

**Minutes of Planning and Resources Committee held at 6pm on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2011 at Caldicot Town Council**

**Present:** Cllrs: A Easson, Deputy Mayor                      R J Higginson  
                    J Bond [left 7pm]    A Perrett [6.20pm]  
                    W Conniff    R Stewart  
                    D Evans    P Watts  
                    K Harris    S Webb  
                    E Harvey

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

*In the absence of the Mayor, Cllr A Easson, Deputy Mayor took the chair.*

**1 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs D Ashwin A Lloyd, V Lloyd, M Stevens

**2 Suspended Proceedings – Mr Alastair Pettigrew, Senior Project Manager, Veolia  
Re: Proposed Energy Recovery Facility within the Llanwern Steelworks Complex.**

See Appendix A

**3 To Note Meeting with Newport Action Group, 1pm on Tuesday 13.12.11 at TC Offices**

Town Council noted the above meeting with Newport Action Group.

**4 Declarations of Interest - To be identified under the relevant item/Forms to be completed  
Cllr D Evans declared an interest in planning matters.**

**5 Planning Applications Received [Displayed]**

**DC/2011/01107:** Orangery to north east elevation – 21 Heol Towy, Caldicot                      **TC Approved**

**6 To Consider LGA s137 Grant Applications – [See Committee for Accounts] [Circ]**

**a) To Note S137 Grant Policy/Expenditure to date – for information [Circ] - Noted**

**i) Bobath Children’s Therapy Centre**

Town Council considered an application for grant from Bobath Children’s Therapy Centre.

**It was resolved to donate £300 to Bobath Children’s Therapy Centre**

**ii) Caldicot Girlguiding UK**

Town Council considered an application for £500 grant for removal and renewal of rear Headquarters pergola.

**It was resolved to donate £500 to Caldicot Girlguiding UK.**

**Cllr R J Higginson declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion.**

**iii) Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru**

Town Council considered an application for grant from Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru.

**It was resolved to donate £100 to Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru**

**iv) Abergavenny Eisteddfod**

Town Council considered an application for £100 grant from Abergavenny Eisteddfod.

**It was resolved to donate £100 to Abergavenny Eisteddfod**

**v) Elim Pentecostal Church**

Town Council considered an application for grant for the erection of steel fencing around the Elim Pentecostal Church.

**It was resolved to agree in principle to a donation and defer this item to the next round of s137 grant applications [March 2012] pending an update in relation to planning application submitted by the Church and contributions from other sources.**

**vi) Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod**

Town Council considered an application for £50 grant from Abergavenny Eisteddfod.

**It was resolved to donate £50 to Abergavenny Eisteddfod**

**7 To Note No Full Town Council meeting December 2011: Office Closure 23.12.11 – 2.1.12 [inc]**

Town Council noted the office closure during the Christmas period.

**8 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) See Item 6 above – Group Accounts**

See Item 6 above

The meeting closed at 7.15pm

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Mayor/Deputy Mayor

## APPENDIX A

### 2 **Suspended Proceedings – Mr Alastair Pettigrew, Senior Project Manager, Veolia Re: Proposed Energy Recovery Facility within the Llanwern Steelworks Complex.**

The Deputy Mayor welcomed Mr Pettigrew to the meeting. Mr Pettigrew thanked Town Council for the invitation and opportunity to explain the proposed project at Llanwern Steelworks complex. Mr Pettigrew introduced Veolia and its experience in waste management in the UK and worldwide.

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The following items were discussed:

- Project in conjunction with 5 Local Authorities in South East Wales for household waste
- The process for the proposed energy recovery facility was explained
- Use of waste to produce electricity and steam to local industry, particularly steelworks who would benefit from substantially reduced energy costs
- Similar facilities currently operating in the UK – various locations
- If scheme is successful, construction works will commence in 2013 with an anticipated 36 months installation programme.
- Veolia capital investment of £200 million over 25 years
- Planning application submitted to Newport CC – anticipated decision by May/June 2012
- Reasons for choice of location were explained
- Stringent Environment Agency compliance throughout
- Emissions governed by Waste Incineration Directive and continuous monitoring to be checked by Environment Agency
- Most heavily policed area of industry
- Air quality monitoring undertaken over past year
- Up to date on-line data available on Veolia website
- 24/7 operation [shut down for approx 10 days each year]
- Delivery of waste: approx 70/day - between 7am-9pm Mon – Fri and Sat mornings
- Undertaking of up to 210 tons of waste from Councils
- Waste holding stations in Cardiff
- No nuclear, hazardous, medical or industrial waste
- Commercial waste to separate facility
- Lagoons not compatible for fish at the site
- Health screening for staff – no more danger than any other industrial facility
- No impact on proposed new housing in area
- Future recycling targets of 70% taken into account
- Relationship with environmental groups – plans for liaison group
- Rail transport not suitable for this site
- Open invitation for Members to view similar facility in UK

Mr Pettigrew stated Veolia believed its proposals for an energy recovery facility at Llanwern were the most advanced, safest and most cost effective way to deal with waste management in Wales.

The Deputy Mayor thanked Mr Pettigrew for addressing Members