

## CALDICOT TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of Planning and Resources Committee held at 6.30pm on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at Caldicot Town Council

**Present:** Cllrs: D Evans, Mayor  
A Lloyd  
A Davies  
F Rowberry  
A Easson  
R Stewart  
J Harvey  
P Watts  
R J Higginson  
S Webb [6.32pm]

[In attendance: G McIntyre, Clerk, A Sandiford, Members of public]

#### 1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs W Conniff, J Haskey, M Stevens, P Stevens, J Williams

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

**Cllrs D Evans, R J Higginson, P Watts declared an interest in planning  
Cllr A Easson declared an interest in Plan DC/2015/01090**

Further Declarations of Interest to be identified under the relevant item

#### 3 Planning Applications Received [Displayed - subject to receipt of application]

**DC/2015/01287:** Change of use from unused council land to garden with a 6ft perimeter fence –  
2 Moorlands View, Caldicot **TC Approved**

**DC/2015/01300 [Amended]:** Alterations to existing door and window fenestration – Grayhill  
Surgery, Caldicot **TC Approved**

*Cllr D Evans, Mayor, declared an interest in the following plan and left the room. In the absence of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, It was resolved that Cllr Alan Davies take the chair for consideration of the following planning application:*

**DC/2015/01443:** To change a section of grass owned by Monmouthshire Housing Association to hard standing for access in to front garden for driveway – 14 Cae Mawr Grove, Caldicot  
**TC Approved**

*Cllr D Evans returned to the room and resumed the chair.*

#### 4 Mon CC Planning Information [DISPLAYED]

##### i) Planning Permission

**DC/2015/00845:** [Amended] Rear single storey granny annexe – 99 Green Lane, Caldicot  
**TC App 10.11.15**

**DC/2015/00952:** Minor alterations to approved bungalow ref DC/2014/00766 – Church Farm,  
Church Road, Caldicot **TC App 8.9.15**

**DC/2015/01090:** Two storey side extension to create additional ground floor living room and first floor bedroom with ensembles. Ground floor single storey front extension to create porch (pre-application advice MC/2014/ENQ/00127) – 28 Longcroft Road, Caldicot **TC App 30.9.15**

**DC/2015/01106:** Building plot for one dwelling – Church Farm, Church Road, Caldicot  
**TC Ref 14.10.15\***

#### **\*Overdevelopment of site**

Town Council noted the above planning information from Mon CC

**5 Appeal Against a Non Determination: Ref: E6840/A/15/3026371  
Planning Application DC/2015/01468**

Residential development to provide 209 dwellings, inc. a mix of 2,3, and 4 bed homes; a reconfigured access and creation of new emergency access route; new internal roads, footpaths/cycleways, car parking and highway improvements; a network of public open spaces, including landscaping. Recreation space, public realm and biodiversity enhancement; and other ancillary works and activities requiring: site preparation, demolition and clearance, treatment, re-profiling and the installation of new services and infrastructure – Sudbrook Paper Mill, Sudbrook, Caldicot **TC Ref 27.5.15\***

- **Infrastructure is not suitable**
- **Access issues**
- **Negative impact on services in the area eg schools, doctors' surgery, foodstores**

Town Council noted the above Appeal against a non determination

**6 Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Section 211 Trees in Conservation Areas [Circ]**

**To Note Correspondence from Mon CC Re: Proposed Tree works at The Old Vicarage, Caldicot**

Town Council noted the above correspondence from Mon CC

**7 To Note Correspondence from resident re: DC/2015/01076 – 44 Castle Lea, Caldicot**

Town Council considered the above correspondence from a resident.

*Proceedings were suspended and the Mayor asked a member of public present if he was the resident of the above property, to which he confirmed he was the owner. The Clerk advised Members that the application had been approved by Mon CC 22.12.15 and that that information would be presented to Town Council at the end of the month. The member of public confirmed that although the decision had been posted on-line he had not received a written copy of the decision.*

*Normal proceedings resumed*

It was stated that Town Council had raised objections to plan DC/2015/01076, however Mon CC as the planning authority had over-ruled the recommendation.

**It was resolved to advise the resident that Town Council had expressed its concerns to Mon CC but had been overruled.**

**8 One Voice Wales – To Note Publication of the Positive Planning Implementation Plan [Circ]**  
<http://gov.wales/topics/planning/legislation/planning-wales-act-2015/positive-planning-implementation-plan/?lang=en>

Town Council noted the above publication of the Positive Planning Implementation Plan.

**Cllrs D Evans and R J Higginson declared an interest in this item**

**9 To Consider special Motion Re: Variation/Addition to Standing Order 3(d), 4(b) [b/f TC 22.12.15] [Circ]**

Town council considered a special motion in accordance with Standing Order No 25(b) requesting a variation/addition of Standing Orders 3(d) and (4b) as follows:

- 3(d) *It is proposed that an additional sentence be added to Standing Order 3(d) to read 'In the case of meetings of the Personnel Committee, the press and the public be excluded from all meetings due to the sensitive and confidential nature of the business that is transacted as it relates to employees of the Town Council'*
- 4(b) *It is proposed that an additional sentence be added to Standing Order 4(b) to read, 'In the case of the Personnel Committee, Councillors who are not members of the Committee may not attend meetings in an observer capacity due to the nature of the business transacted by the Committee'*

A Member queried the necessity to change Town Council's Standing Orders as all Members were bound by the code of conduct. Another Member requested clarification on when the Standing Orders will be amended.

A vote ensued: 6 For, 2 Against, 2 Abstentions

**It was resolved to amend Town Council Standing Orders as per 3(d) and 4(b) above.**

- 10 Invitation to attend a Welsh Government Engagement Event on the Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill and Explanatory Memorandum – 2.2.16 at Liberty Stadium, Swansea [Circ]**

**Town Council resolved that any Member wishing to attend the above Welsh Government Engagement Event, as an approved duty, notify the Clerk by 15.1.16.**

- 11 To Note Invitation to Regeneration and Redevelopment Consultation Events as part of Mon CC Urban Design Project – Unit 31 (Old Morgan Travel) Newport Road, Saturday 9.1.16 and Tuesday 12.1.16 – emailed to Members 7.1.15**

Town Council noted the above invitation from Mon CC.

- 12 Resolved – 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:**

- a) Welsh Government – New Year 2017 Honours List NB: NOMINATIONS  
CONFIDENTIAL [Circ]**

**Town Council resolved that any Member wishing to nominate for New Years 2017 Honours List notify the Clerk by 29.1.16**

- b) To Consider further costs from Paul Egan, One Voice Wales**

**Town Council resolved to accept future estimated costs from Paul Egan, One Voice Wales and to request more detailed information on submission of final invoice.**

The meeting closed at 6.50pm

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Mayor/Deputy Mayor