

DC/2011/00335: Installation of loading door – Unit 15 Symondscliffe Way, Severnbridge Industrial Estate, Caldicot **TC App 10.5.11**

DC/2011/00378: Advertisement Consent – Sign - Unit 15 Symondscliffe Way, Severn Bridge Ind Est, Caldicot **TC App 25.5.11**

DC/2011/00470: Erection of a single storey front elevation porch and garage extension – 39 Blackbird Road, Caldicot **TC App 14.6.11**

ii) Planning Committee Agenda 28.6.11, 12.7.11 – for Information

Town Council noted Planning information (i) and (ii) above from Mon CC.

6. Twinning

The Mayor advised Members of an official invitation received after despatch of the agenda, for a delegation of 12 persons representing Town Council, members of clubs and associations and teachers to visit Morières in September. The Mayor also advised that she had contacted the schools for expressions of interest in time for a response before the summer closure.

It was stated that any associated costs for travel and hotel accommodation, if required, would be borne by those wishing to participate.

It was resolved that any interested Members advise the Clerk by 26.7.11.

Cllr R J Higginson declared an interest in Caldicot RFC.

The meeting closed at 7.15pm

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Mayor/Deputy Mayor

Appendix A

3 To Suspend Proceedings – Mr Tom James, Mon CC Area Services Officer Abergavenny re: Caldicot Market

The Mayor welcomed Messrs Tom James and Alan Browne to the meeting.

Mr James stated he was undertaking a review of markets in Monmouthshire in order to formulate a report on the future of markets and welcomed Town Council's views on the matter.

The following items were discussed:

- Survey of public and traders undertaken at all Monmouthshire market sites
- Previously each town managed its own market
- What does Caldicot market mean to Town Council?
- Feasibility of outsourcing the running of markets – no plans to outsource markets at present
- Caldicot market more popular on Tuesday than Saturday
- Saturday market -7 stalls [average] compared to 17 on Tuesdays [average]
- Markets provide social interaction and low cost produce
- Caldicot market profitable to Mon CC
- Markets create increase in footfall to town centres
- Generally people buy food products from markets
- Concerns expressed re: competition for existing traders in the town
- Stall costs: £12.50 - £47.00 depending on size compared to average shop rates
- Standard of facilities in the town
- Identified need to work with Tourism department
- Possibility of more involvement with local farmers?
- Farmers appear to want to work with like-minded rather than general markets
- Farmers' market held at Caldicot Rugby Club failed due to lack of interest – possibly not the most suitable location
- Farmers tend to gravitate to larger farmers' markets
- Continental market held in Town Centre in past
- Craft markets
- Markets important to communities they serve

Members noted the report would be made available around September 2011.

The Mayor thanked Messrs James and Brown for addressing the meeting.