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2nd September 2014

Notice of meeting:

Lower Wye Area Committee

Wednesday 10th September 2014 at 10.00am

The Old Station, Tintern, NP16 7NX

AGENDA

The Council welcomes contributions from members of the public through the medium of Welsh or English. We respectfully ask that you provide us with adequate notice to accommodate your needs.

Item No	Item
1.	Apologies for Absence.
2.	Declarations of Interest.
3.	Public Question Time.
4.	To confirm and sign the minutes of the Lower Wye Area Committee meeting held 11 th June 2014 (copy attached)
5.	To receive an update in relation to The Old Station, Tintern, awards.
6.	To receive an update on current issues from the Whole Place Team (copy attached).
7.	To review the future work programme for the Lower Wye Area Committee (copy attached).
8.	To note the future dates of Lower Wye Area Committee meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 11th February 2015 – 10.00am• 29th April 2015 – 10.00am

**Paul Matthews
Chief Executive**

MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CYNGOR SIR FYNWY

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE LOWER WYE AREA COMMITTEE IS AS FOLLOWS:

County Councillors: D. Batrouni
D.L.S. Dovey
G.L. Down
P. Farley
R.J.W. Greenland
P.A.D. Hobson
P. Murphy
A.C. Watts
A.E. Webb

Aims and Values of Monmouthshire County Council

Sustainable and Resilient Communities

Outcomes we are working towards

Nobody Is Left Behind

- Older people are able to live their good life
- People have access to appropriate and affordable housing
- People have good access and mobility

People Are Confident, Capable and Involved

- People's lives are not affected by alcohol and drug misuse
- Families are supported
- People feel safe

Our County Thrives

- Business and enterprise
- People have access to practical and flexible learning
- People protect and enhance the environment

Our priorities

- Schools
- Protection of vulnerable people
- Supporting Business and Job Creation

Our Values

- **Openness:** we aspire to be open and honest to develop trusting relationships.
- **Fairness:** we aspire to provide fair choice, opportunities and experiences and become an organisation built on mutual respect.
- **Flexibility:** we aspire to be flexible in our thinking and action to become an effective and efficient organisation.
- **Teamwork:** we aspire to work together to share our successes and failures by building on our strengths and supporting one another to achieve our goals.

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on Wednesday 11th June 2014 at 10:00am**

PRESENT: County Councillor: A. Webb (Chairman)

County Councillors: D.L.S. Dovey, G.L. Down, P.S. Farley and P. Murphy.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr A. Browne	-	Area Services Officer
Mrs S. King	-	Senior Democratic Services Officer

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Inspector R. Giles	-	Gwent Police
Mrs S. Dovey	-	Chepstow Town Council
Mrs B. Moore	-	Shirenewton Community Council
Mr J. Harris	-	Public resident
Mr A. Newman	-	Public resident
Mr G. Brown	-	Facilities Manager, Chepstow Racecourse

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

County Councillor A.E. Webb was elected as Chair of the Lower Wye Area Committee meeting.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

County Councillor D. Dovey was appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Lower Wye Area Committee.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor D. Batrouni, R. Greenland, P. Hobson and A.C. Watts.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

County Councillor A.E. Webb declared a personal interest, pursuant to the Members' Code of Conduct, as a member of the Licensing Committee.

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5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Chairman welcomed members of the public to the meeting and we noted the following questions:

a) Mr A. Newman, Local Resident addressed the committee as follows:

- Lack of feedback when requests are made and difficult for the public to contact Monmouthshire County Council.
- Contact numbers for one stop shops may not link to the local area, e.g. if Chepstow is busy then calls are diverted to another One Stop Shop.
- Concerns that there were no liners in dog litter bins, previously this was in place but had now stopped. Further information had not been available from Community Councils.

In response, we noted Mr Newman's frustrations regarding not being able to easily contact officers within the authority. We advised that the appropriate officer would be contacted and clarification requested in relation to cleaning of bins.

b) Mr J. Harris, Local Resident, addressed the committee:

- Question related to policies and procedures for highways authority and local authority.
- Environmental enhancement scheme in Caerwent, which had been well received, however, there had been issues requiring clarification regarding whether the area was a home zone and whether extra space would be returned to the community.

