

GWENT FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

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12 June 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of Gwent Federation of Y.F.C's I would like to ask you as a Council to consider giving financial assistance towards the running of the Movement at County level.

We are a totally voluntary organisation in the County and support over 250 members. The clubs are scattered over the old County of Gwent and welcome any young person between the ages of 10-26 years to attend. We have six clubs in Gwent, Abergavenny, Bedwas, Crucorney, Raglan, Usk and Wentwood.

All the club leaders are voluntary and give their services free of charge for the benefit not only of the young people but also their community.

Members are given a whole spectrum of opportunities, by competing, travelling overseas and attending various events at Wales and NFYFC level. Also they are given the wonderful opportunity of socializing at various events organised by the Movement.

Currently we are unsure of when our next event can take place due to COVID-19 which means this year we have not been able to hold any fundraisers which we rely on so heavily to keep the county running.

Members of the Movement are given continual opportunities and we are truly grateful to all Community Councils for any support you can offer. In the current climate, any support is very welcome and essential for the survival of the local clubs as well as the County Federation.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to support us so that we can continue to give opportunities for the young people of Gwent and especially within your local community.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Alyssia Thomas, Gwent YFC County Chairman

Rogiet Community Council

From: Charli Thomas <Charli.Thomas@mariecurie.org.uk>
Sent: 01 June 2020 11:55
To: clerk@rogietcommunitycouncil.co.uk
Subject: Marie Curie Emergency Appeal

Dear Ms Baker

I hope this email finds you and your loved ones well despite the current crisis we are in.

I am asking you to share the release below with your fellow Councillors. If there is anything as a Community Council that you can do to support us during this period, please do get back in touch.

Support is needed for Marie Curie's Information & Support services through the Coronavirus crisis

Across Wales, Marie Curie is gearing up to support hundreds of additional dying patients requiring end of life care and support, in order to relieve the unprecedented pressure on the NHS during the Coronavirus crisis. With the number of cases increasing across the UK, Marie Curie's frontline teams are working harder than ever.

Given the choice, people overwhelmingly say they would prefer to die in their own home, or in a hospice, rather than a hospital. End of life patients who do not want to be in hospital need to be moved to a more appropriate setting, as beds in critical care units are urgently required for patients who need lifesaving treatment for Coronavirus. Marie Curie is working on the front line in this way to support the NHS throughout the Wales and the UK.

Providing hands-on nursing care is at the core of what we do as a charity, but we do so much more. Marie Curie runs a confidential Information and Support line that is completely free to use for anyone affected by a terminal illness. The Support line is based in Pontypool and callers can speak to one of our trained support officers either on the phone or via a web chat and in 2019 we were thrilled to be able to add the option to speak with a Marie Curie nurse on the line to answer questions of a medical nature. A lot of calls to the Marie Curie support line come from family members looking for support as well as persons suffering with a terminal diagnosis.

Since the outbreak of COVID-19 the Information and Support services have had to adapt to the changing situation to make sure we can support the people who need us through this worrying time. Due to increased demand, our Information and Support Line officers have extended their opening hours to 7 days a week. This is to ensure that people living with or affected by terminal illness and their loved ones, have the right support and answers to questions at this time when they are considered even more vulnerable. The free and confidential phonenumber has seen a huge 40% increase in calls since the outbreak of COVID-19. The team have found that the majority of the calls and webchats they are receiving are related to the pandemic with many of them being from people living with terminal illnesses who are anxious about the risk it poses to their condition, family members seeking advice on caring for and visiting their terminally ill relative towards the end of their life and how the lockdown restrictions affect this. As you can imagine the current situation is incredibly distressing for some of the most vulnerable people in our society and their loved ones.

Our information and support website has been updated to include articles providing information on COVID-19 such as 'Care at home during Coronavirus' and 'Visiting someone who is dying'. These pages and many more are there for people to access information at any time to give advice on guidance on how to manage terminal illness during the pandemic. As well as providing vital information and support the team also give bereavement support. Whether the bereavement is expected, has happened recently or was some time ago, they can help. You can also speak to them before a loved one has died.

Angharad Burden – Information and Support Bereavement Service Coordinator has said that “a number of people who have reached out for support have said that they are finding things much harder with their grief because of isolation and lockdown. They would normally be able to lean on their natural support networks, but have decided to reach out for support given the current situation”

At this time of crisis more and more people will tragically need to have access to this kind of support, whether their loved one has died from coronavirus or that the virus has taken away the opportunity to be with their loved one, say goodbye and grieve.

We really need to be there to support people with the devastating outcomes of this crisis. The information and support line is completely funded through the generosity of the general public through donations and fundraising events. As experts in providing end of life care and support to our communities, Marie Curie can help, but only if it continues to raise the donations it needs to fund its vital work.

Due to the ongoing crisis Marie Curie are facing huge struggles raising vital funds. Along with the cancellation of hundreds of high street and supermarket collections, we're now losing income from the closure of our charity shops and from cancelled fundraising events such as the London Marathon and many more events of this kind.

Marie Curie's Chief Executive Matthew Reed said: “At this time of national emergency, Marie Curie Nurses and frontline staff are needed more than ever as the NHS is put under ever greater strain.

“Sadly, some people's lives will be shortened by Coronavirus, so the need for end of life care and support will be greater. Marie Curie can meet this need, and in doing so will help free up intensive care beds needed for Coronavirus patients and reduce pressure on the NHS as we support people living with terminal illness through this time.

“But just as we want to help, our income has been decimated. We need donations urgently to keep providing care and support to people living with terminal illnesses and needing support across the UK.

Unlike other healthcare providers, Marie Curie is reliant on donations from the public to survive. Every week the charity needs to raise £2.5million to care for the tens of thousands of people who require end of life care. At the moment, our ability to fundraise is seriously compromised. Events are being cancelled, and we've had to close our Shops. That is why we have launched an emergency appeal to make up the shortfall and ensure the charity can care for more dying patients, support the NHS and ultimately save lives in the weeks and months ahead.

We are all in this crisis together and already we are seeing how the public in this country is rising to support each other and the most vulnerable. Please donate now if you can, please feel free to get in touch with myself for more information.

- Cheques can be sent to Marie Curie Cardiff & Vale Hospice, Bridgeman Road, Penarth, CF64 3YR
- By Bank Transfer to Marie Curie, sort code 60-40-05, account: 30484952, NatWest. With a reference of CF54 – (your community councils name).

Due to increased demand, Marie Curie has extended the opening hours of its Support Line service to 7 days a week: Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm, Saturday and Sunday 11am to 5pm. If you, or someone you know, is affected by a terminal illness and concerned about Coronavirus, our Support Line team are ready to help with the information you need when you need it. Call free 0800 090 2309*. You can also find more information on our website: mariecurie.org.uk/coronavirus

Many thanks and very best wishes

Charli

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Rogiet Community Council

From: William Philpot <William.Philpot@tenovuscancercare.org.uk>
Sent: 12 May 2020 14:13
Cc: Lisa Buckley
Subject: Tenovus Cancer Care - Help Give Hope / Helpu Cynnal Gobaith

Dear Chair of the Council,

I'm going to get to the point – if ever there was a moment to focus on what's important in life, this might be it.

