

## CALDICOT TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of Planning and Resources Committee held at 6.35 pm on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at Caldicot Town Council

**Present:** Cllrs: D Evans, Mayor  
D Ashwin [left 7.25pm]  
J Bond  
A Easson  
E Harvey  
R J Higginson [left 7.45pm]

A Lloyd  
A Perrett  
R Stewart  
P Watts  
S Webb

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

#### 1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs C Ashwin, K Harris, J Haskey, V Lloyd, M Stevens

#### 2 Declarations of Interest

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

**Cllrs J Bond, A Easson, D Evans and R J Higginson declared an interest in item 5**

**Cllr A Lloyd declared an interest in Plan DC/2010/01152**

**Cllrs J Bond, A Easson, D Evans, R J Higginson and S Webb declared an interest in item 8(a)**

#### 3 Planning Applications Received [Displayed]

**DC/2010/01152 [Amended\*]:** Conversion of house to four flats – 63 Sandy Lane, Caldicot

**\*Vehicular access relocated**

**TC Refused\***

**\*Pollution/Noise from vehicles**

**Detrimental to properties at rear**

**Splay/dropped kerb wide enough?**

**Is the building listed?**

A recorded vote was requested:

Against: Cllrs AE/EH/RJH/AP/PW/SW

Abstentions: Cllrs DA/JP/DE/AL/RS

**Cllr D Ashwin requested it be recorded that he took no part in the discussion or vote in Plan DC/2010/01152**

#### 4 Mon CC Planning Decisions

##### i) Refusal of Planning Permission

**DC/2010/00206:** Two storey dwelling with integral garage and off-road parking Plot adjacent to Ash Cottage, Mill Lane, Caldicot

**TC App 8.3.11**

##### ii) Planning Committee Agenda 12.4.11 – For Information

Town Council noted the above planning information from Mon CC.

**Cllr D Evans, Mayor, declared an interest in the following item and left the room**

*In the absence of Cllr D Evans, Cllrs A Easson and D Ashwin were nominated to chair the following item. A vote ensued and Cllr D Ashwin was elected chairperson*

**5 To consider response from Mon CC re: Referendum [b/f TC 30.3.11]**

It was proposed and seconded to convene a public meeting in this matter.

A vote ensued and a recorded vote was requested:

For: [Unanimous] - Cllrs DA/AE/JB/EH/RJH/AL/AP/RS/PW/SW

**It was resolved to convene a public meeting in this matter.**

A discussion ensued on the undertaking of a public meeting and the following items were discussed:

- Clerk to arrange a suitable date and venue for a public meeting - minimum 7 clear days notice required
- Mon CC timescales should a referendum be required
- forthcoming by-election and Welsh Assembly elections
- Easter holiday period
- advertising/publicity – TC noticeboard, press release
- venue – Gray Hill hall, Choir Hall, Leisure Centre [DA/GM to arrange]
- Caldicot residents only permitted to vote
- provision of electoral registers
- checking of public attending against electoral registers
- Mon CC currently pursuing sale of land
- absence of Clerk 28.4.11 – **Clerk to request Chepstow Town Clerk attend**
- Chairperson of public meeting

**It was resolved to convene a public meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2011 for the purpose of considering the sale of Caldicot School fields**

*The Mayor resumed the chair.*

**6 To consider the inclusion of traffic calming at Beech Road and Birbeck Road in Mon CC Road Safety Strategy [b/f TC 30.3.11]**

A Dewstow Ward Member queried the necessity for traffic calming measures in Beech Road and Birbeck Road. It was stated that the amount of parked cars, particularly along Birbeck Road, created a “natural obstacle course” for drivers.

A discussion ensued and it was stated that speeding drivers in the town was a matter for the Police and that traffic calming “cushions” were being removed in parts of Chepstow.

It was stated that the local County Council Member would be presenting a petition for traffic calming measures to Mon CC on behalf of residents in the area.

**It was resolved:**

- i) **to request Mon CC Highways Department undertake an assessment of traffic at Beech Road and Birbeck Road**
- ii) **to invite Inspector Walker to Town Council meeting 27.4.11 re: speeding vehicles in the town.**

**7 To Consider One Voice Wales [OVW] Training Re: Code of Conduct**

**It was resolved to accept training via OVW in relation to the Code of Conduct at its usual cost [£350 + VAT]**

**8 Committee – It was resolved to exclude 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**

**It was resolved to consider item (b) prior to item (a) below.**

**b) To consider costs for area of safety surfacing for play equipment at entrance to King George V Playing Fields [KGVPF]**

Following Town Council’s request for costs for safety surfacing with no gaps in order to reconsider play equipment for teenagers to be installed at the entrance to KGVPF, the Clerk read out correspondence received from Taylor Made Play referring to the expense of providing such surfacing and that it was usual for the money to be put into the actual play items.

**It was resolved to obtain 3 quotations for agility trail play equipment for teenagers at the entrance to KGVPF**

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

**a) To Consider costs and options for the purchase of Royal Wedding Memorabilia for Primary School Children in Caldicot**

Town Council considered costs for Royal Wedding memorabilia book marks and mugs.

**It was resolved to purchase 1000 Royal Wedding memorabilia mugs for primary school children in Caldicot at a total cost of £2,750 + VAT**

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

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Mayor/Deputy Mayor