In response, we noted the queries and advised that clarification would be obtained.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

We resolved to confirm the minutes of Lower Wye Area Committee held on Wednesday 19th March 2014 as an accurate record and were signed by the Chairman subject to the following highlighted addition:

- **Page 6 – 6th Bullet, *Seven change to Severn***
- **Page 6 - 6th Bullet to be changed to: *Members commented regarding the lease of the Severn Bridge Car park effective concealed subsidy.***
- **Page 9 – Item 10. Change spelling to *BOARD***

7. UPDATE ON PREPARATIONS FOR NATO, FROM GWENT POLICE

We welcomed Inspector Roland Giles to the meeting to brief the Committee on preparations for the NATO Summit to be held at the Celtic Manor Resort on 4th and 5th

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September 2014, hosted by the Prime Minister, David Cameron. The Inspector stressed the enormity of the event in terms of policing and ensuring that the event is both safe and successful.

The potential for disruption to communities was difficult to determine at present given that the agenda for the NATO Summit would not be presented to Gwent Police by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office until mid – July. 10 000 additional police personnel would be drafted in to support Gwent Police and that these officers would be accommodated locally. We heard that the police were keen to maintain normality within the community but the event would impact in neighbourhood policing capacity. We received assurance that the situation would be closely monitored by Local Commanders.

We welcomed notice that the Police were working closely with local authorities, the EAS and schools and any school closures would be subject to local decision making.

We noted the following key information:

- 160 VIP's, from 28 members countries, would be in attendance at the Summit along with 1500 journalists/media.
- Venues in the area will be used to accommodate visiting delegates
- All host accommodation sites would be swept and locked down prior to the event.
- The M4 would remain open but would carry all rolling movements for VIPs.
- Avon and Somerset Police would be providing significant support to Heddlu Gwent Police.

Inspector Giles reiterated that that the Police aimed to create a professional, protected environment during the Summit.

The Committee expressed thanks to Inspector Giles.

8. AREA SERVICES OFFICER UPDATE REPORT

- i) The Chair welcomed Mr G. Brown, Facilities Manager, Chepstow Racecourse. Mr Brown outlined responsibilities of the job role, which included looking after infrastructure and maintaining the facility. Objective would be to ensure that the racecourse is fit for purpose, whatever the purpose will be, integral parts fall under role.

Further engagement work was ongoing to promote the venue and increase visitors to the park.

During discussion we noted the following points:

- Members welcomed the attendance from Mr Brown and commended the racecourse as a venue for events. It was suggested that work could be closely undertaken with the Town Council.

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- Signage was highlighted as an issue, temporary signage for events required more attention.
- We discussed events that had been held within the county where some problems had occurred (for examples in relation to routes on a cycling event) and the extent to which the racecourse management would be involved, we noted that management would be responsible for issues within the racecourse, however, de-brief sessions had occurred to discuss events.
- Two business development officers had been employed and cancelled events would be rearranged.
- It was noted that the authority would monitor events licenses for venues.

We thanked Mr Brown for attending the meeting and for providing an overview of the facilities management of Chepstow Racecourse.

- ii) We received the Area Services Officer Update report and in doing so we noted the following:

- **Shirenewton Community Council Representation at Area Committee**
The Area Services Officer has been informed that Beverley Moore will – in future – represent Shirenewton Community Council at Area Committee meetings.

- **Damage to Chepstow Cemetery Perimeter Fence**
A recent road traffic accident resulted in damage to the fencing and supporting posts near the entrance to the “new” cemetery on Mathern Road. The Police were called to the scene to deal with the incident. It is anticipated that a full repair will have been undertaken by week ending 6th June.

- **Chepstow Marketing Group**
The Marketing Group met on 10th June and discussed the best way to take forward marketing as a whole in Chepstow.

- **Lower Wye Community Safety Action Team**
The Lower Wye CSAT most recently met on 29th May. A letter would be sent from the group to partners regarding attendance at the meetings.

- **Joint Rail Transport Working Group**
The Monmouthshire Strategic Transport group had been established, via an Individual Cabinet Member Decision and meetings had been arranged.

