

CALDICOT TOWN COUNCIL

Sandy Lane
Caldicot

Minutes of the meeting of Planning Committee held at 6.30 pm on Tuesday, 13th June 2006 at Caldicot Day Luncheon Centre

PRESENT:

Cllrs D Ashwin, Deputy Mayor	R J Higginson
E Davies	J Haskey
D Evans	R Stewart [left 8pm]
J Harris	P Tidmarsh

In attendance: G McIntyre, A Sandiford

In the absence of the Mayor, Cllr D Ashwin, Deputy Mayor chaired the meeting.

It was resolved to consider an urgent item of business in relation to the bowls green mower in Committee following item 6.

Cllr R Stewart introduced Cllr E Hacket-Pain and it was agreed that Cllr Hacket-Pain also update Members on Summer Playscheme 2006.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs J Daniels, C Babb, D Jones and K Thomas

2. To Suspend Proceedings – Cllr Elizabeth J Hacket Pain, Cabinet Member, Mon CC address to Town Council re: Caldicot Castle

See Appendix A

3. Declarations of Interest

The Clerk was requested to clarify declarations of interest for Town Council representatives on outside bodies. Cllr J Harris stated he had received a dispensation in connection with the Regeneration Group. Members were referred to the Monitoring Officer in relation to obtaining dispensations.

Cllr R Stewart declared an interest in Planning Matters

Cllr P Tidmarsh declared an interest in Item 6

Further declarations of interest to be made under the relevant item

4. Planning Applications [Displayed]

Plan 2006/00051: Single Storey Domestic Extension – 5 Ebley Gardens, Caldicot **TC Approved**

Plan 2006/00289: Erection of Conservatory at rear of property – 10 Shakespeare Drive, Caldicot **TC Approved**

Cllrs J Harris and R J Higginson declared an interest in Plan 2006/00289

Plan M/12018 [Amended]: Erection of Detached Dwelling – Land Adjacent to 4 Ebbw Road, Caldicot **TC Refused***

Town Council re-iterated its previous decision ie

- **Loss of 20+ years established public access**
- **Out of keeping with surrounding properties**

[Vote: 1 For: 4 Against]

5. Section 14 – Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

Mon CC Sandy Lane Caldicot 20mph zone – Traffic Regulation Order 2006 and Traffic Calming Speed Cushions

Town Council approved the above Road Traffic Regulation Order.

Cllrs D Evans and J Harris declared an interest in this item

6. To Consider Contribution to Caldicot Regeneration Group Re: Caldicot Shopmobility Scheme following receipt of Breakdown of Costs requested by Town Council 31.5.06 [CIRC]

Town Council considered breakdown of costs in relation to the proposed Shopmobility scheme for Caldicot.

Cllr P Tidmarsh requested Town Council underwrite the Shopmobility scheme to a “certain amount”.

It was stated that Shopmobility schemes in Abergavenny, Chepstow and Monmouth were funded by Mon CC and Members were unhappy with the apparent discrimination against Caldicot.

Reference was made to the forthcoming Severnside Area Committee meeting which allowed for public participation when members of the public could pose questions to the Severnside Area Manager.

It was resolved to defer this item to Town Council meeting 28.6.06 pending the outcome of grant applications.

Cllr P Tidmarsh declared an interest in this matter.

7. Committee

Cllr Ashwin advised Members in relation to the bowls green mower and stated an Extremely Urgent Meeting had been called following the meeting held at DLC 10am on Friday 9.6.06. The Clerk advised that correct procedures had not been followed as the meeting did not comprise of the Extremely Urgent Cttee and therefore the decision to purchase a bowls green mower and could subsequently not be ratified by Town Council. It was clarified that prior to the Annual Meeting 2006 the Extremely Urgent Cttee comprised of Mayor, Deputy + 1 Cllr but had been changed at the Annual Meeting to comprise of Mayor, Deputy + 1 Cllr (Personnel Cttee).

Cllr R Stewart left the meeting at this point

Members considered the purchase of a replacement bowls green mower. The Clerk pointed out that at Town Council 26.4.06 it was resolved not to purchase a mower. It was stated that in view of the height of the bowling season, age of the mower and advice being given about cross contamination between greens a new mower should be purchased. The Clerk advised that information received from STRI and Mon CC was that cross contamination was highly unlikely.

It was confirmed that monies had been set aside in Estimates Cttee for a replacement bowls green mower.

It was resolved to accept the cheapest tender received for the purchase of a bowls green mower [£2,800 + VAT], subject to notification to audit].

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Mayor/Deputy Mayor

Appendix A

2. To Suspend Proceedings – Cllr Elizabeth J Hacket Pain, Cabinet Member, Mon CC address to Town Council re: Caldicot Castle

Cllr E Hacket Pain thanked Members for the invitation to attend the meeting to listen to concerns, answer questions and further investigate issues on behalf of Town Council.

As a result of cuts within Mon CC budget, services in Monmouthshire were being cut.

Caldicot Castle

Caldicot Castle opening hours to be brought into line with Abergavenny and other museums in Monmouthshire – Proposed opening times for 2006 - Easter/1st April (whichever is soonest) – end September

Full events and acts during summer period to continue. Special events – Halloween, fireworks, Victorian Xmas to continue.

All educational visits to continue October – March.

Medieval Banquets and the Wedding Service to remain unaffected.

Members considered marketing and promotion of Caldicot, particularly the Castle was being neglected – Cllr Hacket Pain to explore promotion for Caldicot.

Cllr R J Higginson submitted letter on behalf of County Councillors to Cllr Hacket Pain in relation to the Caldicot Castle and the possibility of alternative proposals concerning the proposed closing times of the Castle. – Cllr Hacket Pain to investigate possibility of shorter days to extend the opening times of the Castle.

It was stated that CADW was responsible for castles and museums and promotion and marketing for these facilities was greater than for Caldicot Castle – Brown signage was referred to – Cllr Hacket Pain to investigate via Welsh Assembly

The requirement of lighting at Caldicot Castle was referred to – Cllr Hacket Pain to investigate under health and safety.

Reference was made to the feasibility of Caldicot Castle being turned into a charitable trust to enable grant application and to allow for proceeds to be put back into the Castle. – Cllr Hacket Pain to investigate this matter

It was stated that the people of Caldicot should be consulted in relation to any proposed changes concerning Caldicot Castle.

Reference was made to Abergavenny's 'Pop in the Park' family festival scheduled for Summer 2006 and anticipated to draw in 10,000 people to the town. It was stated that Caldicot would also welcome such a family festival.

Consultation issues were discussed and in relation to budgetary cuts Members were referred to take this issue up with Colin Berg.

Playscheme

Cllr Hacket Pain outlined the proposals for Summer Playscheme 2006 following the £60,000 deficit from 2005.

Shorter sessions for under 5's and 5-7 year olds and sessions for 8-11 year olds for a period of 5 weeks [previously 4 weeks].

Reference was made to costs for CRB checks for workers and to the backlog in obtaining certificates.

It was noted that Playscheme would be discussed at Town Council meeting 28.6.06

Cllr Ashwin thanked Cllr Hacket Pain for addressing Town Council

It was agreed to send a thank you letter to Cllr Hacket Pain