Over the past six weeks, our nurses have been answering questions not only from cancer patients, but also people with worrying symptoms and those who have had cancer in the past concerned about how the current situation may impact on them. Our free Support Line (0808 808 1010) has seen an increase in calls about the coronavirus from families affected by cancer, across Wales. It has been and is likely to continue to be the most demanding period in cancer care nursing we've experienced in decades.

The Coronavirus has made our support services for cancer patients and their loved ones more important than ever before. Every caller is worried about their health or the wellbeing of their loved ones. Understandably it's a stressful and confusing time for everybody, and we're all desperate for answers.

With the Coronavirus situation evolving on a daily basis, it's vitally important that we continue to help cancer patients and their loved ones cope for as long as we're able to.

But these are uncertain times for everyone, including us here at Tenovus Cancer Care. All of our events have been cancelled; our charity shops closed and many of our volunteers are not in position to support us with our fundraising efforts.

It's an unprecedented situation for us financially, yet our fundraising income is vital in ensuring we can be there for anyone affected by cancer.

Nobody knows what the future holds, but with the Coronavirus pandemic having such a significant impact on the charity, we would be so grateful if your community council were able to support us.

If you are able to donate and help us continue to support cancer patients, please call 029 2076 8850 or click [here](#) to give whatever you can. We need your help now more than ever.

Thank you.

For an overview of our charity accounts, please visit this webpage:
<https://beta.charitycommission.gov.uk/charity-details?regid=1054015&subid=0>

Best wishes and stay safe,

Lisa Buckley
Head of Fundraising/Pennaeth Codi Arian

Rogiet Community Council
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Rhif y Cais/Application Number: DM/2020/00567
Grid Reference/Cyfeirnod Grid: 346465 187837

9 June 2020

Annwyl Syr/Madam
Dear Sir/Madam,

Disgrifiad o'r Cynnig/Description Of Proposal:	Householder Proposed single storey rear house extension.
Lleoliad/Location:	44 Chestnut Drive Rogiet Caldicot Monmouthshire NP26 3TH

CYMRAEG

Rydym wedi derbyn y cais uchod. Fy enw yw **Ms Kate Young** a fi sy'n trin y cais hwn.

Fe'ch gwahoddir i weld y cais, cynlluniau ac unrhyw ddogfennau eraill a gyflwynwyd ac olrhain cynnydd y cais hwn yn <http://idox.monmouthshire.gov.uk/online-applications/>. Gall gymryd hyd at 3 diwrnod gwaith i'r cynlluniau fod ar gael.

Gofynnir i chi wneud unrhyw sylwadau ar y cais erbyn **21 diwrnod o ddyddiad y llythyr yma**. Gallwch wneud hyn:

- ar-lein drwy'r wefan uchod
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- drwy lythyr i'r cyfeiriad uchod

Bydd unrhyw ohebiaeth ar y cais a ysgrifennwch at y Cyngor ar gael i'r cyhoedd ei gweld a chaiff ei gyhoeddi ar y wefan.

Os oes gennych unrhyw ymholiadau sydd angen eu trafod ymhellach, cysylltwch â fi ar **01633 644811** os gwelwch yn dda.

ENGLISH

We have received the above application. My name is **Ms Kate Young** and I am handling this application.

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progress of this application at <http://idox.monmouthshire.gov.uk/online-applications/>. It may take up to 3 working days for the plans to be available.

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If you have any queries that require further discussion please contact me on **01633 644811**

Yr eiddoch yn gywir/Yours faithfully,

Ms Kate Young

Tîm Rheoli Datblygu/Development Management Team

Rogiet Community Council

From: Young, Kate <KateYoung@monmouthshire.gov.uk>
Sent: 29 May 2020 11:13
To: Rogiet Community Council
Cc: Plumb, Gareth
Subject: RE: DM/2020/00580 - ROGIET CC

Catherine,
You have asked for further information on this application.

In December 2016 planning permission DC/2016/00921 was approved by members of the planning committee for the construction of two single story dwellings, new access and parking area at Manor Farm in Rogiet, that approval was subject to a 106 agreement for a financial contribution towards affordable housing in the local area. The 106 agreement has never been signed so the decision has not been issued. The 106 required a financial contribution of £25,067

The only consideration in this case is the discharge of the Section 106 agreement requirement for a contribution to be made for Affordable Housing in the Local Area. In July 2019 The Supplementary Planning Guidance for Affordable Housing was amended and subsequently adopted by the council. The SPG has been revised in order to update housing data in Sections 2 and 3 and to provide simplification and clarity with regard to a number of other areas, for example Sections 4A, 4B and 4C2. Section 4B1 has been revised following a change to the method for calculating financial contributions towards affordable housing. These changes are informed by experience and viability evidence. In this case the amount of financial contribution has been based on the calculations given in appendix 3 of the amended SPG. It is based on the proposed floor area of the property in a Severnside location.

This current application seeks an amendment to the amount of financial contribution required for affordable housing in light of the amendments to the Supplementary Planning Guidance for Affordable Housing which was adopted in July 2019. The adopted SPG alters the way that the financial contribution is calculated. In this case the application seeks the erection of two single storey dwellings; one, a two bedroom dwelling measuring 116 sq. m and the other, a three bedroom dwelling measuring 136 sq. m. The financial contribution required, based on internal floor area would be £5382.00 for the first dwelling and £6310.00 for the second. This would give a total of £11,692.00. This application requests that the 106 agreement be amended accordingly.

I trust that this clarifies the situation for you.

Regards

Kate Young

From: garethplumb@monmouthshire.gov.uk <garethplumb@monmouthshire.gov.uk>
Sent: 29 May 2020 09:32
To: Young, Kate <KateYoung@monmouthshire.gov.uk>
Subject: DM/2020/00580 - ROGIET CC

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Mae'r neges e-bost yma a'r ffeiliau a anfonir gyda hi yn gyfrinachol ac fe'i bwriedir ar gyfer yr unigolyn neu gorff y'u cyfeiriwyd atynt yn unig. Gall gynnwys gwybodaeth freintiedig a chyfrinachol ac os nad chi yw'r derbynnydd bwriadedig, rhaid i chi beidio copïo, dosbarthu neu gymryd unrhyw gamau yn seiliedig arni. Os cawsoch y neges e-bost yma drwy gamgymeriad hysbyswch ni cyn gynted ag sydd modd os gwelwch yn dda drwy ffonio 01633 644644. Cafodd y neges e-bost yma sgan firws Microsoft Exchange Online Protection. This email and any files transmitted with it are confidential and intended solely for the use of the individual or entity to whom they are addressed. It may contain privileged and confidential information and if you are not the intended recipient, you must not copy, distribute or take any action in reliance on it. If you have received this email in error please notify us as soon as possible by telephone on 01633 644644. This email has been virus scanned by Microsoft Exchange Online Protection. Mae'r Cyngor yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg, Saesneg neu yn y ddwy iaith. Byddwn yn cyfathrebu â chi yn ôl eich dewis. Ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi. The Council welcomes correspondence in English or Welsh or both, and will respond to you according to your preference. Corresponding in Welsh will not lead to delay. Gwybodaeth preifatrwydd: Os ydych wedi gofyn am wasanaeth neu wybodaeth gennym, byddwn yn cofnodi eich data ar gyfer dibenion prosesu a chaiff hyn ei gadw yn ein system gwybodaeth cwsmeriaid Fy Sir Fynwy, darllenwch ein hysbysiadau preifatrwydd yma. Privacy Information: If you have requested a service from us then your data will be processed via our customer services management system called 'My Monmouthshire' for privacy information please click [here](#).

