

# MAGOR WITH UNDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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## Minutes of an Extra-Ordinary & Planning Meeting of Magor with Undy Community Council held remotely on Monday 25th April 2022 at 7pm

<b>COUNCILLORS:</b>	Cllr S Bailey, Cllr Bisi, Cllr J Crook (Chair), Cllr Hopkins (left 20.09pm) Cllr D James, Cllr S Raggett, Cllr F Taylor
<b>IN ATTENDANCE:</b>	Beverly Cawley – Clerk to Council
<b>MEMBERS OF PUBLIC:</b>	1
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>	Cllrs Baicher, Kirkham, Plow, Wilson

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**Meeting started late due to a technical issue.**

### **332 Chair's Announcements**

- 332.1 Chair extended congratulations to Cllr Hopkins and her husband on their wedding anniversary, and proposed that agenda item 7.1 be brought forward (*relates to Cllr Hopkins' proposal at OM 11/04/22 Min No 328.1*) following Planning, to allow Cllr Hopkins to leave the meeting early.
- 332.2 **To receive apologies for absence from Councillors**  
Apologies received as noted above.

### **333 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda – Forms to be completed**

- 333.1 **To receive any declarations of interest in items on the agenda**  
Cllr Bisi declared a personal interest – agenda item 6.1, Min No. 338.1 – Magor PTFA grant – children attend Magor Primary School.

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

- 334.1 **To consider:**
- 334.1.a **DM/2022/00484: - Full planning application for the construction of 9 dwellings including means of access, drainage, landscaping, associated engineering and infrastructure works. - Land at Former Tythe House, Church Road, Undy**  
Members noted that there was much interest in this application, and numerous applications over the years regarding the development.  
Members were pleased to note that Monmouthshire County Council Rights of Way had made reference to the footpath and track at the side of this development, and the need for the Right of Way to be maintained in its current position and width etc.  
Council had concerns about the raising the ground levels, noise level from the railway, surface water drainage and SUDS, landscaping and the Right of Way.

**Resolved:** That Council were unable to approve Planning Application DM/2022/00484 at present, but would advise the Planning Authority of their concerns and request a site meeting.

#### THE MEETING WAS RECORDED FROM THIS POINT

- 334.2 **To note correspondence from Welsh Government to Monmouthshire County Council Planning Authority confirming that following consideration Welsh Government is not to 'call in' Hybrid planning Application DM/2019/01937 - outline planning for 155 dwellings, and full planning for 72 dwellings both with associated open space and infrastructure at Vinegar Hill, Undy.**

Members noted the correspondence.

**Resolved:** To seek a meeting with the relevant Planning Officer and maintain contact to understand and follow the development in its various stages, in order that Council could advocate any measures that could be beneficial to the existing residents now and going forward.

- 334.3 **To note response from Avison Young to Council's reply in respect of pre-planning application on land west of Wales 1, Magor.**

Members noted the response, and discussed the matter briefly, still having concerns over traffic volumes and access/egress. The Clerk confirmed that this had been a required 'pre-planning' consultation, and that members would be consulted on the full planning application once it was presented to Monmouthshire County Council, the Planning Authority. Members questioned whether Newport City Council had been included in the pre-planning consultation as the development was on the border of the community. The Clerk advised that where a substantial planning application was made on/for land adjacent to a neighbouring Council border, it was normal practice for the Planning Authority to consult with the neighbouring council.

- 334.4 **To note Mon CC weekly new and decided planning lists**

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

Noted.

- 335 Councillors' Motion (under Standing Order 7.a & 6.a,b,c.)**

- 335.1 **Cllrs Bailey, Bisi, Crook, Kirkham, Raggett & Wilson.**

**Motion:** - I / We the undersigned propose that the matter resolved at the Community Council Ordinary meeting on 11th April 2022 and recorded in Minute number 328.1 "That the Annual Meeting be re-scheduled for Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 at 7pm" should be reconsidered by Full Council at its Extraordinary & Planning Meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022 due to the possible financial implications and risks the change of date could present to the new Council.

