

CALDICOT TOWN COUNCIL

Sandy Lane
Caldicot

Minutes of Caldicot Town Council held at 6.30pm on Wednesday 31st March 2010 at Caldicot Town Council

Present: Cllrs: D Evans, Mayor
P Watts, Deputy Mayor
C Ashwin
D Ashwin
J Bond
A Easson
K Harris
E Harvey
J Haskey [left 7.35 pm]
R J Higginson
V Lloyd [7.10 pm]
A Perrett
R Stewart [6.40pm]
S Webb

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

8371 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr M Stevens

8372 Declarations of Interest – to be identified under the relevant item

Cllr D Evans declared an interest in Planning matters

Cllr A Perrett declared an interest in Gwent Energy

Cllrs D Evans and R J Higginson declared an interest in Min 8382 (a) and (b)

8373 Suspended Proceedings

i) Gwent Energy

See Appendix B

ii) Caldicot Police

See Appendix A

8374 Open Forum for Public Participation

The following issues were discussed in the public open forum:

- Objections to Plan DC/2010/00066
- Town Council's view on Mon CC proposals to close Budden Crescent respite facility – **Members agreed to support Budden Crescent respite facility urging Mon CC to re-consider its position - DE to convene a meeting with MCC and invite local councils in this matter**
- Condition of road surface along Church Road
- Recent fall as a result of road surface in Church Road - **It was agreed to request Mon CC Highways address Town Council 28.4.10 – DE to make enquiries re: discrepancies of timings re: works along Church Road advised by Mon CC and Wales & West Utilities**
- Playing of golf in the area of Caldicot rugby club playing fields.

8375 To Approve the Minutes of Full Town Council Meeting 24th February 2010

[Circ]

a) Mayor to Sign the Minutes

The Minutes were approved as a true record and duly signed by the Mayor.

8376 To Approve the Minutes of Planning and Resources Committee 9th March 2010

[Circ]

a) Mayor to Sign the Minutes

The Minutes were approved as a true record and duly signed by the Mayor.

8377 Correspondence [Circulated unless marked*]

*** (1) Urdd Gobaith Cymru Appreciation for £50 donation**

Town Council noted the appreciation for donation from Urdd Gobaith Cymru

*** (1a) Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru Appreciation for £50 donation**

Town Council noted the appreciation for donation from Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru

*** (1b) Llangollen Int'l Musical Eisteddfod Appreciation for £50 donation**

Town Council noted the appreciation for donation from Llangollen Int'l Musical Eisteddfod

*** (2) Plotholder Sandy Lane Allotments Request to erect shed on Plot 18**

Town Council approved a request to site a shed at Plot 2 Sandy Lane allotments.

(3) Mon CC Caldicot Foodstore

Town Council considered correspondence from Môr Hafren Area Committee requesting Town Council's proposals in relation to regeneration of the town following a Member's update to the committee advising of a "lack of interest from Town Council".

Members expressed concerns over incorrect comments of "lack of interest from the Town Council" made in County Cllr Webb's correspondence and wished to know which Member had misinformed the Môr Hafren Area Committee of Town Council's stance on regeneration of the town centre.

Reference was made to Town Council's recent negotiations with Mr Rick Longford, Mon CC Economic Development Manager in this matter and to a meeting being arranged by Mr Longford with landlords, Town Council etc in relation to regeneration of the town centre.

It was resolved:

- i) to request from County Cllr A Webb which Member had misinformed Môr Hafren Area Committee regarding regeneration of the town**
- ii) to chase up progress with Rick Longford in this matter**

(4) Welsh Assembly Government [WAG] To note written Statement by WAG

Town Council noted written Statement by WAG.

(5) Caldicot School To note copy letter to resident

Town Council noted the Headteacher's response to a resident in relation to concerns of litter in the vicinity of Caldicot School.

It was resolved to bring forward Item 8384 and consider in conjunction with the following item:

(6) Resident Re: Lane from Castle Lea – Church Road

Town Council considered a request for regular cleaning and provision of a dog waste bin at the lane from Castle Lea to Church Road. It was stated that cleaning was the responsibility of Mon CC.

