CALDICOT TOWN COUNCIL

Sandy Lane Caldicot

Minutes of the meeting of Planning Committee held at 6.30 pm on Tuesday, 8th August 2006 at Caldicot Day Luncheon Centre

PRESENT:

Cllrs J Daniels, Mayor D Jones
E Davies J Haskey
D Evans P Tidmarsh

In attendance: G McIntyre, A Sandiford and Members of the Public

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs D Ashwin, J Harris, R J Higginson, R Stewart, K Thomas

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllrs J Daniels and E Davies declared an interest in DC/2006/00690

Cllr P Tidmarsh requested why the Mayor had called a meeting in August when Members were on holiday. Cllr Tidmarsh stated he had checked the Minutes and Town Council had not held meetings in August during his term of office. Cllr Daniels, Mayor clarified that Full Town Council meeting were not held in August but Planning Committee had been held as long as she had been on the Council. The Clerk confirmed that Planning Committee was held in August. Cllr Daniels stated she would clarify and advise Cllr Tidmarsh in this connection.

3. To Approve the Minutes of Planning Committee as part of Full Town Council meeting held 26th July 2006 [Circ]

The Minutes were approved as a true record

4. Planning Committee [Displayed]

a) Planning Applications [Displayed]

M/11976: Amended Plan [No Address Details – Plan refers to Sheltered Housing Development, Newport Road, Caldicot] ***TC Refused**

- i) Access issues onto main road/traffic lights
- ii) Insufficient parking
- iii) Out of keeping with surrounding area

Town Council resolved to request a site visit with Mon CC Planning Office in relation to Plan M/11976

DC/2006/00271: Erection of Double Garage – Land at The Pill, Portskewett TC Approved

DC/2006/00623: Alterations to Approved 4 Bed Detached Dwelling and Double Garage – Rear of 21 Sandy Lane, Caldicot *Observations

*Town Council resolved to request further information in relation to DC/2006/00623

DC/2006/00617: Conservatory to Rear of Property – 60 Cobb Crescent, Caldicot

TC Approved

DC/2006/00674: New Porch and Roof Replacement to Garage – 7 Birbeck Road, Caldicot **TC Approved**

DC/2006/00690: Retention of Children's Play Area, Built in the Form of a Castle/Fort – The Castle Inn, 64 Chepstow Road, Caldicot ***Observations**

*Town Council resolved to request a site visit with Mon CC Planning Office, Local Residents and Licensee on Monday pm, 14.8.06 in relation to DC/2006/0690

Cllrs J Daniels, E Davies and D Jones declared an interest in DC/2006/00690

b) Mon CC Planning Agenda 8.8.06 – For Information

Town Council noted Mon CC Planning Agenda 8.8.06

5. Mitel Roundabout – To Approve Cost of Planters

It was resolved to consider this item in Committee.

6. Local Agenda 21 Grants [Local Groups Advised via One Stop Shop] by 11.9.06 [Circ]

Town Council resolved that the Clerk make grant application under Local Agenda 21 Grants for the renovation of pillar caps at the entrance to King George V Playing Fields.

7. To Consider dates to meet with Chepstow Town Council [Wednesday 6.9.06]

Town Council Members resolved to meet with Chepstow Town Council Members at 6.30pm on Wednesday 6.9.06 at DLC. It was further resolved that Cllr J Daniels, Mayor compile a draft Agenda and email to Members prior to the meeting. Apologies were given by Cllr E Davies.

8. To Advise of Follow-up Meeting Town Council with John Griffiths AM, Grayhill Surgery, Community Health Council and Local Health Board Monday 14.8.06, 12pm at DLC

Town Council noted the above date and time for follow-up meeting in relation to Grayhill Surgery.

9. To Note CCTV User Group Meeting, Wednesday 16.8.06, 10am at DLC – Cllrs D Evans and J Marshall

Town Council noted the above date and time for CCTV User Group Meeting.

10. Committee – the public were excluded 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

Cllr D Evans stated it was a "disgrace" and "embarrassment" to place Members in the position where there were more public at the meeting than Councillors. Cllr Daniels, Mayor duly noted Cllr Evans' comments.

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a) To Approve the Recommendations of Planning/Appointments Cttee 3.8.06 [To Follow]

Town Council considered the recommendations of Planning/Appointment Cttee 3.8.06, in particular to Mon CC Draft Retirement Policy and the Groundsman's request to work beyond retirement age.

Cllr J Daniels, Mayor, outlined the draft Mon CC retirement policy which had recently been adopted by Mon CC.

The Clerk referred to the Employment Equality (Age) Regulations 2006 coming into force on 1st October 2006 requiring Town Council to operate under the transitional arrangements applying to retirements from 1.10.06 to 1.4.07.

It was resolved to accept the Groundsman's request to work beyond retirement age and to extend his current contract of employment for a further two years, with any further application to continue working past that date to be made six months prior to the new retirement date.

It was also resolved that Town Council adopt a Retirement Policy within this period.

b) Mitel Roundabout – To Approve Cost of Planters

Cllr Daniels, Mayor advised Members that a planting licence for Mitel roundabout was ready in the One-Stop-Shop at no cost to Town Council and an email was awaited from Giles Ballisat in this connection.

Cllr Daniels further advised Members that Mitel had agreed to sponsor flowers to the sum of £1,000 on the Mitel roundabout and that she would obtain this information in writing.

It was resolved:

- i) to purchase six self-watering petal planters, inclusive of soil for Mitel roundabout, install summer and winter bedding and maintain [annual] at a cost of £1,300.
- ii) to write to Thomson & Thomson and Pumpserv with a view to sponsoring flowers on Mitel roundabout

The meeting closed at 7.15 pm

Mayor/Deputy Mayor	