

CALDICOT TOWN COUNCIL

**Sandy Lane
Caldicot**

**Minutes of the meeting of Planning Committee held at 6.30 pm on Tuesday, 13th February 2007 at
Caldicot Day Luncheon Centre**

PRESENT:

Cllrs J Daniels, Mayor	R J Higginson
D Ashwin	J Marshall
E Davies	R Stewart
A Easson	P Tidmarsh
D Evans	K Thomas
J Haskey	

In attendance: G McIntyre, A Sandiford, Member of Public

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs C Babb, J Harris and D Jones

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr R Stewart declared an interest in planning matters

Cllr A Easson declared an interest in Item 7 - Caldicot Castle

Cllr R J Higginson declared an interest in Item 8 - Caldicot Cemetery

Cllrs R J Higginson and Cllr J Marshall declared an interest in Item 10(d) - Caldicot Cemetery

Further declarations to be identified under the relevant item

**3. To Approve the Minutes of Planning Committee as Part of Full Town Council Meeting
Held Wednesday, 31st January 2007 [CIRC]**

The Minutes were approved as a true record.

4. Planning Committee

A) Planning Applications Received [Displayed]

DC/2006/01424: Widening of driveway to 4.5M (existing driveway is 3.22M wide) – 34 Budden Crescent, Caldicot **TC Approved**

B) Mon CC Planning Information [Displayed]

i) Express Consent to Display an Advertisement

DC/2006/01247: Illuminated Fascia and Projecting Signs - Lloyds TSB, 25 Newport Road, Caldicot

ii) List of Registered Planning Applications Received

06.01.07 – 12.01.07

13.01.07 – 19.01.07

20.01.07 – 26.01.07

iii) Mon CC Planning Agenda 6.2.07 – For Information

Town Council noted Planning Information (i) to (iii) above from Mon Cc

5. Churchill Retirement Living – Request for Pre-Consultation Meeting re: 125 Newport Road [Circ]

Town Council considered a request from Churchill Retirement Living to present initial proposals for the development of the above site.

Members reiterated objections for development at the site, ie access issues onto main road/ traffic lights, insufficient parking and out of keeping with surrounding area.

It was resolved to decline the request from Churchill Retirement Living to make presentation to Town Council.

Cllr J Marshall wished it recorded he abstained from voting in this matter.

6. Girlguiding – Invitation to Thinking Day Service – 3pm, Sunday 18th February 2006 at Portskewett Church Hall

Town Council noted the above invitation from Girlguiding.

7. Mon CC Address to Town Council re: Caldicot Castle [b/f TC 31.1.07] – awaiting response

The Clerk advised Members she had been requested by Mon CC to obtain times and dates to meet with Town Council.

It was stated that a meeting with Mon CC was urgent for consideration to be given to the Castle being opened on 1st March 2007. The Mayor and Clerk clarified the statutory three days clear notice required to call a meeting.

It was proposed and seconded that Town Council send a delegation of four Members to County Hall as soon as possible to meet with Mr Andrew Keep, Director of Lifelong Learning and Leisure [or a representative able to make decisions] and Cllr Liz Hacket Pain, Cabinet Member, in order to progress this matter and report to Town Council meeting 28.2.07.

Cllrs P Tidmarsh, D Evans expressed an interest in representing Town Council.

It was resolved:

- a) **that the Clerk investigate possible time and date for a delegation of four Members to meet with Lifelong Learning and Leisure at County Hall as soon as possible.**
- b) **to request dates for Mon CC to address Town Council on this matter as soon as possible if (a) was unacceptable.**

Cllrs A Easson and R J Higginson declared an interest in this matter.

Cllr J Marshall wished it recorded he abstained from voting in this matter.

8. Caldicot Cemetery

- a) **To Arrange Meeting to Consider Ombudsman’s Report ‘Memorial Safety in Local Authority Cemeteries’**

Town Council resolved to consider the above Ombudsman Report at Planning Committee 13.3.07.

Cllr R J Higginson declared an interest in this matter and was permitted to remain in the room during the discussion.

Proceedings were suspended to allow the Trustees of King George V Playing Fields consider the following item:

9. To Note Caldicot Bowls Club application for CEDS grant re: disabled access to bowls pavillion

Noted

Normal proceedings were resumed

10. Committee – To consider exclusion of 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

1. To Consider Health & Safety Cttee recommendations and to approve quotations – Cllr JD

1) Installation of distress alarms in disabled toilets

It was resolved to accept quotation for £360 to install distress alarms to the disabled toilets at DLC.

Cllr J Marshall wished it recorded he abstained from voting in this matter.

2) DLC Loop System

It was resolved to defer this item to Town Council meeting 28.2.07.

3) To Consider Allotment Areas:

i) Fence at Sandy Lane/Oakley Way

Three options were offered in relation to Sandy Lane fence:

- 1) take no action
- 2) precept for 1/3 of the total cost of the fence over three years and install completely following the third year [NB: Town & Community elections 2008]
- 3) undertake the work in three stages over three years

ii) Additional Plots at Oakley Way

It was resolved:

- i) to defer fence at Sandy Lane allotments to Town Council meeting 28.2.07 pending further quotations for new fence to include rear and left of entrance**
- ii) to accept 50/50% partnership with Mon CC to replace fence at Oakley Way allotments [Total cost £2,380]**
- iii) to reinstate additional plots at Oakley Way allotments**

4) Cemetery – Moles

It was resolved to accept quotation for one year contract at a cost of £360 from P&P Pest Control to eradicate moles from the Cemetery.

Cllrs R J Higginson and J Marshall declared an interest in this matter

The meeting closed at 7.10pm

Mayor/Deputy Mayor