring grass-cutting management for 2022. The clerk to check frequency/dates required for wildflower meadow cut with agronomist and amend specification if required. Members suggested possible contractors.

Resolved: *That the clerk check the frequency/dates required for wildflower meadow cuts with agronomist and amend specification if required.*

Resolved: *That the clerk obtain at least three quotes, in line with the specification for a 1 year contract.*

162 Winter/Spring Planting (deferred from 11/10/21)

162.1 To consider the need for Winter/Spring planting in the Council's flower tubs/containers etc. and agree any actions required.

Members noted the number of planters/tubs it is responsible for across the two villages, and Cllr Cook estimated that it would cost between £1200 and £1500 per annum to plant them up, with bulbs being extra.

Members noted that Mon CC were due to move the large planters in the Square for the Remembrance Service and the Frost Fayre and consideration was given to the faulty self-watering planter being permanently removed as it tended to waterlog and subsequently kill the plants in it during wet weather.

Members suggested possible contractors.

Resolved: *To ask Mon CC to remove the faulty self-watering planter from Magor Square when they re-position either for Remembrance Sunday Service or the Frost Fayre.*

Resolved: *That the clerk obtain at least three quotes, to clear, plant up and water the various planters, tubs etc (spring/winter & Summer/Autumn) for a 1 year contract.*

163 Previous Resolution: Standing Order 7.a & b

163.1 To receive signatures from Councillors in respect of the following motion:

"We, the undersigned, propose that the matter resolved at the Community Council Ordinary Meeting on 13th September 2021 and recorded in Minute No 124.1 should be re-considered by full council on 25th October 2021 [Ref: Standing Order 7.a]" (subject to receipt of six signatures)

The clerk confirmed that only five signatures had been received.

163.2 To re-consider the original proposal (noting the change as detailed below):

"That the Council agree to purchase and plant two 50 litre pot grown English Oak (Quercus Robur) Trees on Council owned land (a. Common-y-coed Plantation and b. MUGA Wildflower Meadow parkland) at an approximate cost of £420 each plus delivery, planting and staking, and for each tree to be marked accordingly with a suitably engraved plaque" [Note: the proposer agreed to change her motion to read Sessile Oaks in place of English Oaks.] (subject to receipt of six signatures)

Members noted that as only five signatures had been received the original motion could not be reconsidered.

The clerk advised members that another option was to consider the purchase of a third tree, or that members could attempt to send in six signatures again to ask for the motion to be reconsidered.

164 Meeting Dates (remote)

164.1 **Councillor Workshop – Thursday 28th October 2021 at 7pm**
Noted.

164.2 **Extra-Ordinary Meeting – Monday 1st November 2021 at 7pm**
Noted.

164.3 **Ordinary Meeting – Monday 8th November 2021 at 7pm**
Noted.

164.4 **Budget Workshop – Thursday 11th November 2021 at 7pm (and provisional Thursday 18th November 2021 at 7pm)**
Noted.

MEETING CLOSED AT 20.00PM