Rogiet Community Council
11 Cwrt Morgan
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Rhif y Cais/Application Number: DM/2020/00580
Grid Reference/Cyfeirnod Grid: 345613 187618

26 May 2020

Annwyl Syr/Madam
Dear Sir/Madam,

Disgrifiad o'r Cynnig/Description Of Proposal:	Section 106 Relaxation Re-assessment of the Section 106 Agreement charge of £25,067 as per the Monmouthshire LDP Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Guidance July 2019. Original planning application reference DC/2016/00921.
Lleoliad/Location:	Plot Of Land Adjacent To Manor House Farm Churchmead Rogiet Monmouthshire

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Ms Kate Young

Tim Rheoli Datblygu/Development Management Team

Rogiet Community Council

From: Brown, Hayley <Hayley.Brown@gwent.pnn.police.uk>
Sent: 15 March 2020 17:52
To: Caldicot Town Clerk; Bev Clerk Magor & Undy - Magor & Undy Clerk
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clerkatportskewettcc@outlook.com; clerk@caerwentcc.com
Cc: Waite, Damian; Williams, Phillip; Hoare, Darrell; Martin, Michael; Cooper, Joanne
Subject: Happy to Chat Bench

Clerk's

Hi I am looking to nominate some benches in our Community to tackle loneliness & mental Health by having some "Happy to Chat" benches.

These are benches already in situ in the Community that maybe in key spots where people may go and sit to gather their thoughts, or benches that have a good foot fall where they can be used by Agencies/Police/Council etc to engage with the Community.

These benches are popping up across the UK and Chepstow already have some signs up. They are just laminated cards reading "The Happy to Chat Bench sit here if you don't mind someone stopping to say hello".

I feel this would be a really good way for us to engage in the Community, but we can utilise the bench and advertise we will be using the bench at certain time for people to stop and chat, people who may need someone to talk to, maybe struggling in life or just may want an opportunity to talk to Police or another Service Provider.

I would like to request your permission to put some signs on some benches in your area and would welcome some feedback and some ideas on where you think would be a good spot.

Thanks

CO38
Hayley Brown
Caldicot

CO38
Hayley Brown
Sevenside Neighbourhood Policing Team
07464 652364

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wedi cael eich gwahodd i gyfweiliad neu gyfarfod a hoffwch
ddefnyddio'r Gymraeg, danfonwch e-bost at: cymraeg@gwent.pnn.police.uk.
Darperir gwasanaethau cyfieithu.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh and will reply in Welsh.
If you would like to receive future correspondence in Welsh or if you
have been invited to an interview or meeting and would like
to use the Welsh Language, please email: welsh@gwent.pnn.police.uk.
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Gwent
Police

MONMOUTHSHIRE MONTHLY POLICE REPORT

ROGIET

This document has been prepared to provide an oversight of policing services for your ward areas. It highlights some of the key Crime and Anti-Social behavior issues affecting your communities, provides an oversight of Policing activities and updates you about the work our teams have completed to address the priorities you have made us aware of.

YOUR TEAM



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OVERVIEW

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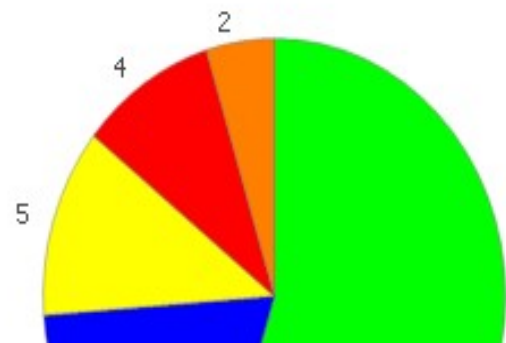
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Crime – March/April 2020



Incidents by Category



Public Transport – Is High this month however majority of these calls were for M48/Bridges which have shown up on this report.

There was a nasty head on collision on the B4245 last month involving two vehicles. Sadly the one driver has passed away as a result of her injuries, enquiries are still on-going by our ASU Department.

Also a report of a child riding his bike on the pavement and a van has reversed and clipped the boy. No significant injuries.

We have also had some criminal damage caused to the car vacuum at Rogiet Petrol station which has also come under this category.

Public Safety – One report of persons breaking into a derelict property, Officers checked all in order.

Some calls for wildlife/animal related, irresponsible dog walkers allowing their dogs to run free in fields with horses & cattle.

Two calls for a missing person, regularly late home, found safe and well, receiving support already.

Crime – Two reported calls, one was threats via text another was theft of a pushbike.

Notable arrests

None

Operations

No operations this month.

Anti-Social behavior

Incidents by Category



One report of youths setting fire to some Hay, which has happened before, no descriptions given. No lines of enquiries.

Two calls for youths hanging around the station carpark. We continue to patrol our hot spots for ASB as normal.

Your Voice Update

Our priorities for this quarter are ASB/Drug issues in King George V Playing Fields/Mill Lane & Jubilee Way in Caldicot as decided by the public. However we continue to check our hotspots across Severnside and will deal with any ASB/drug related incidents as normal. At this time we will be working with our partner agencies and Caldicot Council in relation to these Your Voice Priorities.

Our Work

We continue to Police as normal and are monitoring the Community in relation to the COVID-19 Government Restrictions of social distancing and essential travel only. We are pleased to report that the majority of residents are sticking to the lock down. We are having a few reports across Severnside of non-essential travel in relation to families taking their daily exercise by travelling to a location and we are speaking to those and leaving polite notices on their vehicles. Majority of youngsters are staying at

home but we are having some reports of off-road bike use in Caldicot & Rogiet and we will try to catch those persons involved and deal with any offences.

We would like to thank Rogiet Community for following the Government guidelines and appreciate these times are hard on us all. There is a lot of good work going on in our communities in relation to volunteers. We are in regular contact with our shops in relation to any concerns they have and making sure they are monitoring the social distancing of their customers & staff.

Thank you to all those who are now following us on our new social media account GPMonmouthshire please continue to follow us and comment on our posts we are posting patrols, good work and safety messages.

We would like to wish you all well, stay safe and stay at home.