- **South Monmouthshire Flood Forum**
The meeting would be held at 10am on Monday 16th June.

- **Air Quality Steering Group**
The Air Quality figures for 2013 were presented to members with the update report.

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- **Community Liaison Committee**

The most recent meeting of the Community Liaison Committee was held on 3rd April. Minutes were presented with the update report and members requested that they were kept informed.

- **Chepstow Bus Station Toilets**

Members will recall that a contribution of £14,028 was made from the Area Committee budget toward the funding of public toilets in Thomas Street. Planning was granted on 14th May but condition 4 requires a license agreement under section 50 of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991. It is not known how long that process will take. The Town Clerk recently met with the architect and QS to finalise the specification for the works. The whole scheme will go out to tender imminently, but works cannot start until the license agreement is in place.

- **Cycling Events**

As has been previously reported, Monmouthshire will be hosting the National Cycling Championships between 23rd and 29th June this year. It is hoped that Members will be very aware of the events through the publicity that has been undertaken and with the preparations that have been ongoing for several months.

Again, as previously reported, on 30th July, the Wales Open Criterium will bring a number of races to Chepstow itself, over the course of a few hours during the evening. This great spectacle will see riders lapping at high speed around the lower part of the town.

The committee highlighted that Highways and Management responsibility would be required prior to and after the event.

- **Environment/Capital Funds**

Members will be aware that the budget for the current financial year has been reduced from £15,000 to £5,000.

One application had been received from from the Chepstow and District Rotary club. An amount of £500 was requested as a contribution toward the cost of a project being known as Chepstow and District Rotary Club Tree Of Light Project which is estimated to cost £4,500 in total.

During discussion the following points were noted:

- The application had been considered at a previous meeting but had been refused, as further in-depth information was requested.
- The general feeling was that members could not support the application at this time.

We agreed that the application for funding was refused.

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We noted that a letter of thanks for financial support had been received from Thomas a Beckett Church, Wolvesnewton.

9. WORK PROGRAMME

We received and noted the Lower Wye area committee work programme.

During discussion we noted the following points:

- Further work was required to develop the work programme.
- Concerns were expressed that members of the public had not received response to queries.
- Further engagement needed with the Clerks of Town/Community Councils, via the Head of Engagement and Partnerships.
- Whole Place Information to be included on agenda of next meeting.

10. TIMING OF MEETINGS AND DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

We noted future meetings as follows:

- 10th September 2014 – 10.00am
- 11th February 2015 – 10.00am
- 29th April 2015 – 10.00am

It was requested that the next meeting could be held in Tintern.

The meeting closed at 11:50am

Lower Wye Area Committee

SUBJECT:	UPDATE ON AREA ISSUES
DIRECTORATE:	Area Working / Dept Chief Executives Dept.
MEETING:	Area Committee Members Update
DATE:	10th September 2014
WARDS	All wards in Lower Wye area

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To update members on current issues from the Whole Place Team
- 1.2 For members to discuss whether any of the items require further information and whether any items need to be referred elsewhere.
- 1.3 To solicit member's views on on-going issues

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That members note and comment on progress and issues

3.0 On-going issues

3.01 Chepstow Cycling Event

On the 30th July Chepstow hosted the grand finale of British Cycling's Elite Circuit Series. The Series which is made up of six separate races, culminates in Chepstow Town Centre was the only race on Welsh soil. Many spectators turned out to support the event.

3.02 Chepstow Festival

Once again Chepstow held a very successful festival over 4 weeks in the summer months. Public could enjoy, music, arts, theatre, walks and much more over the period.

3.03 Community Education

The community education team has now moved from Boviton House and were ready to open their doors of their new home at Hanbury House on the 1st September.

3.04 Chepstow Show

The whole place team attended the show on 9th August and talked to people about "what matters". They also sold personal safety equipment and shed alarms on behalf of CSAT's.