A discussion ensued regarding dog fouling and Members requested if additional bins could be placed around the town.

Members were advised of the cost for supply of each dog waste bin at £176 plus installation and emptying costs on top.

It was resolved:

- i) to purchase a further 5 dog waste bins at a cost of £176.00 + VAT each**
- ii) to forward a copy of the correspondence to Mon CC Environmental Health Dept.**
- iii) to request Mon CC Enforcement Officer purge Caldicot in relation to dog fouling**

8377 (7) Mon CC

To note response re: pavement between library and rear Chappell's Chemist

Town Council resolved to chase up repair to the above damaged footpath via Mon CC

(8) Mon CC

Re: Cemetery Path

Town Council considered correspondence from a member of the public regarding unsightly trafficking marks caused by grave digging machinery at the cemetery. It was stated that two funerals had been held on the same day in extremely wet weather.

It was resolved to defer this item to Planning & Resources Committee 13.4.10.

(9) Mon CC

To note response re: Church Road

Town Council considered response from Mon CC in relation to Church Road, advising of utility works being brought forward prior to resurfacing works.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the state of Church Road and Mon CC's efforts to fill in pot holes rather than resurface areas more adequately.

Members were unhappy with information obtained from the Open Forum of a further delay of eleven weeks for completion of gas works prior to resurfacing and requested Mon CC investigate this matter

Members expressed a vote of no confidence in Mon CC Highways Department

It was resolved:

- i) to write to Mon CC to express a vote of no confidence in the Highways Department.**
- ii) to request Mon CC investigate this matter**

(10) Mon CC

Re: Provision of Public Conveniences in Monmouthshire

Town Council considered correspondence from Mon CC in relation to the review of public conveniences in Monmouthshire.

A discussion ensued and it was stated that the provision of public conveniences was the responsibility of Mon CC.

It was resolved to accept the offer to meet with Cllr Saxon and Officers in this matter.

8377 (11) Resident

Re: Play Area KGVPF

Town Council considered correspondence from a resident advising of post school teenagers using King George V Playing Field play area.

A discussion ensued and reference was made to facilities at The Zone and other youth clubs in the town.

It was resolved to defer this item to Planning & Resources Committee 13.4.10

(12) Mon CC

To nominate Minor Authority Representative on Temporary Governing Body of New Caldicot Primary School

Nominations were received for Cllrs J Haskey and S Webb.

A vote ensued: Cllr Haskey [7] – Cllr Webb [7]. The Mayor used his casting vote

It was resolved to nominate Cllr S Webb on Temporary Governing Body of New Caldicot Primary School

8378 Publications, Minutes, Etc [Displayed] – To Note available Town Council Office

[A] NALC	Direct Info Service Issues 728 – 730 [inc]
[B] Plus Publishing Service	Local Council's Update Issue 125
[C] Clerks & Councils Direct	March 2010 Issue 68
[D] Gwent CHC Mon Area Cttee	Agenda/Minutes 9.3.10
[E] Caldicot Medical Group	Agenda/Minutes 8.3.10
[F] National Association of Councillors	Agenda/Minutes 27.3.10
[G] Local Council Review	Spring 2010
[H] Mon CC	"Life In Rural Communities" – Winter 2010
[I] Mon CC Môr Hafren Area Cttee	Agenda/Minutes 10.3.10

Town Council noted Publications [A] to [I] above, available in Town Council office

8379 Planning [Displayed]

A) Planning Applications Received

DC/2009/00736: To relocate children's play equipment within public house's cartilage – The Castle Inn, Church Road, Caldicot **TC Approved**

DC/2010/00066: Residential dwelling & garage – Adj Upper House, Church Road, Caldicot **TC Refused***

***Residential amenity
Scale
Congestion**

DC/2010/00141: Erection of 2 no semi detached dwellings (outline – Land at rear of 63 Longcroft Road, Caldicot **TC Approved**

Cllr R J Higginson declared an interest in Plan DC/2010/00141

DC/2010/00157: Retrospective planning permission for a boundary fence – 34 Budden Crescent, Caldicot **TC Approved**

DC/2010/00168: To remove existing trees and fences to front and side of property behind existing wall – 1 Woodstock Way, Caldicot **TC Approved**

8379 B) Correspondence from M J Crowther & Associates re: Housing Development at Garthalan Drive, Caldicot – Plan DC/2010/00084: Outline Planning Permission – Residential Development (outline) – Land at Garthalan Drive, Caldicot **TC Ref 24.2.10***

*** Contamination issues on the land**

*** Impact on flooding issues**

Town Council considered correspondence from the agent re: Plan DC/2010/00084.