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Rental Valuation Report

Prepared for: Rogiet Community Council

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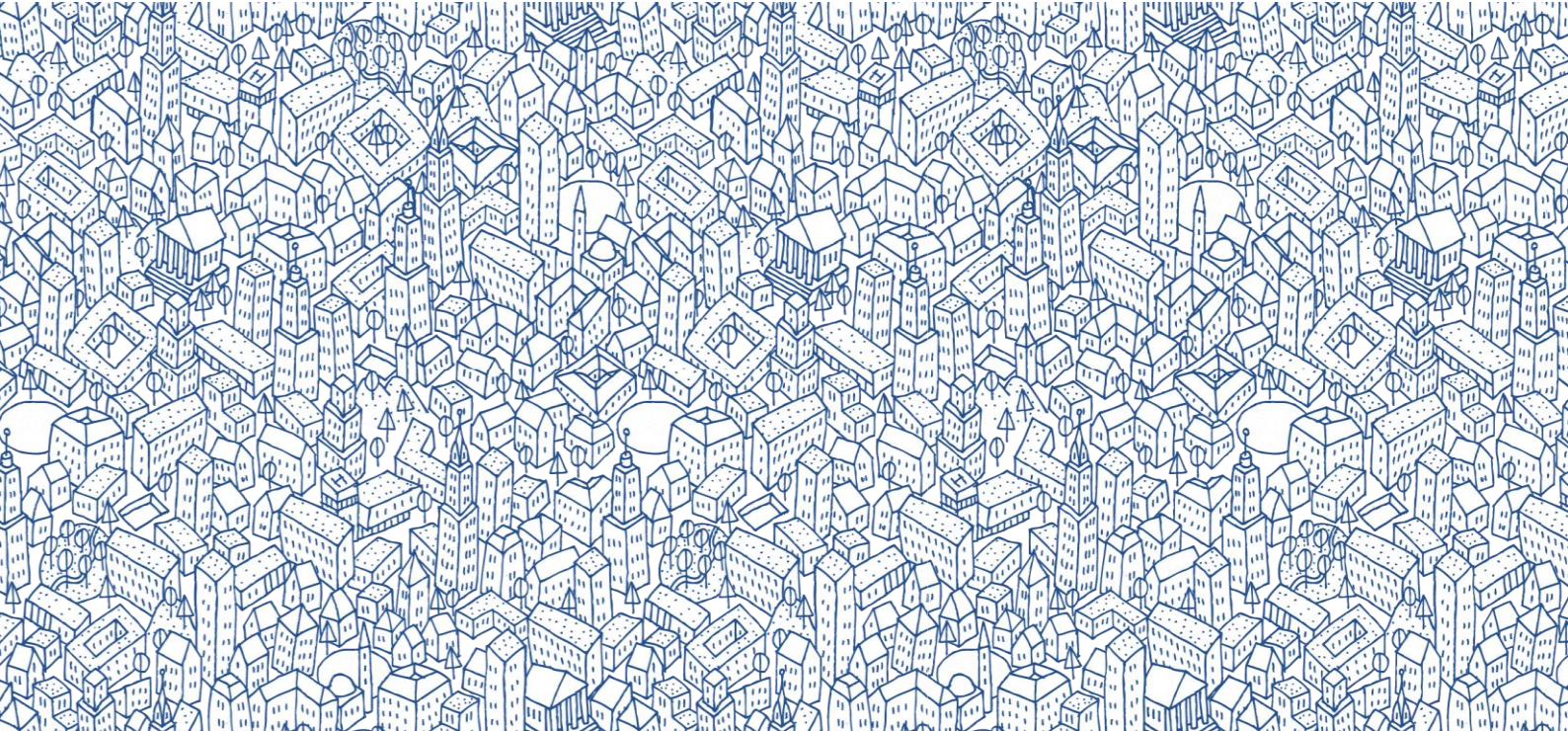
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY and VALUATION

1.1 THE ASSET (subject of this valuation) comprises real estate at:

Address: Land Adjacent to Rogiet Sports Pavilion, Westway, Rogiet

Postcode: NP26 3SP

referred to herein as 'The Property'.

1.2 BRIEF SUMMARY

A level area of grassed land that has been valued to provide a rental valuation of the land for the purposes of letting the land to a third party for Café/Retail use.

1.2.1 Type of property

Level area of grassed land.

1.2.2 Location

The area of land is located centrally within the village of Rogiet in between Magor and Caldicot in South East Wales.

1.2.3 Description

A level area of land that is roughly triangular in shape that is currently fenced in.

1.2.4 Construction type

Not applicable.

1.2.5 Age

Not applicable.

1.2.6 Planning Use

The property is located in an area that is designated as an area of amenity importance. In arriving at our rental valuation we have assumed that planning permission for the proposed café/community use will be granted.

1.2.7 Size/Floor Area

The site has a total area of approximately 0.0757 hectares (0.187 acres).

1.2.8 Tenure

We have provided a rental valuation on the basis of a 15 year lease of the land only.

1.2.9 Overall condition

The area is currently grass land and well maintained.

1.2.10 Market Factors

The South Wales property market is fairly good at the present time and the area where the subject land is located has seen strong increases in values, particularly for residential properties as a result of the removal of the Severn Bridge Tolls at the end of 2018.

1.2.11 Valuation Date

11th February 2020.

1.3 VALUATION FIGURES

As prescribed by the RICS, we confirm that the Valuation Approach and Reasoning in order to arrive at the valuations figures is as follows:

The market approach will be used.

'The market approach provides an indication of value by comparing the subject asset with identical or similar assets for which price information is available.'

This method compares similar property which has changed hands in the open market and makes appropriate adjustment to enable accurate comparison.

However in the event of an investment property, the valuer may also consider an income approach which takes account of the potential income stream on such property as Houses in Multiple Occupation (depending on the local market).

Similarly, the value of offices, shops, industrial and other commercial property is usually assessed by applying evidence as to yields, in the investment market for that type property, to the Market Rent and/or the passing rent (ie, the rent currently contractually payable) both of which will be reported.

Definitions of bases of valuation are set out below.

1.3.1 **Market Value**

Not requested.

1.3.2 **Market Rent**

'The estimated amount for which an interest in real property should be leased on the valuation date between a willing lessor and a willing lessee on appropriate lease terms in an arm's length transaction, after proper marketing and where the parties had each acted knowledgeably, prudently and without compulsion.'

We are of the opinion the property in its present condition commands a market rental value in the sum **£3,750 (Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Pounds)** per annum, based on a 15 year lease of the land only.

1.3.3 **Market Value subject to Special Assumption 1 (MV but with VP)**

Not applicable.

1.3.4 **Market Value subject to Special Assumption 2 (180 day VP)**

Not applicable.

1.3.5 **Market Value subject to Special Assumption 3 (180 day subject to tenancy)**

Not applicable.

1.3.6 **Market Value subject to Special Assumption 4 (after works)**

Not applicable.

1.3.7 Reinstatement Cost for Insurance Purposes

Not applicable.

1.4 ACTION POINTS

Not applicable.

1.5 SPECIALIST REPORTS

Not applicable.

1.6 SECURITY

Not applicable.