3.05 Overview of Summer Play Schemes

- Play schemes were operated at the 4 leisure centres and Bulwark Community Centre on behalf of Chepstow Town Council for 4 weeks of the Summer
- There was a breakfast club 8.00-9.00am and after playscheme sports camps 3.30-5.00pm to assist working parents
- They attracted over 1000 children to these schemes and 6500 visits in total
- Staff training was provided for around 80 members of staff including safeguarding level 1
- They linked with around 100 families of children with disabilities
- 25 members of staff were employed to work with 40 children with additional needs to access the schemes
- There was a varied 4 week themed programme including daily swimming and links with Museums, Libraries, Emergency Services etc
- Visits from the Mayor and Town Councils to view the schemes were organised
- There were a few off site visits organised this year to the Kymin View, Monmouth Music Festival etc

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3.06 Tourism Update

3.06.01 Monmouthshire Ambassadors

To date 140 Monmouthshire Ambassadors (out of a target 200) to help welcome visitors to the county and encourage them to see and do more while they're here so they stay longer and spend more. Enhancing the experience of visitors while they're here will also hopefully make them more likely to return. 19 of the trained ambassadors have gone on to complete accredited World Host training, which was the basis for the training of the Olympic Games Makers. Monmouthshire Ambassador sessions have been delivered in all towns, and on specific themes such as walking and heritage. Now work on development of bespoke sessions aimed at retailers, market stall holders and event organisers are taking place with a pilot session planned for Abergavenny in September. If successful this bespoke version of the training will be rolled out to the other towns, subject to there being sufficient interest.

3.06.02 Tourism Performance

The most recent (12 August) press statement on tourism performance was as follows: 2014 has been a good year for tourism in Monmouthshire. The weather has been kind, and we've benefited from a late Easter and a recovering economy, as well as the introduction of new key events into the county which have attracted significant numbers of visitors to the area. New events to Monmouthshire this year included the Wye Valley River Festival in May, the National Cycling Championships in June and the Wales Open Criterium in Chepstow in July. In addition, Chepstow racecourse has hosted an exciting programme of new events including the Sunrise Celebration which relocated to Monmouthshire for the first time this year. Coming up there's the Monmouthshire Show on 28 August (monmouthshow.co.uk), Usk Show on 13th September (www.uskshow.co.uk), the Abergavenny Food Festival 20-21st September, (abergavennyfoodfestival.com) which last year won 'Best Event in Wales' (in the National Tourism Awards for Wales), and which attracts more than 30,000 visitors every year, and on September 9th, The Tour of Britain passes through Monmouthshire for the first time, with the end of the third stage of the race finishing on The Tumble, near Abergavenny.

In October, the National Walkers are Welcome conference comes to Chepstow, reflecting the upsurge in Walkers are Welcome accredited towns and villages in Monmouthshire and the exceptional walking routes of the county.

3.06.03 Visitor Information

We're continuing to explore more sustainable models of delivery for our TICs. In Abergavenny we're already operating a shared service model (with the Town Council and Brecon Beacons NPA). We're discussing with stakeholders the possibility of a similar model in Chepstow. We're also working with partners to improve the quality of information and usage of the kiosks.

3.06.04 Website

We're currently developing a new visitmonmouthshire.com website to promote the wide range of visitor experiences on offer in the destination. This is due for completion at the end of November and is being funded through the RDP Welcome Monmouthshire project.

3.06.05 Attendance at exhibitions

We attended The Meetings Show in Olympia in July and are due to attend Venue Expo in Manchester 1-2 September on a joint 'Meet South East Wales (Newport, Monmouthshire & Torfaen)' stand to promote our MICE (meetings, incentives, conferences, exhibitions) offer to hosted buyers.

3.06.06 PR activity

We're actively involved in two destination partnership PR contracts with Alexandra Marr Associates with Brecon Beacons Tourism and Wye Valley & Forest of Dean Tourism as partners. There is a ToB press trip that's been organised through the BB PR contract Journalist

3.06.07 Travel Trade / Group Travel

We're working closely with businesses to update existing and develop new itineraries for promotion to travel trade / group travel contacts.

3.06.08 RDP Welcome Monmouthshire

Continuing to progress the following activity under this project which ends 30 November:

- Development of circular routes off the Usk Valley Walk and Wales Coast Path
- Development of community-led interpretation, signposting and access
- Improvements to visitor highway and pedestrian signage
- Improvements to interpretation and visitor management at Caldicot Castle
- IT infrastructure improvements

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3.07 Sports Development

Attached news letter.

