

CALDICOT TOWN COUNCIL

Sandy Lane
Caldicot

Minutes of the meeting of Planning Committee held at 6.30 pm on Tuesday, 8th January 2008
at Caldicot Day Luncheon Centre

PRESENT:

Cllrs D Ashwin, Mayor	R J Higginson
J Daniels	D Jones
A Easson	J Marshall
D Evans	R Stewart
J Haskey	

In attendance: Mrs G McIntyre, Clerk, Mrs A Sandiford, Member of the Public

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs C Babb, E Davies, W Edwards, J Harris, J Roberts, P Tidmarsh, K Thomas

2. To Suspend Proceedings – Mr Colin Berg, Chief Executive, Mon CC

See Appendix A

3. Declarations of Interest

**Cllrs R J Higginson and R Stewart declared an interest in Planning Issues
Cllr D Ashwin declared an interest in Mon CC**

Further declarations of interest to be identified under the relevant item

4. To Approve the Minutes of Planning Committee held 11th December 2007 [Circ]

The Minutes were approved as a true record subject to:

- Page 1 'PRESENT' delete J Harris and insert J Roberts
- Page 3 item vi) topple tester - insert new para '8. *Correspondence [Circ]*
- Page 3 also left the meeting at this point. - delete 8. *Correspondence [Circ]*

The Mayor signed the Minutes.

5. Planning Committee [Displayed]

A) Planning Applications Received

DC/2007/01465: Attic conversion & roof dormer to rear elevation – 80 Taff Road, Caldicot
TC Approved

DC/2007/01543: Erection of rear conservatory – 31 Budden Crescent, Caldicot
TC Approved

DC/2007/01598: Proposed 2 storey extension with void area at ground floor level –
5 Elan Way, Caldicot
TC Approved

DC/2007/01624: Edwardian style conservatory in white UPVC to rear of property – 27 Goldfinch Close, Caldicot **TC Approved**

B) Mon CC Planning Information

i) Approval of Planning Permission

DC/2007/00336: Demolition and construction of 2 storey building comprising 36 (category 2) sheltered apartments for the elderly with ancillary lodge managers accommodation, guest suite, communal facilities, buggy store, landscaping, car parking and access – 125 Newport Road, Caldicot **TC Ref 25.4.07***

- **Insufficient Parking**
- **Access issues onto main road/traffic lights**

DC/2007/01053: Fitness & weight loss gymnasium for women – Unit 53H/J Severnbridge Industrial Estate, Caldicot **TC App 11.9.07**

DC/2007/01210: Erection of single storey rear and side extension to provide utility/bathroom. Garage conversion to provide new bedroom – 7 Heron Road, Caldicot **TC App 9.10.07**

DC/2007/01230: Nursery school with covered play area and external playground – Durand Junior and Infants School, Durand Road, Caldicot **TC App 9.10.07**

DC/2007/01259: Installation of postman's security container – Land opposite 23 Chepstow Road, Caldicot **TC App 9.10.07**

DC/2007/01304: Erection of 2 storey side extension forming family, utility room and bedroom/ study – 7 Beech Road, Caldicot **TC App 31.10.07**

DC/2007/01314: Change felt flat roof on garage to tiled pitched roof – 90 Mill Lane, Caldicot **TC App 31.10.07**

iii) Mon CC Planning Agenda 11.12.07 – For Information

Town Council noted Planning Information (i) to (iii) above from Mon CC.

6. Mon CC - To appoint a representative to the temporary Governing Body for new primary school in Caldicot [Circ]

Cllrs A Easson and D Jones were nominated to the temporary Governing Body for new primary school in Caldicot.

A vote ensued: Cllr Easson – 4; Cllr Jones – 4. The Mayor gave his casting vote.

It was resolved to appoint Cllr D Jones to the temporary Governing Body for new primary school in Caldicot

7. One Voice Wales - Invitation to a training event in land-use planning for Community and Town Councillors [Circ]

It was resolved to nominate the Mayor to represent Town Council at the above training event as an approved duty.

8. Dudley Taylor Pharmacies Ltd - Re: Chappell's Chemist, 28 Newport Road, Caldicot – Petition - Request for views [Circ]

Town Council considered a Petition and request for its views on disabled access to Chappell's Chemist.

It was resolved to acknowledge Dudley Taylor Pharmacies Ltd and forward the correspondence and Petition to Mon CC.

9. Committee – To consider exclusion of the public and press from the meeting during consideration of the following items in accordance with Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information

1. To consider quotations for alternative fencing at Sandy Lane Allotments [b/f Planning Cttee 11.12.07]

Town Council considered one quotation received to grub-out, dispose of existing hedge and fence and supply and install 6' Chain link fence to rear, lane and front [left of gate] of Sandy Lane allotments.

The Clerk advised that planning permission may be required for the front of the allotments. It was stated this would not be necessary as the change was "like for like"

It was resolved to accept quotation from JR for fencing at Sandy Lane allotments in the total sum of £12,380 + VAT to be allocated from reserve funds.

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(Mayor/Deputy)

Appendix A

2. Mr Colin Berg, Chief Executive, Mon CC

The Mayor welcomed Colin Berg and County Cllr Brian Hood to the meeting and introductions were undertaken.

1) What do you believe to be the remit of Town Councillors, when we do not feel that we are a part of the decision making process.

- Remit of Town Cllrs - Cemetery, King George V Playing Fields, Bowls Club, Allotments - local focus
- County Cllrs – responsible for representing electorate on Mon CC issues
- Town Cllrs have no remit on County Council issues – issues to be referred to County Cllrs
- Mon CC Area Committee clarified to Members – elected Members representing local residents re: local Mon CC decisions – eg Road Safety Strategy

2) Do planning applications have any real place in Town Council’s framework, when all decisions against applications this year have been overridden by County Cllrs, without any reference back to us

- Unitary Development Plan [UDP] – to be replaced by Local Development Plan [DLP], currently out to consultation – important for Town Council to consider and respond
- Planning permission cannot be refused if contained in UDP
- Mon CC planning decisions can be subjected to appeal - Members must be able to justify decisions.
- Town & Community Councils are consultees for planning decisions for recommendations only
- Detailed information available on Mon CC Website re: planning applications/decisions

3) What commitment, if any, does Monmouthshire County Council have towards Caldicot Castle?

This item is the remit of Cllr Liz Hacket Pain

4) Where do you see County Cllrs fitting into Town Council issues when obstacles of “declarations of interest” override natural debate and decision making?

A new Code of Conduct, which has taken this issue into account, is due to be effected in 2008.

- It is the responsibility of the individual Member to declare interests

5) Is it your ongoing policy to encourage more and more “partnerships” between Town and County? Partnership means a legal commitment, is that your idea of partnership or do you see them as a means of one way dialogue?

- Mon CC interested in partnerships, ie collaborating with Town and Community Councils in the interest of the citizen.
- Mon CC Policies approved by Members – implemented by officers
- Traditional tears of government clarified
- Council tax and Mon CC revenue/budget clarified

6) Do you consider that your four aspirations of “Openness”: “Fairness”: “Flexibility”: and “Teamwork” are fully supported across Monmouthshire?

- Mon CC values clarified

7) Response Time from Mon CC to Town Council regarding enquiries

- Mon CC response times clarified – Letters/emails - 15 working days; Telephone calls – 48 hours – it was recognised that on occasions Mon CC response times are not feasible
- Mon CC complaints procedure clarified
- Annual reviews of staff undertaken