1.7 ENTIRE REPORT

This 'Summary and Valuation' should not be considered or relied on other than as part of the entire report of which there are nine sections plus appendices.



Arboricultural Report

Tree Condition Assessment

Ifton Lane
Rogiet
Caldicot

9th June 2020

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1:0 INTRODUCTION

I am a consulting arboriculturist with Wotton Tree Consultancy Ltd. I have a BSc (hons) Arboriculture and the AA Technicians Certificate in Arboriculture (Cert Arb L4 (ABC)). I am a LANTRA qualified Professional Tree Inspector. I am an associate member of the Institute of Chartered Foresters, a licensed user of Quantified Tree Risk Assessment (QTRA) - license no. 2278, a professional member of the Arboricultural Association and a professional member of the Consulting Arborists Society. I am trained in valuing amenity trees using the Capital Asset Value for Amenity Trees (CAVAT) system. I have been a consulting arboriculturist since 2006.

2:0 SCOPE

I have been instructed by Catherine Baker of Rogiet Community Council to undertake a health and safety assessment of a group of Lawson cypress trees along Ifton Lane. The risk of harm has been calculated using Quantified Tree Risk Assessment (QTRA). Remedial tree works have been recommended only where appropriate to reduce risk of harm to an acceptable level in line with HSE's *Tolerability of Risk Framework* (HSE 2001).

3:0 REPORT LIMITATIONS

- i. This report is an evaluation of the condition of the trees at the time of inspection. Due to the changing nature of trees and other site circumstances, predictions of their future condition can only be made using the visible signs present at the time of inspection.
- ii. Under certain conditions, roots can affect foundations, drains and other underground services. These issues have not been addressed in this report.
- iii. Trees are dynamic structures that can never be guaranteed 100% safe. Even those in good condition can suffer occasional damage under only average weather conditions. For this reason the contents of this report is valid for 12 months from the date of inspection.
- iv. The inspection was carried out from ground level only. There was no aerial inspection.
- v. No samples were taken away from site for analysis elsewhere.
- vi. Any alterations of or deletions from this report will invalidate it.
- vii. No responsibility is assumed by Wotton Tree Consultancy for legal matters that may arise from this report, and the consultant will not be required to give testimony or attend court unless subsequent contractual arrangements are made.
- viii. Any subsequent works undertaken to the surveyed tree as a result of this report is the responsibility of the land managers.
- ix. I have not contacted the Local Planning Authority to determine whether any Tree Preservation Order (TPO) covers any of the trees, nor to determine if the site is in a Conservation Area. Before undertaking any work to any of the trees, it would be advisable to check whether either of these planning controls are in operation; if they are, it would be necessary to obtain consent (or in the case of a Conservation area give six weeks notice of intent) before undertaking any such work.

4:0 SITE VISIT AND OBSERVATIONS

4.1 Site visit

The survey was carried out on 22nd May 2020. All observations were from ground level.

A nylon headed mallet was used to sound out decay in the trunks of the trees. A Tru-Pulse 360 laser rangefinder was used to accurately measure the height of the trees.

5:0 EXPLANATORY NOTES

5.1 Method

All trees have been systematically inspected using Visual Tree Assessment (VTA).

Where necessary, a nylon headed mallet has been utilised to sound out decay.

Any tree works highlighted in the table and on the accompanied plans require works to abate any health and safety issues in the following 18 months.

5.2 Table fields

5.2.1 Tree number

Each of these trees has been allotted a number so that the location on the plan and works recommendations on the table can be cross-referenced.

5.2.2 Species

The common name is recorded. Where the species is uncertain, only the genus is stated followed by the letters spp (species).

5.2.3 Age class

This has been recorded as:

y = Young
sm = Semi mature
em = Early mature
m = Mature
om = Over mature
v = Veteran

These are all relative to the life span of the species.

5.2.4 Diameter at 1.5m

Measured in mm, this is the diameter of the main stem taken at a height of 1.5m from ground level. These have been banded into the following groups:

<75, 75-150, 150-250, 250-350, 350-500, 500-750, 750-1m, 1m+

5.2.5 Ht range (m)

Height of tree measured in metres from the base to the highest part of vegetative growth. These are banded into 5 groups:

0-5, 6-10, 11-15, 16-20 and 20+

5.2.6 Crown clearance

The distance from the ground to the lowest bough or canopy part.

5.2.7 Physiological condition

The condition of the trees' health, looking in particular at vitality and the presence of disease. These are categorised as follows:

Poor = in decline/dying and/or significant faults

Fair = some minor faults but good vitality.

Good = No apparent faults, high vitality, significant life expectancy

5.2.8 Structural condition

The condition of the trees stem and branch structure, looking in particular at branch unions, crossing branches and crown formation. These are categorised as follows:

Poor = structurally compromised showing significant defects beyond remedy

Fair = some minor defects which can be remedied through tree works.

Good = No significant defects.

5.2.9 Works recommendations

See section 5.3 below.

5.2.10 Comments

Observations about the tree or its environment where they are deemed noteworthy.

5.2.11 Safe useful life expectancy

An estimation in years of the remaining contribution the tree can offer, depending on its condition, age, location and size.

5.2.12 Priority

To facilitate the management of tree works a priority is given to each recommendation depending upon its urgency.

Priority 1 = Urgent – mitigate the identified problem as soon as possible

Priority 2 = High risk - mitigate the identified problem as soon as the work schedule allows

Priority 3 = Moderate risk - Retain and monitor the tree and / or mitigate the identified problem as necessary

Priority 4 = Low priority - retain and monitor the tree. Mitigate the identified problem if desired.

6.3 Recommended works

The tree works recommended in this report are solely to abate any health and safety issues in the following 18 months. In some cases, advice has been given on general future tree management in the comments section. These have not been assigned a priority as they are not considered health and safety issues at the time of this survey

6.3.9 Re-inspect in (n) months

Where a tree's condition requires monitoring to enable an informed management plan to be produced, a re-inspection is recommended to assess any changes in the tree's condition.

7:0 TREE SURVEY DATA

The following trees were inspected for structural integrity and health and safety. Management recommendations were prescribed only where health and safety concerns arose. It is recommended that the tree works are carried out within the following 18 months. A priority has been assigned where works are recommended to help gauge the urgency of the works (see 5.2.12).

TREE SCHEDULE

Tree No	Species	Age class	Diameter range at 1.5m (mm)	Height range (m)	Crown Clearance (m)	Physiological condition	Structural condition	Comments	Works recommendations	Safe Useful Life Expectancy (SULE) years	Priority
G1	Lawson cypress	Early-mature	150-250	5-10	5	Poor	Poor	Row of 7 trees making up a short hedge. Previously managed at a height of 2.5m, they have been allowed to regrow. The trees have recently been reduced in height to approximately 7m with all foliage removed on the east side. Large stubs suggest that relatively substantial limbs were removed on the east side. The final pruning cuts are rather crude making them more likely to invite decay. Regrowth is very unlikely on the east side where the green foliage has been removed.	Re-inspect every 3 years, in particular to assess foliage health. Should this be seen to deteriorate (become less verdant) then removal should be considered.	10+	4

8:0 IMMEDIATE CONCERNS

The survey identified no immediate (priority 1) health and safety works to the trees within the curtilage of Ifton Lane.