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3.08 Budget Consultations

Monmouthshire County Council will be running a series of road shows and consultations to discuss the future budget and have an opportunity to engage with the people in our county.

The road show will be held during the day in Chepstow on Thursday 25th of September. Budget consultation will take place in the evening at Chepstow Comprehensive on Thursday 9th October.

3.09 Lower Wye Whole Place Scheme

The Whole Place team will start working in the area as soon as resources allow to start the whole place process.

3.10 Whole Place

Members will be aware that the role of the Area Services Officer was deleted earlier this year. A new team of Whole Place officers are currently being formed to lead and support the Whole Place initiative in Monmouthshire. Officers will still be working in the areas but there will be no one officer assigned to a specific place. All whole place officers will be working where projects need support and guidance throughout the county to help build sustainable resilient communities and continuous work will be generated through delivery of the Whole Place agenda.

3.11 Capital Monies

This year the area capital monies have been reduced from £15,000 to £5,000. Members will be aware that this money can only be used for capital schemes and not revenue. To make sure that the money is spent appropriately on capital projects that enhance the environment or benefit the local community we will be using this money to support the work of the whole place plans in order to pump prime some of the projects.

4.0 Background papers

Electronic files containing the detail of all of the above issues can be obtained through the Whole Place Officer.

5.0 Author

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It has been an extremely busy and truly testing time for the sports development & leisure teams delivering many high class opportunities for children and young people to experience sporting sessions throughout Monmouthshire. From the National Road Race Cycling Championships, inclusive sport sessions and insport Bronze submission, volunteering programmes to primary school games & activities the team have experienced some fabulous attendances, massive rewards and far reaching positive outcomes.

Ian Saunders

Head of Tourism, Leisure & Culture.

Our 2012/13 LAPA programme gave us the opportunity to extend some of our projects and initiatives and engage with our volunteer workforce. We believe the increased participations in our core programmes stemmed from asking young people what they want, a piece of work delivered by our ambassadors. This term we will make an equal contribution to the targets set out in our Gwent Regional Plan and share

our knowledge, success and also failures.

Prepare Our Children and Young People for Engagement in Sport and Physical Recreation

There have been a total of **10,674** attendances in Dragon Sport this academic year. This has increased by 3,885 on last year's figures of 6,789. 52% above our target of 7,475.

A number of Primary school festivals across the authority have given the chance for increased participation and children to represent their schools. Delivery of NGB and community clubs at these festivals is imperative to our aim of increasing the number of children who are hooked on sport.

Castle Park Primary @CastlePark_Caid 09/06/2014
And #class4 enjoying being archers @leannejsport #monmouthshire #cpps more pictures to follow



We have exceeded our target of 80 new participants in our tots programme for the year. Work will be carried out

throughout the term to measure retention. From September the implementation of our Regional Physical Literacy Programme will enhance our current provision and our opportunities to build for the future.



New for aquatics is the introduction of a 50 week swimming programme and direct debit option. Figures for take-up and retention will be available in the next quarter. Our strategic swimming group will be working towards the targets set out in the regional aquatics plan.

Consultation, plans and impact assessments are underway with the news of the 21st Century School at Monmouth. The swimming pool will close for the duration of the works however commitments have been made to build a new swimming pool as part of the new school.



We have increased our 5x60 participation from the last academic year. The difference in the programmes we deliver now compared to 2010 has had a clear impact on our increased figures.

A total of **33,211** individual attendances were recorded, an increase of 8,572 over our target of 24,639 – a 35% increase on target.



We are confident the programmes and initiatives we are delivering will have a positive impact on transition between Primary and Secondary school.

Provide the Necessary Skill Base for Our Volunteer Workforce

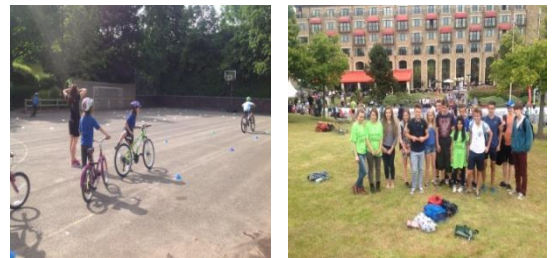
Chepstow's Leadership Academy is now fully established with pupils working towards their Sport Leaders Level 2 Qualification, Millennium Volunteer Hours and actively coaching in various programmes.



