

MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of Central Mon Area Committee held
at Conference Room - Council Chamber on Wednesday, 18th April, 2018 at 9.30 am**

PRESENT: County Councillor M.Feakins (Chairman)
County Councillor L.Jones (Vice Chairman)

County Councillors: R.John, P. Clarke, R. Edwards, P. Jones,
R.Roden and J.Treharne

Also in attendance County Councillor(s): S. Jones

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Rachel Rawlings
Joe Skidmore

Communities and Partnership Development Lead
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APOLOGIES:

Councillors B. Strong, V. Smith and F. Cotton

1. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interests.

2. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 31st January 2018

The minutes of the Central Mon Area Committee meeting held on 31st January 2018 were approved and signed by the Chair.

3. Public Open Forum

There were no members of the public present.

4. Verbal Update on previous meeting

We referred to items previously discussed:

With regards to the delay of the construction of the car park in Monmouth, planning has now been approved.

County Hall Car Park – plans in place for buses to relocate to Magor. Mention of the number of disabled parking spaces. To be discussed on an ongoing basis.

Usk Prison Car Park – Usk Town Council running a survey regarding on and off street parking. Hopeful this will provide solutions. Rachel Rawlings to forward copy of survey to the Committee.

Cllr L. Jones making progress with the 3G pitch, and will provide the Chair with contact details.

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Items for discussion:

To ask Paul Keeble of Highways to attend next meeting with presentation/detail of road issues.

Footbridge in Overmonnow ward being discussed as part of the Active Travel Plan. Surveys are currently underway and it is hoped to get a feasibility study. Cllr Treharne to update Committee.

Traffic through Raglan – work had started but has since slowed. Speeding on the A40 continues to be an issue. Written to Ken Skates with regards to a pedestrian crossing to the castle. Community to ask if they can pay for signage. The Chair suggests if Community Council take that forward, Central Mon Area Committee will provide support.

Chair to write to Trunk Road Agency regarding remaining surfacing issues.

Update required on the recycling review.

5. Social Justice Strategy

We received a report to ensure the Committee are aware of the Social Justice Strategy and to provide the opportunity to consider it ahead of discussion at Cabinet.

Members were urged to contact Councillor Jones with any thoughts after the meeting.

Members congratulated the Cabinet Member for Social Justice, and officers on the strategy. Concerns were raised regarding childhood obesity and access to facilities. It was thought there was a severe lack of facilities, particularly for teenagers.

Councillor Blakebrough asked about our strategy in supporting other organisations, and the youth service.

With respect to very rural areas we heard that Mike Moran is working with Town and Community Councils. The Chair referred to a system within leisure services where there is an option to pay if you can, or free membership for people up to the age of 18 or 21.

The Cabinet Member advised that under the strategy there will be an advisory group of elected members. The Chair welcomed the opportunity for the Committee to remain involved.

6. Area Issues

Cllr Treharne referred to problems of the uncontrolled crossing on the link road at Tri Wall in Monmouth, suggesting that the speed signs should be relocated further back.

Concerns were aired regarding the road layout at the new development Opulus Way.

Cllr Roden raised concerns regarding parking at New Dixton Road, Dixton Close and Hereford Road. We agreed to invite Highways officers to next meeting to address concerns.

Cllr Edwards commented that Highways had previously agreed to prioritise farms with narrow lanes in the snow. She added that Council should prioritise where farms are getting goods out. It was suggested that we bring a proposal to the next meeting.

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7. To note the date of next meeting as 10am on 18th July 2018

We noted the date of the next meeting and agreed the venue as County Hall.

The meeting ended at 10.45 am