9:0 FUTURE MANAGEMENT

The recommendations given below are for future management and to give extra depth to the recommendations in section 6:0. The recommendations are based on arboricultural best practice.

9.1 G1 – Lawson Cypress hedge – The hedge has been significantly pruned so as to limit any amenity it provided to the locality. The greenery is unlikely to return to the east side where large limbs have been removed. While decay may enter where the large pruning wounds are present, these trees are considered low risk due to their reduced volume. While cypress trees are considered hardy and are easily trained into low hedges, the large reduction in photosynthetic area is expected to have a detrimental effect on the trees physiology.



Plate 1: G1 – Lawson cypress hedge after recent pruning works.



Plate 2: G1 – Example of poor final pruning cuts.

10:0 CONSIDERATIONS

10.1 Timing of works

The optimum time to undertake tree works are when the tree is in full leaf. At this point the tree has produced enough energy to react positively to the pruning, and will be able to produce more energy before dormancy in winter for bud burst in the following spring.

A full inspection of the tree for birds and bats should be undertaken prior to works. The table below gives an indication of the best times to prune for the tree, the birds and the bats.

Table 1. Phenology of tree pruning

Months	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Trees	√	√	x	x	x	√	√	√	√	x	x	√
Bats	x	x	√	√	√	x	x	x	√	√	√	x
Birds	√	√	x	x	x	x	√	√	√	√	√	√

√ = Optimum time to prune

Note 1: The limitations on tree health are only relevant if the tree is being retained. Time of year is not important for felling. An Ecologist could provide further information about birds and bats.

Note 2: The optimum time to prune a tree is midsummer. If pruning is to be carried in the winter months, then it is important that it is during a period of mild temperatures.

10.2 Felling licence

Licences from the Forestry Commission are required when felling more than 5 m³ of timber in one calendar quarter. Works to dead or dangerous trees are exempt from this licence as are any tree surgery works.

10.3 Ivy control

Ivy is a native creeper that has many ecological benefits. It provides shelter for bats, birds and a variety of invertebrates, but can sometimes cause problems for trees and structures. Ivy growth on a tree can hide defects within the tree during tree inspections. Dense ivy within the crown can increase the sail area of the tree, making it more prone to failure in high winds. On the walls of buildings, the adventitious roots of ivy can find their way into existing defects such as holes, cracks or gaps in the mortar, and through circumferential growth of woody tissue, exacerbate these defects. If left to grow to the roof they can dislodge tiles.

Should it be necessary to remove ivy, it is recommended that the ivy is severed at the base of the tree or structure and left to die off before removing. This allows any nesting birds or roosting bats to alight the ivy (it is an offence to disturb nesting birds or roosting bats under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000), and it allows the adventitious roots to release their grip of loose mortar on a structure or bark on a tree, thus reducing damage as the ivy is removed.

10.4 Legal obligations

Tree owners have a legal duty of care to maintain their trees to an acceptable level of safety to ensure that no harm is caused by them to third parties or their property.

The Occupiers Liability Act 1957 and 1984 places a legal duty on the occupier of the house to keep visitors, invited or not, from suffering injury on the premises from a 'concerned danger'. This duty of care is satisfied if the occupier takes reasonable steps to ensure that anyone they might reasonably expect to enter their land is kept reasonably safe from danger whilst on their premises. A tree survey, such as this document is considered a reasonable step, and as long as the tree works that have been prescribed as health and safety have been undertaken, the duty of care has been discharged. Please see section 8.6 for recommended re-inspections.

The Highways Act 1980 places a duty on tree owners to ensure their vegetation does not impede the public highway, which includes footpaths and streetlights. In order to comply with this, a clearance of 2.5m over a footpath, and 5.4m over a road is usually stipulated by the Highway Authority. Actual heights of clearance are not stated within the Act, and the Highway Authority reserve the right to set these clearances depending on use of the road. Under *section 154* of the Act the Highway Authority can serve a notice on the tree owner to undertake any necessary tree works.

The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and its amendments in *The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000* makes it an offence to disturb a birds nest which is in use, which is normally taken to mean under construction, or with eggs, chicks or birds using it regularly - even if they are not actually in it at the time. For this reason, it is prudent to wait until the bird nesting season has finished before undertaking hedge works. A thorough inspection of the hedge for nesting birds should be undertaken prior to any works commencing. Similar checks should be carried out for tree works.

10.5 Common Law Right of Abatement

In English common law a right to abate a legal nuisance exists, enabling a property owner or tenant to prune any overhanging vegetation or trespassing roots entering their land from trees on neighbouring land up to but not beyond, their boundary line. This does not give rights to trespass onto the neighbouring land and so permissions from the land owner must be sought if access to their land is needed to carry out the pruning works. Any arisings from this work must be disposed of responsibly.

10.6 Tree Preservation Orders and Conservation Areas

It is necessary to contact Monmouthshire County Council's Planning Dept to ascertain the presence of any Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) or Conservation Areas (CAs). Relevant permissions will be required. Monmouthshire County Council will advise further.

10.7 Tree Works

All tree works must be carried out to BS 3998:2010 *Tree work - Recommendations* standards by competent arborists who can show proof of relevant insurances and qualifications.

10.8 Future tree inspections

It is recommended that the trees are **reinspected every three years** for health and safety.

These inspections should be carried out by a competent arboriculturist who can show proof of relevant insurances and qualifications.