It was resolved to request Mon CC defer a decision in this matter pending completion of a full environmental study, at which time Town Council would like to be re-consulted.

Cllrs D Evans and R Stewart declared an interest in Planning Matters

8380 Mon CC Planning Information

i) Planning Permissions

DC/2009/00444: Two storey extension to side and single storey sunroom to rear; detached store room to rear; single storey extension to front (retention and completion of revised scheme) – 2 Fitzwalter Road, Caldicot **TC App 27.5.09**

DC/2009/00527: Replacement of roof covering to side extension from corrugated asbestos cement to natural slates – Llanthony Secunda Manor, Church Road, Caldicot **TC App 24.6.09***

***Observations – roofing materials to be appropriate to type of building**

DC/2009/00875: New single storey four classroom block linked to existing building – Castle Park Primary School, Church Road, Caldicot - *Amended details - reduction in the size of the proposed extension with subsequent alterations to the floor plans* **TC Ref 25.11.09***

***Not acceptable to reduce number of classrooms from 4 to 3**

ii) Refusal of Planning Permission

DC/2009/00877/NEW: Erection of a two bedroom dwelling house – Land adjacent to 27 The Avenue, Caldicot **TC App 13.10.09**

iii) Withdrawal of Planning Applications

DC/2009/01124: Change of use from A1 (shops) to A3 (food and drink) – 33 Newport Road, Caldicot **TC App 27.1.10**

DC/2009/00466: Proposed first floor and single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling (already approved); new chimney stack in lieu of flue – 36 Church Road, Caldicot **TC App 9.6.09**

iv) New/Completed Enforcement Cases: 1.2.10 – 28.2.10

v) Planning Committee Agendas 16.3.10, 30.3.10 – For Information

Town Council noted Planning Information (i) to (iv) above from Mon CC.

8381 Finance [Circ]

A) To Approve Updated Cheque List Schedule March 2010

Town Council resolved to approve the updated Cheque List Schedule as circulated.

B) To Consider Renewal of One Voice Wales Membership 2010 - £1,009

Town Council resolved to renew membership of One Voice Wales at a cost of £1,009

8381 C) To Consider LGA 1972 Section 137 Applications for Grant

i) Caldicot Community Carnival

Town Council considered a request for £2,000 donation from Caldicot Community Carnival towards the annual May Fayre [formerly Caldicot Carnival]

It was resolved to donate £2,000 to Caldicot Community Carnival

Cllrs D Evans and P Watts declared an interest in this matter

ii) Gwent Levels Flood Defence Alliance [GLFDA]

Town Council considered a request for £100 donation from GLFDA for office support

It was resolved to donate £100 to GLFDA

iii) Caldicot & District Local History Society

Town Council considered a request for £1000 donation from Caldicot & District Local History Society towards new IT and audio equipment for the group.

It was proposed and seconded to donate £500

An Amendment was proposed to donate £1,000

A vote ensued: For the Proposal [7] – For the Amendment [6]. The proposal was carried.

It was resolved to donate £500 to Caldicot & District Local History Society

iv) Kidney Wales Foundation

Town Council considered a request for £100 donation from Kidney Wales Foundation

It was resolved to donate £100 to Kidney Wales Foundation

Standing Orders were called for 10 minutes during discussion of the following item

8382 Members Items of Business [Circ]

Cllr K Harris

a) Re: St David's Day Event at Caldicot Castle

Cllr K Harris referred to catering issues at the recent St David's Day Event held at Caldicot Castle.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding catering at the Castle for banquets and weddings. Members expressed concern at the length of time taking to replace the previous contractors and the detrimental effect this is having on the facilities offered at the Castle.