The Chair confirmed that following a conversation with the Clerk, he had concerns about possible financial risk implications that could arise due to delaying the Annual Meeting until the 23<sup>rd</sup> May, and of the Council's ability to honour its obligations in respect of payment of salaries and/or other payment of invoices. Following the elections on the 5<sup>th</sup> May (albeit the elections were uncontested) there potentially was

only one signatory left, and at least two would be required to release on-line payments, or in fact make cheque payments. It would take time to get new signatories registered and cleared with the Bankers. The Chair also advised members that he would not be available on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May, (to open the Annual Meeting and call for nominations, and give his report) as he had pre-arranged appointments for that date. Members considered their options. Cllr Hopkins stressed that she had only suggested the change of date as she felt it would give the Clerk more time to prepare for the meeting.

**Resolved:** To appoint Cllrs Taylor, Hopkins and James as signatories with immediate effect (subject to completion of the necessary mandate change forms, and clearance with the bank) so that following the election date (and the completion of the Acceptance of Office statements) there would be sufficient signatories to meet the Council's requirements until the annual meeting, when the signing mandate could be revisited.

**Resolved:** To amend the date of the Annual Meeting to Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7pm.

#### **CLLR HOPKINS LEFT THE MEETING AT 20.09PM**

#### **336 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Falklands War**

336.1 **To note a request from the Royal British Legion that Council consider holding a commemorative service at the War Memorial in Magor Square on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 to remember those impacted by the conflict, Veterans of the campaign, their families, bereaved family members, and civilians who supported the Armed Forces, and to agree any next steps or actions required.**

Members supported the proposal. The clerk would liaise with the RBL and the Rev Canon Jeremy Harris regarding the service. Cllr Raggett offered to advertise the event at the Queen's Platinum Jubilee events with a flyer, and the event would be advertised via the Council's social media platforms. The RBL had also offered to contact the Lord Lieutenant of Gwent or the DLL asking them to attend. The Council would arrange road closure.

**Resolved:** To order a Falklands 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary wreath from the RBL for the Mayor to lay at the event, and to give the RBL a donation of £100 for the wreath. (under LGA 1972 s. 137)

**Resolved:** To ask the RBL to invite the Lord Lieutenant of Gwent or his deputy to take part and lay a wreath.

**Resolved:** To advertise the event during May via the Council's social media platforms and arrange road closure.

#### **337 Local Market**

337.1 **To note that the Magor Baptist Church Leadership are unable to assist with the hire/use of their lawn and/or schoolroom for the local market. To agree any next steps or actions required.**

Members noted the response from the Magor Baptist Church, and the fact that a

steering group for the regeneration of the villages was to be considered at the Annual Meeting in May. This group could take the Local Market forward. Suggestions for alternative sites were made; Green in front of the Procurators House, the adjacent Car Park, or Withy Walk Car Park.

**338**

**Grant Funding**

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**To note and consider request from Magor PTFA to use the monies granted to them in 2020 (refers OM 10/02/20 Min No 151.ii.d) for an alternative purpose, and agree any action required.**

**CLLR BISI DECLARED AN INTEREST IN MAGOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AND THE PTFA**

Members noted the request to pay for an end of term bouncy castle for the school, and that it was not in the Council's remit to use monies directly for the benefit of schools. Council could only grant monies to the PTFA to assist them in organising events/ projects which would raise funds for the school. Council could not support the provision of a 'free' bouncy castle. However, if the Magor PTFA asked for a small donation from children for using the bouncy castle, the donation could be classed as fund raising.

**Resolved:** That the clerk speak with the Magor PTFA and suggest that the PTFA ask for a small donation from the children, in which case the Council would approve the use of the money for the PTFA's proposal.

**MEETING CLOSED AT 20.24PM**