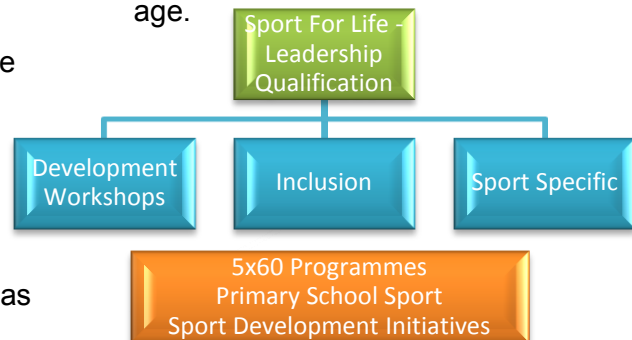
Our Young Ambassador Programme has continued to be developed. There are currently 44 Bronze, 5 Silver, 3 Gold and 1 Platinum ambassador across Monmouthshire carrying out work at a Primary School, Secondary School and Community level.

We attracted 50 new volunteers as part of the cycle championships event and legacy work. We have also seen individuals gain employment in our summer playscheme's as a result of experience

gained through our programmes.



Within our Mon Academy training schedule we are looking to develop our 'Sport 4 Life' leadership programme for young people aged 10-13 years old. This will provide a wider base of volunteers as well as CPD opportunities for the current YA's. There will be three main strands to the programme after the initial training, these will be; Development Workshops, Inclusion and Sport Specific. By launching this initiative we hope to develop our future coaches and leaders from an early age.



Developing Leaders for Tomorrow, Today

Adopt Disability Sport Wales inSport

On Thursday 17th April 2014 Monmouthshire Leisure Services received their insport development Ribbon accreditation from Disability Sport Wales chairman Gareth John and Disability Sport Wales CEO Jon Morgan.

The award was received as part of our insport taster days for adults with disabilities. In May Monmouthshire went to panel for the Bronze award and was successful.



included a visit to Swansea 2014 IPC European Athletics Championships.

Monmouthshire sports development is currently working with six newly accredited clubs at insport ribbon surpassing their annual target of four.



As part of our insport work; primary schools have been identified to take part in Paralympic Legacy sessions. Three schools across the authority have taken part in a number of inclusive activities including boccia, archery, curling and wheelchair basketball. Year 6 pupils at Kymin View Primary School took part in 6 weeks of activities with the end product of them delivering four inclusive sports for the rest of the school (Reception-Year 5) on their sports day.

Maximise the use of our Community Facilities

We have extended our junior fitness offer to include a junior direct debit membership. In the first month we have signed up 52 pupils with a planned school promotion from September. We will again

extend this offer to directly target girls, 5x60 (NRG sessions) and sibling/family initiatives in holiday periods.

Sailing/windsurfing/water sports plans continue to be developed. A delay in the new facility at Llandegfedd means there is no open water time until March 2015. Welsh Water has bought out the Gwent Adventures business; this will give the programme sustainability and continuity. A New Canoe club established in Abergavenny with 104 different people attending with 33 new members registered.



Following the success of Monmouthshire's insport taster day, insport summer taster sessions ran over the summer period with children aged 11-25 and adults 25+ having a weekly two hour sports taster all delivered by Monmouthshire insport clubs and

A number of club members have accessed the club directly from our 5x60 water activities sessions.

An increase in Leisure Centre usage has been seen through our sport camp days and tots programmes.



In May half term 179 children took part in our sport camps across the authority which saw an income generation of £2,685 for the Leisure Centres – with little to no staffing costs in place due to opportunities for volunteers and community clubs.

Examples of this increased footfall have also seen sites benefiting from gym memberships, secondary spend and further enrolments by parents attending our programmes.

