

# CALDICOT TOWN COUNCIL

Sandy Lane  
Caldicot

## Minutes of meeting of Planning and Resources Committee held at 6.00pm on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at Caldicot Town Council.

Present: Cllrs: D Evans, Mayor  
M Stevens, Deputy Mayor  
D Ashwin [6.10 pm]  
J Bond  
A Easson  
K Harris  
E Harvey  
R J Higginson [left 6.55 pm]  
R Stewart [6.20 pm]  
P Watts  
S Webb [6.10 pm]

[In attendance: G McIntyre, Clerk]

- 1 **Apologies** – Cllrs J Haskey, A Lloyd, V Lloyd, C Ashwin  
*Cllr D Ashwin thanked Town Council for the gift of flowers on behalf of Cllr C Ashwin.*
- 2 **Declarations of Interest - Identified under the relevant item/Forms to be completed**
- 3 **To Suspend Proceedings:-**  
**Ms Tracey Harry, Head of Improvement, Mon CC Re: CCTV [Circ] – see Appendix A**
- 3a **To Consider Dates for Visit to CCTV Control Room – Suggest 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> February 2011**  
**It was resolved to arrange transport at a cost of £120 for members to visit the Shared Resource Centre, Blaenavon at 6pm, Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2011**

*Cllrs D Evans and R Stewart declared an interest in Planning matters*

*Town Council agreed to accept a letter of objection from two residents concerning Plan DC/2010/01152*

- 4 **Planning Applications Received [Displayed]**  
**DC/2010/01152:** Conversion of house to four flats – 63 Sandy Lane, Caldicot **TC Refused\***  
**\*Pollution/Noise from vehicles**  
**Detrimental to properties at rear**  
**Splay/dropped kerb wide enough?**  
**Is the building listed?**  
*Recorded Vote: For Refusal: Cllrs: MS, PW, AE, RJH, SW, JB, EH, KH [8]*  
*Cllrs D Evans, R Stewart and D Ashwin abstained from voting*

**DC/2011/00038:** Change of use to B1, B2 and B8 Unit 15 Symondscliffe Way, Severn  
Bridge Industrial Estate, Caldicot **TC Approved**

*Cllr D Evans advised he would obtain a list of Change of Use categories from Mon CC Planning*

**5 Mon CC Planning Information [Displayed]**

**i) Approval of Planning Permissions**

**DC/2010/01085:** Single storey side extension 6 Westfield, Caldicot **TC Approved 11.1.11**

**ii) Planning Committee Agenda 18.1.11, 1.2.11 – For Information**

Town Council noted Mon CC planning information (i) and (ii) above

**6 To Note One Voice Wales Training Session – 6.30 pm Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at Town Council – Understanding the Law – Cost £350**

The Mayor requested members “make every effort to attend” the training session to be held at **6 pm** on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

**7 To Note Environment Agency – Re: Severn Estuary Flood Risk Management Strategy Have Your Say – Drop-In Sessions 22<sup>nd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> February 2011 [Circ] [Publication available] Consultation by 18<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

The Mayor advised members that the Environment Agency had notified a change in dates of locations for the drop-in sessions - 22<sup>nd</sup> February, Ebenezer Baptist Chapel, Magor 24<sup>th</sup> February Marshfield Village Hall. Members were advised to bring up concerns and questions at the session. The Mayor also advised of correspondence from Monmouthshire County Council notifying the drop-in sessions.

It was agreed to agenda this item for Planning & Resources Committee 8<sup>th</sup> March 2011 to consider responses to the consultation.

*The following item was considered under KGVPF Trustee Committee*

**8 To Note Planting of 5 Trees at King George V Playing Fields [Schools represented] Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> February 2011 – 11 am at KGVPF**

The Mayor advised of the tree planting to take place as above.

