

Minutes of Planning and Resources Committee held at 6.30pm on Tuesday, 8th January 2013 at Caldicot Town Council

Present: Cllrs: R J Higginson, Mayor
A Davies, Deputy Mayor
W Conniff
A Easson
D Evans
F J Harvey
A Lloyd
M Stevens
P Stevens

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

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs D Ashwin, J Haskey, P Maycock-Jones, G Owen, R Stewart, P Watts, S Webb

Town Council undertook one minute's silence in respect of the recent loss of former Councillor and Mayor John Watts.

2 Declarations of Interest - To be identified under the relevant item/Forms to be completed

Cllr R J Higginson declared an interest in Item 7(vi) - Caldicot Youth Group

Cllr D Evans declared an interest in planning

Further declarations of interest to be identified under the relevant item.

3 Suspended Proceedings - Mr M Moran, Community Infrastructure Co-ordinator for Monmouthshire re: s106 Funding

a) Response from One Voice Wales Re: s106 Funding

See Appendix A

4 To Approve the Minutes of Planning & Resources Committee 11th December 2012 [Circ]

i) Mayor to sign the Minutes

The Minutes were approved as a true record and duly signed by the Mayor.

4a) To Ratify decision of Emergency Committee RJH/AD/DE 3.1.13 re: Boundary Fence [part]

i) To Consider renewal of remainder of boundary fence re: 4a above

Town Council ratified the decision of Emergency Committee 3.1.13 to permit removal of boundary fence to be replaced by 6' wooden fencing at no cost to Town Council.

It was resolved to request a quotation from the contractor to continue the fence to the boundary wall on Sandy Lane.

5 Planning Applications Received [Displayed]

DC/2012/00941: Fascia signs x 2 front fascia sign (triangular) Monolith Sign - 27-30 Newport Road, Caldicot **TC Approved**

DC/2012/00905: New House and drainage alterations in part of previous garden of Ash Cottage – 33 Sandy Lane, Caldicot.

The Mayor advised of an administrative error on the application which should read 'Mill Lane' and not 'Sandy Lane' and that the proposed development was situated between Ash Cottage and the Choir Hall.

It was resolved to recommend approval of planning application DC/2012/00905

DC/2012/00986: Proposed loft conversion with 3 no dormer windows and one velux style window
– 2 Clos Aled, Caldicot **TC Approved**

6 Mon CC Planning Information [Displayed]
i) Planning Permissions

DC/2012/00763: Two storey rear extension containing kitchen at ground floor and extended bathroom and bedroom at first floor – 11 Durand Road, Caldicot **TC App 13.11.12**

Town Council noted planning application (i) above from Mon CC.

7 To Consider LGA s137 Grant Applications [Circ] [b/f P&R 11.12.12]
a) To Note S137 Expenditure to date – for information [Circ]

Town Council noted S137 expenditure to date.

i) Denbighshire & District National Eisteddfod

Town Council considered an application for grant from Denbighshire & District National Eisteddfod

It was resolved to defer this item to the next financial year.

ii) Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod

Town Council considered an application for grant from Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod.

It was resolved to defer this item to the next financial year.

iii) The Mighty Bean – To Note consideration at Estimates Cttee [b/f Finance Cttee 13.11.12]

Town Council considered an application for £20,000 grant from The Mighty Bean towards a proposed coffee shop and support centre initiative for the local community. Members were aware of the good work that was being carried out and supported the initiative in principle.

It was resolved to invite representatives from The Mighty Bean to address Town Council at Planning & Resources Committee 12.2.13 in relation to the proposed initiative.

iv) Caldicot AFC – see Committee for accounts

Town Council considered an application for £20,000 grant from Caldicot AFC towards upgrading changing room facilities in order to maintain Welsh League standard football in Caldicot.

It was resolved to defer this item to the next financial year.

v) St Mary's Church Luncheon Club – see Committee for accounts

Town Council considered a request for £2,500 grant from St Mary's Church Luncheon Club towards community lunches.

It was resolved to donate £1,000 to St Mary's Church Luncheon Club as set aside in Estimates Committee 8.11.11.

Cllr R J Higginson declared an interest in the following item and left the room.

The Deputy Mayor took the chair during the following item:

vi) Caldicot Youth Group – see Committee for accounts

Town Council considered a request for £4,000 grant from Caldicot Youth Group towards the operating costs of the Zone.

It was stated that all Members were in receipt of the accounts and that the decision taken was not a reflection on the service provided.

It was resolved to donate £2,000 to Caldicot Youth Group for the current financial year.

8 Mon CC – To Approve payment of £5,000 invoice re: Playscheme 2012

It was resolved to approve the above payment of £5,000 to Mon CC re: Playscheme 2012

a) To Note Playscheme Feedback Report 2012 [Circ]

Noted

9 One Voice Wales – Strong Roots Project – ‘Green Futures’ Training Programme [Circ]

Town Council considered an invitation to the above training programme at a cost of £30 per Member.

It was resolved that any Member wishing to attend the training programme contact the Clerk.

10 Monmouthshire Housing Association [MHA] – Re: Love Where You Live Grant Scheme

Town Council considered correspondence in relation to MHA’s grant scheme of up to £2,500 to improve communities and neighbourhoods.

It was stated that Nathan James Estate Agent was apparently interested in adopting one of the raised flowerbeds in the town centre.

It was resolved to display a copy of the correspondence in Town Council’s noticeboard and forward the correspondence to Nathan James Estate Agents and local community groups.

11 To Resolve - Exclusion of Press and Public – By virtue of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public are excluded from discussions on the following item on the basis that disclosure thereof would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted:

See 7 above - Group Accounts:

- a) Item 7iv
- b) Item 7v
- c) Item 7vi

See 7 above

The meeting closed at 7.25pm

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Mayor/Deputy Mayor

Appendix A

3 Suspended Proceedings - Mr M Moran, Community Infrastructure Co-ordinator for Monmouthshire re: s106 Funding

The Mayor welcomed Mr Moran who updated Town Council in relation to S106 funding in relation to Redrow Homes' development at Church Road.

The following items were discussed:

- Current development 2nd of 3 large developments in Caldicot
- s106 funds from 1st development allocated to various projects in Caldicot
- Existing development 'front-ended', ie monies allocated before occupancy of 1st dwelling
- 2 s106 reports undertaken – 1 considered, 1 deferred to 6 February 13
- £179,000 remaining after allocation of funds to 3G pitch at Caldicot School
- Sufficient money in budget to fund all applications received
- 3G pitch:
 - demand for 3G pitch in south of county
 - works delayed due to underground sewer pipe issues – awaiting Welsh Water
 - it is hoped no/very little additional funding will be required to re-route sewer pipe
 - opposition to payment of 3G pitch from S106 funding – no funding in education budget for leisure in the foreseeable future
 - initial proposals to remove astro turf pitch [ATP] and replace with 3G - current proposals for both pitches as ATP used for competitive hockey
- Feasibility study re: purchase of old rail line from M.O.D.
- RDP programme to improve area around Neddern Brook
- Footpath Caerwent – Caldicot
- all proposed monies allocated in Caldicot
- timescale for allocation of funding to organisations if successful
- no contribution to 3G pitch from developments in Caerwent and Portskewett whose residents would also benefit from the pitch
- it was considered that a more strategic approach is needed to S106 funding

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