Increase Sport and Physical Recreation Participation through Asking People What Matters, Mapping Activity and Target Marketing

Continued officer work with community clubs and investment in paid staff mentoring has ensured thriving club links are established and developed. Work has been carried out on a regional basis to identify clubs suitable to move



forward with this.

Our investment moving forwards is to identify key volunteers who have completed more than 100 Millennium Volunteers hours with us to undertake mentoring. This will aid their professional development as well as increasing the sustainability of our programmes.

Welsh Cycling has delivered a 'Cycling for Schools' course for teachers and volunteers across Monmouthshire. This has been identified as part of the legacy work for the National Championships as well as targeting Schools who identified this as a sport they would like from the school sport survey results. Two Primary schools have now got established cycle clubs for their pupils with more to be developed post September.



Last year, children undertook the Sports Wales survey and found they loved sport but would like different options, such as a cycling club...

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4 RETWEETS 2 FAVORITES



...so a big diolch to our Sports Development officer Geraint, for arranging it! Lots of new skills being learnt.



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The National Championships was a major coup for Monmouthshire. To have the elite women, men and paracyclists coming to Monmouthshire was welcomed by all. The whole week was embraced by cycling fringe events, school programmes and a mass participation sportive that saw 1000 individuals. 25% of participants were female and over 100 family members cycled the bronze route family ride.



The Community chest panel has welcomed the newsletter; representation from our young ambassadors and the score card.

The community chest score card demonstrates the impact community chest funding had for 2013-2014. Post April 2014 we have received project completion forms that enable us to compare the targets set by clubs against what they have achieved.

Caldicot Comprehensive School have identified pupils to form a school sports council as a result of work carried out in the School Sport Survey. These pupils will be responsible for a number of tasks including registration, advertising, delivery and putting the pupil's voice first. The school will be able to work closely with these pupils and young ambassadors will be a key feature of the group to build on the current experiences our YA's have already gained. By having this in place it will form an essential part of ensuring our programmes are current and what the pupils want.



We will see new community chest panel members over the coming year and hopefully new ideas to encourage clubs to access funding.



Item	Background Detail	Reporting Arrangements
Standard Items:		
Area Update	To receive the Various Updates report from the Area Services Officer	Ongoing
Coordinating Board	To receive feedback from the Chairman on referrals from the Coordinating Board	Ongoing
Working Groups:		
Flood Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Flood Forum Working Group has been established and will report to both the Lower Wye Area Committee and Severnside Area Committee on flood management and related issues in Lower Wye and Severnside areas, in conjunction with strategies of the Environment Agency and Welsh Water. • Working group was reappointed at the Lower Wye Area Committee meeting on 11th July 2012. <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Members of this Working Group:</u> County Councillors: D.L.S. Dovey G.L. Down A. Easson D.J. Evans R.J. Higginson P. Murphy</p>	Progress will be reported at each Lower Wye Committee and Severnside meeting.
New Work Programme Items:		
Vacant Properties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations regarding Vacant Properties, of the Central Monmouthshire Area Committee, considered by Lower Wye. Further discussions would be held regarding whether Town and Community Councils would be contacted in relation to empty properties. 	Update presented to Lower Wye AC 20 th March 2013. Further Updates as and when necessary

<p>Partnership Strategies and the Community Strategy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To host a consultation event regarding the Partnership strategies and Community Strategy. 	<p>TBC</p>
<p>Impact of Changes in Housing Benefit System</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information on impact of Changes presented to Lower Wye Area Committee on 20th March 2013. 	<p>Further reports as and when necessary</p>
<p>Chepstow Rail and Bus Interchange</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular update report to be on each Lower Wye Area Committee Agenda from July 2013 	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Air Quality Management in Chepstow Area</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular update report to be on each Lower Wye Area Committee Agenda from July 2013. Further detailed discussion when out come of Welsh Government Study of the A48 through Chepstow (Study scheduled to be completed by the end of December 2013) 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Area Committee meeting 29th January 2014</p>
<p>Whole Place Plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation by Will McLean on achievements of plan and its potential for being extended to the Lower Wye Area 	<p>Area Committee January or March 2014</p>
<p>Chepstow Town Signs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further report and visual presentation by Mark Lloyd 	<p>Area Committee January or March 2014</p>