It was resolved to request facts from Mon CC surrounding the discontinuation of the previous catering contract and the future position with regard to banquets and weddings being held at the Castle.

Cllrs A Easson, D Evans, R J Higginson & R Stewart declared an interest in this matter

b) Request for address by Monmouthshire Housing Association [MHA] re: wardens

Cllr K Harris requested an update in relation to wardens at OAP complexes.

It was resolved to request MHA address Town Council with regard to any proposed plans for wardens in OAP complexes.

Cllr R J Higginson declared an interest in this matter

8383 KGVPF

- i) To Approve Notes of User Sub-Committee King George Playing Fields meeting with Caldicot FC – 12.3.10 [To follow]**

It was resolved to defer this item to Planning & Resources Committee 13.4.10.

- ii) To commence charges for allotments at KGVPF**

It was resolved to bring allotment rents at KGVPF in line with Sandy Lane and Oakley Way sites.

8384 To consider review of dog waste bins in the town [b/f 24.2.10]

See Item (6) above 8377

8385 Reports

- a) Town Council Representatives on Outside Bodies**

It was resolved to defer this item to Planning & Resources Committee 13.4.10.

- b) Governors**

There were no Governors' reports

- c) Other**

There were not other reports

8386 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

- i) Re: Tymperleys Nursery**

It was resolved to accept the request to extend the Nursery Rent for 1 year at no increase to the rental.

- ii) To renew computer maintenance/support + virus protection**

It was resolved to renew computer maintenance/support/virus protection for a further two years at a cost of £668.00 + VAT

- iii) To consider response from AFC re: 13(i) above [To follow]**

It was resolved to defer this item to Planning & Resources Committee 13.4.10

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

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Mayor/Deputy Mayor

APPENDIX A

8373 Suspended Proceedings

ii) Caldicot Police [15 mins]

Inspector J Walker introduced Sgt Roland Giles to the meeting.

Sgt Giles outlined in detail the biggest change to policing in the locality as a result of budget restrictions and best use of resources. Sgt Giles clarified the changes between the old system and new system.

Reference was made to the following:

- £7 million savings since April 09 as a result of re-organisations
- Policing Pledge
- Dedicated teams – Chepstow/Caldicot and Monmouth/Abergavenny areas
- Performances in Wales/UK
- Priorities for the area
- Anti-social Behaviour
- Policing statistics
- Continuation of working with Monmouthshire Housing Association/CSAT re: crime
- 1 hour response priority
- 50 more PCs in Monmouthshire than 2 months ago
- 1 radio channel for the whole of Monmouthshire
- No plans to remove main Police Stations from Monmouthshire towns.
- Introduction of mobile police offices in rural areas
- Police Surgeries – PACT meetings per Ward
- Follow-up scheme on routine basis

A Member commended PCSOs in Caldicot.

The Mayor thanked Caldicot Police for updating the meeting.

APPENDIX B

i) Gwent Energy [15 mins]

Mr Phil Powell introduced himself and colleague Chris Rascal from Gwent Energy and outlined issues re: funding, mainly due to lack of Government funds, for sea wall maintenance in order to prevent flooding in the area.

A feasibility study undertaken and proposals for 6 x 800kg turbines around the sea wall appear viable to produce sufficient energy/income after operational costs to maintain the sea wall.

Presentations have been made to local communities and a positive response has been received following these presentations.

The project comes within the jurisdiction of Newport City Council Planning Authority and Mon CC have viewed proposed plans

A Member referred to conflicting information in relation to the effectiveness of wind turbines.

Gwent Energy is sourcing funds for preparatory studies which are likely to take one year.

It was clarified that the Environment Agency was responsible for the sea wall.

Any further information in the proposed project can be obtained from Cllr A Perrett.

The Mayor thanked Gwent Energy for addressing Town Council.

Cllr A Perrett declared an interest in Gwent Energy who took no part in the presentation.