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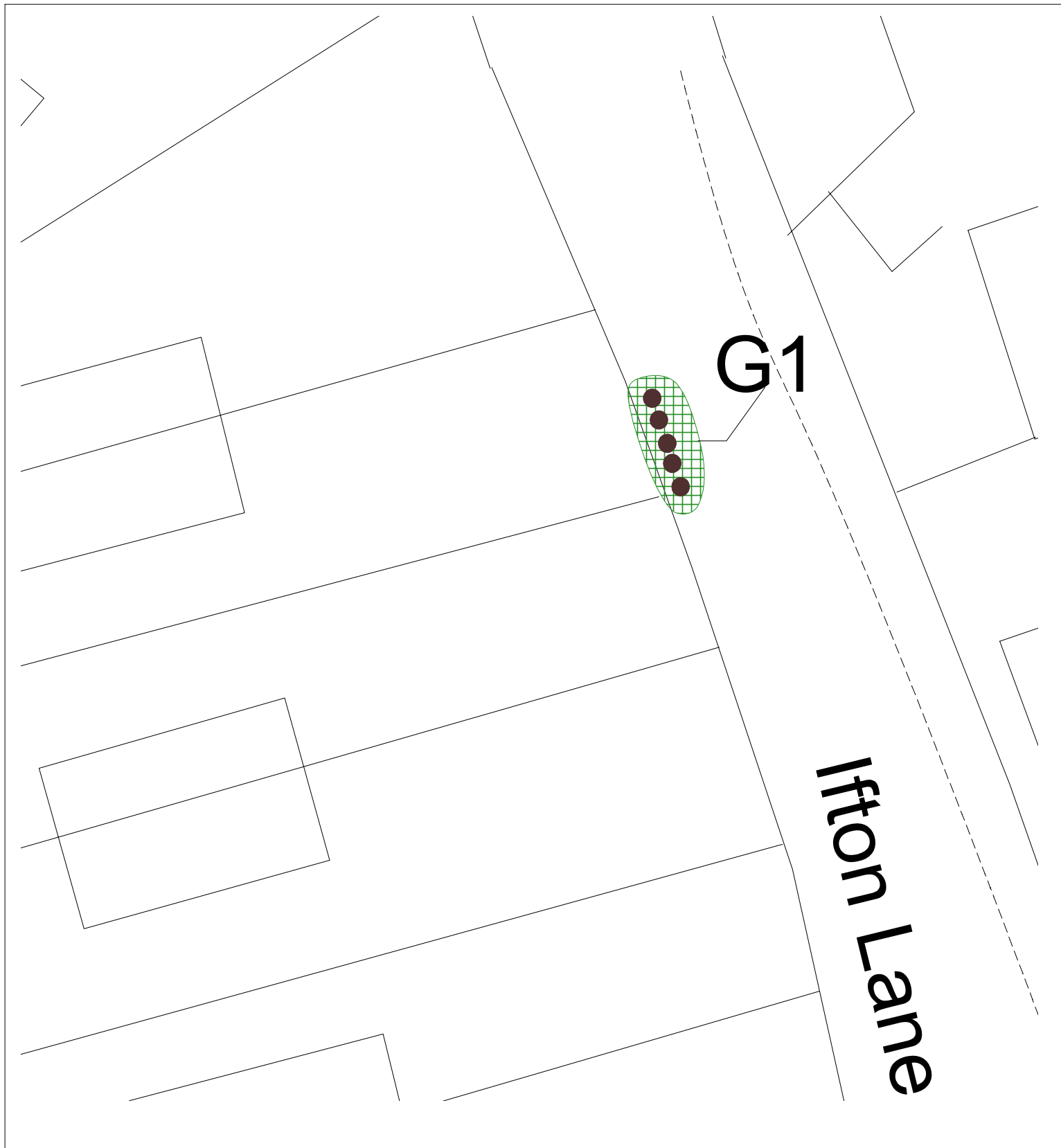
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Appendix A – Map

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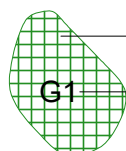


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**Ifton Lane
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Tree Location Plan

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[End of report]

Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 – Section 6: THE BIODIVERSITY AND RESILIENCE OF ECOSYSTEMS DUTY

2019 Report

Context
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rogiet Community Council owns an area of open playing fields which includes two football pitches, a multi-use games area, and a sports pavilion building. The playing fields site also hosts a small play park which is owned and maintained by Monmouthshire County Council. RCC also owns and has responsibility for a lane which accommodates a public footpath.• Rogiet Countryside Park is a valuable site within the village, owned by Monmouthshire County Council and supported by several members of RCC through volunteering.• Others areas of note in the Rogiet and Llanfihangel Rogiet areas are woodland and fields owned by other organisations such as the Woodland Trust and Gwent Wildlife Trust. Public footpaths run along many of these areas, past the remains of the Rogiet Windmill, around the now disused Ifton Quarry to the north of Rogiet, and the Wales Coastal Footpath at the sea wall to the south, overlooking the Severn Estuary.• Rogiet Community Council area encompasses the densely populated village of Rogiet and the rural area of Llanfihangel Rogiet.• The population of these communities at the 2011 census was 1,813 individuals.• These communities cover an area of 847 hectares (3.27 sq miles), with a population density of 2.1 persons per hectare.• The 2019-2020 precept for this area was £49.890.• The area is affected by pollution (air quality and noise) from the M4 and M48 motorways (the main routes between Wales and England via the Prince of Wales Bridge and the Severn Bridge respectively) which pass either side of the villages, as well as the busy B4245 which runs through the villages.• Rogiet became developed around the railway industry in the 19th and 20th centuries, particularly after the creation of the Severn Tunnel. A train station (Severn Tunnel Junction) remains in Rogiet.

Action Report		
Action carried out to:		Monitored by:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Embed biodiversity into decision making and procurement 	Council have decided to implement a 5-year plan of enhancement of the playing fields site to create a more diverse habitat.	Formation of a 5-year plan to drive council actions in biodiversity.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise awareness of biodiversity and its importance 	Council have promoted the use of the playing fields and the countryside park, in particular educational activity sessions at Rogiet Countryside Park through social media and village newsletter.	Attendance at activities, community fun days, and interactions following information distribution.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguard principal species and habitats 	Thorough research and advice is needed to draw up a policy to address this.	Input from a biodiversity and Ecology officer and production of a policy in the foreseeable future.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restore and create habitats and resilient ecological networks 	RCC have been liaising with Monmouthshire County Council for advice on planting of wildflowers and trees (including fruit trees), to encourage new habitats.	Making clear aims and actions in the 5-year plan for the playing fields site.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackle negative factors: e.g. reduce pollution, use nature-based solutions, address invasive species 	<p>The RCC area is subject to pollution from the busy B4245, M4 and M48 motorways, as well as the mainline Swansea to Paddington railway line.</p> <p>RCC representatives have regularly attended meetings with MCC to discuss the need to reduce the volume of traffic travelling along the B4245 through the villages of Rogiet and Llanfihangel Rogiet.</p>	<p>Implementation of speed restrictions by MCC on the B4245, and village roads, as well as parking restrictions.</p> <p>Feedback from residents affected.</p>

Action Report continued		
Action carried out to:		Monitored by:
	<p>RCC were vocal in their objection to the proposed M4 relief road that would have had a further negative impact on the villages due to its proposed proximity.</p> <p>RCC are keen to plant more trees in the area at the playing fields site.</p> <p>RCC are supporting the Magor Action Group On Rail (MAGOR) who have been campaigning for a walkway railway station in neighbouring Magor with Undy Community Council's area. If the station bid is successful this would result in a marked reduction in traffic travelling to Rogiet and along Station Road to Severn Tunnel Junction.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use, improve, and share evidence 	<p>Through our social media account we have encouraged residents to use the Long Forest app to record hedgerow species in the area.</p>	<p>As yet no data have been collated from the app, but the increased use of this, and potentially other apps could help us in the coming years to establish biodiversity in the area.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support capacity and/or other organisations 	<p>Working with MCC, and supporting the activities of Rogiet Community Junction regarding development of playing fields site, and Friends of Rogiet Countryside Park, to maintain and enhance biodiversity.</p>	<p>Feedback from other organisations.</p>

Review of s6 duty

- The plans for the playing fields site has been well received by those we are working with at MCC, and by members of the community. We had hoped to be further along in implementing wildflower planting but were advised to wait until spring 2020 for best results.