**9 Committee – It was resolved to exclude the public and press from the meeting during consideration of the following item in accordance with Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information**

**a) To Consider Proposal for Play Equipment at KGVPF – Visit from Play Specialist Company [Circ]**

The Mayor advised of the visit of a play specialist company and options for consideration by members for installation of play equipment at KGVPF playarea and a new section to the right of the entrance for teenagers. It was suggested that the police be contacted to ask their opinion about a new section with regard to prevention of anti-social behaviour.

Following a lengthy discussion on options available it was agreed to obtain quotations for agility equipment for teenagers to be located to the right of the entrance at KGVPF and smaller agility equipment for the playarea.

## Appendix A

### To Suspend Proceedings Ms Tracey Harry, and Mr Farooq Dastgir Mon CC Re: CCTV

The Mayor, Cllr D Evans, welcomed Ms Harry and Mr Dastgir to the meeting.

The following points were noted:

- CCTV operating in three towns in Monmouthshire – Caldicot, Chepstow, Abergavenny
- Ms Harry consulting Town Council prior to submission of cabinet report [Circ] – looking to transfer the whole of the CCTV service to Blaenavon Shared Resource Centre – looking to reduce costs, become more efficient – working in line with WAG – identify savings, deliver a quality service, benefit from improved technical advances
- Some dissatisfaction with Tir-y-Birth control centre – lack of funding – use existing budget to invest – no upfront investment required – improved image quality
- Arranging visit of members to Blaenavon
- Mon CC bring up to 21<sup>st</sup> century – link onto schools, hospital, social care – all infrastructure upgraded
- Shared with Monmouthshire, Torfaen, Gwent Police

Ms Harry and Mr Dastgir responded to members concerns as follows:

- Police response required – how many personnel monitoring cameras? How many mobile units?
- Bound by RIPA regulations – 24/7 monitoring – no control over police response times – Mr Mark Sutton, Chief Superintendent will be at next CCTV Group meeting to answer questions
- Special permission required for rapid response cameras
- Blaenavon SRC – approx 100 cameras with 15 primary monitoring locations and secondary locations eg schools shut = secondary as opposed to eg town centre – 6 persons monitoring – 4 reliefs for afternoons/bank holidays – cost of approx £35k per person
- Currently 6 cameras tied to fixed line – restricted – Town Council currently contributing £11,700?
- Currently digital copper line to One Stop shop to County Hall to Tir-y-Birth at cost of approx. £7,000 with monitoring equipment and TV recorders, boards, etc cost approx £67,000 – Cameras checked for new fibre optic line
- What about the present CCTV Officer? – part of restructure
- What about a locally monitored system like Chepstow? Monitoring going further away from Caldicot
- Trial in Chepstow at present paid for by Chepstow Town Council – not the role of police to monitor cameras – issues surrounding continual monitoring [RIPA] – police role is crime resolution
- 35 monitors with 4/6 pictures? – no local knowledge of Caldicot – personnel “walk the town” to gain local knowledge?
- Monitoring personnel ex-police, ex Tir-y-birth
- More direct signal to Blaenavon, better equipment, most advanced system in Wales at present
- More monitoring personnel would be required to monitor more screens at cost? Present cost £35k

- Estimated charge to Blaenavon SRC £44k Some monitors would be primary located and others secondary – how prioritise? All cameras would be recording. How long is data kept for [FD to check] - Abergavenny/Chepstow/Caldicot = 18 cameras - loudspeaker system on cameras? Police have special radios
- Where could Town Council go to look at local system? Police station could get volunteers to monitor – issues with RIPA – Require ISSA training – could only be monitored in secure environment
- Police check cost £15/£20 – Newport City system 10 years old – facility to zoom and get good quality
- Mon CC only has limited budget for CCTV – “hugely costly”- potential for improved service – joint venture involves Police/Torfaen – improved quality /speed
- Town Council investigated its own system some years ago - £60k pa
- Coleford system local – visited – favourable but unaffordable
- Consider visit to Blaenavon Shared Resource Centre from Town Council offices at 6 pm on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2011

The Mayor thanked Ms Harry and Mr Dastgir for addressing members.

The visitors left at 6.20 pm