Flooding at the bottom of the playing fields through autumn and winter has meant that planned planting of fruit trees had to be delayed. Councillors who have lived in the village for a long time have identified that flooding at that specific location happens on a semi-regular basis in autumn/winter and therefore we will be seeking further advice as to the suitability of fruit trees at that specific location. We are considering whether there are species of tree more resilient to waterlogged land could be planted at that site instead, and we will consider planting fruit trees elsewhere on the playing fields.

We will be seeking further advice regarding suitable pollinators.

- The council will work to produce a biodiversity policy that will inform the 5-year plan for the playing fields. In addition the policy will be applied to other land owned by the community council. Once written, the council will review the policy each year at the annual meeting, and use it as a reference for decision-making.

Clerk's Update on previous resolutions, actions and projects**Prepared for the Extraordinary Meeting of 17th June 2020****Significant updates since last meeting:****Admin and Finance**

Rialtas Business Software – RBS have provided a contract are awaiting this from us and our precept and spending information which we will provide after the internal audit is completed.

Adding signatories to banking – Lloyds Bank are currently not dealing with business accounts in-branch. Looking into whether this can be done online (RFO contacted Lloyds Bank by email in February regarding this but has had no further progress or communication). Clerk and RFO to follow this email up.

Grants – During the 2019-2020 financial year council decided to consider grants at the March meeting (in this year this did not happen due to the coronavirus pandemic), however after discussion with the RFO it would be more suitable to give a December deadline to applications and consider them in January in order for payment to be made within the same financial year. This will also give time to go back to the applicants for any further information that may be required following consideration of their application.

Grant funding is budgeted for each year, however there is no clear information on our website at present to suggest to the local community that grants are available from us. Most grant requests received are from national charities who have mail-shot all community councils in the country. I have been working on a grant application form which we can make available on our website along with guidance on eligibility criteria to encourage local community groups to apply for financial support from us. The form is not yet complete but I have attached the work in progress form.

Antivirus software – 1 year Norton antivirus purchased (Norton 360 Standard) for £24.99 and installed on clerk's laptop. This package includes a VPN so that if at any time I need to connect to public Wi-Fi e.g. attending community café for engagement, etc. the council laptop always has access to a secure internet connection.

Land and Building

Playing fields - Living Levels have been in touch and have now ordered the large noticeboard for the sports pavilion area. They have also been in touch with MCC to confirm the purchase of fruit trees. MCC have said they will arrange with us for these to be planted when the weather is more preferential for the trees. It would be worth considering relocating these – the area we first discussed has had considerable flooding this year, and I've been told also in previous years. The

eastern portion of the field (behind the football pitch) might be the most suitable for the fruit trees. On discussion with the arboriculturist who surveyed trees on Ifton Lane he suggested that willow or alder would be excellent trees to plant at the bottom area of the field as they thrive with wet ground and can help alleviate flooding.

Ifton Lane – Arboriculturist confirmed that the two trees near the entrance to Ifton Lane (opposite NGM Garage) are dead and would advise removal. Trees were of concern during high winds in Autumn 2019 so following this advice a quote has been requested from MCC to carry out the removal of these two trees.

The arboriculturist informed me that there is a method for calculating the community asset value of trees (known as CAVAT – Community Asset Value of Amenity Trees). I have begun developing a biodiversity policy and the calculations for the above, which are particularly useful in the event of any criminal damage as they give a financial value that can be placed on trees in order to claim for the damages.

Having taken a look again at the trees along the whole length of Ifton Lane, some of these, although appearing healthy at the moment, are very tall and in close proximity to adjacent housing and I feel it would be sensible to have a tree survey on the remaining trees to obtain guidance on any measures such as pruning that may be required.

Spending some time taking in the environment on Ifton Lane I think it would be wise for us to start looking at this in the context of our biodiversity responsibilities. With that in mind I have contacted an organisation called Buglife (funded by Living Levels grant) who I have met with previously on non-council matters (they came out to give advice on the countryside park site, and provided grant funding) to enquire whether they would also be willing to give us advice on improving the wooded area, possibly to include clearing some undergrowth to enable people to walk amongst the trees, and any additional planting to enhance biodiversity. They are also willing to give us advice on the playing fields site in respect to our plans to increase natural habitats there.

New grant funding is available for enhancing/restoring natural spaces in urban areas. Applications for this close in October 2020 and funding is from £10,000 to £50,000. I have not yet thoroughly read the eligibility criteria but at first glance it appears that we would be eligible for some aspects of our plans. <https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/publications/local-places-nature-guidance>

Pavilion - MCC youth club carried out a safety inspection of the pavilion and have raised the following questions that Jers and I are looking into:

- Is there a copy of the building risk assessment? If so, who is responsible for updating it and may I have a copy of it please?
 - There isn't a copy of the safeguarding referral flowchart displayed, so I've sent one to Darren to display (if permissible)
 - Who is the building owned by, who insures it, may I have a copy of the insurance please? I didn't find it displayed?
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- Can numbers be put on the Health & Safety poster displayed in the kitchen please? There are names, but no numbers?
- I couldn't find a sign saying where the Fire Assembly Point was? I would say this needs attending to
- Is there a Fire Folder/Log Book? Who is responsible for it? Are there fire drills? Have they been recorded?
- Is there a fire risk assessment? If so, please can I have a copy?
- Darren is going to put a First Aid sign up (if permissible)
- I see someone has been checking the water, that's great, has there been a legionella survey since Clearwater did it in 2011?
- Has there been a 5 year electrical integrity test been done recently?

Rogiet Community Junction

Car parking – as previously discussed, it would be beneficial for the car parking spaces required for the community café to be integrated with our own two spaces. This would improve safety for pedestrians as this is a very small area to have cars trying to park /turning etc. in two different places. This would also mean the spaces would be available for other users of the pavilion and MUGA when not in use by the shop/café. I have asked MCC Planning to look at the suggestion of parking layout as below and feedback if this is acceptable and would meet regulations. No response received yet. The fifth parking space may not be required, which would work even better as that whole area would be free for manoeuvring (it is a requirement for our area that drivers are able to exit the car park in forward gear, hence us currently having two parking spaces and a turning space.



Community Activities

Our Gwent Police contact emailed in February to ask if we had a bench in our community that we would like to nominate to be a 'Happy to Chat Bench'. These are benches which will have a sign attached asking people to sit on the bench if they are happy/would like to talk to someone passing by. I imagine this has been put on hold since the COVID-19 pandemic but it would be nice to think about for the future.

Volunteer activity in the RUM area (Rogiet, Magor, Undy) – I attended a meeting along with NP26 Assist and RCJ representatives to discuss MCC supporting community volunteering efforts via the MCC Partnership Team, and producing new software 'Mon Maps' for the groups.

I have requested a quote from MCC for emptying waste bins – quote not yet received but for discussion at a future meeting. MCC service would be better suited to our needs as health and safety assessment for our litter picker to empty and carry bins to their pick-up location shows that continuing the current practice is not suitable (manually transporting unknown contents of litter bin, e.g. sharps, heavy items etc.).