

CALDICOT TOWN COUNCIL

Sandy Lane
Caldicot

Minutes of Annual Meeting of Caldicot Town Council held at 6.30pm on Wednesday, 19th May 2010 at Town Council

Present: Cllrs: D Evans, Mayor [DE] J Haskey [left 7.35pm] [JH]
P Watts [PW] R J Higginson [RJH]
C Ashwin [CA] V Lloyd [VL]
D Ashwin [DA] A Perrett [AP]
J Bond [JB] M Stevens [MS]
A Easson [AE] R Stewart [RS]
K Harris [KH] K Thomas [KT]
E Harvey [EH] S Webb [SW]

In attendance: G McIntyre, A Sandiford, Members of the Public and Press

- 1. Apologies** - None
- 2. Declarations of Interest** – To be identified under the relevant item

Town Council refused a request to accept onto the agenda an item of correspondence in relation to Internal Committees.

- 3. To Note Minutes of Annual Meeting held 19th May 2009 approved TC 27.5.09** - Noted

4. Retiring Mayor, Cllr David Evans Address to Town Council

The Mayor stated he had had a stressful start to his year of office which had improved over the past 8 months and become more enjoyable as a result of less arguing and more business being conducted in the proper manner.

The Mayor wished to clarify newspaper reports and stated he had been reported to the Ombudsman who had referred the matter to the Standards Committee – **Cllrs A Easson and R J Higginson declared an interest**

The Mayor thanked Cllr P Watts, Deputy Mayor and Town Council staff for their support over the past 2 year of office.

The Mayor stated that out of all the functions and meetings he had attended as Mayor the highlight of his year was being invited to a 100th birthday party of a local resident, who had sadly since passed away

The Mayor referred to Town Council installing bus shelters in the town and continuing to work together to get things done for the benefit of the people of Caldicot.

5. INAUGURATION

To Elect the Mayor following Nomination for Civic Year 2010/11

Cllr Dave Evans requested Town Council nominate and elect a Mayor for 2010/2011.

Cllr R J Higginson nominated the re-election of Cllr Dave Evans, seconded by Cllr A Easson

Cllr D Ashwin nominated Cllr E Harvey, seconded by Cllr C Ashwin

A vote ensued: 9 For Cllr Evans – 7 For Cllr Harvey

It was resolved that Cllr D Evans be re-elected to the office of Mayor for the Civic year 2010/2011.

**Clerk to Request Mayor's Acceptance of Office
Mayor to Sign Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

Cllr D Evans read and signed the official Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was effected and witnessed by the Clerk.

Retiring Mayor to Invest Incumbent Mayor with Chain of Office

The Mayor retained the Chain of Office.

Retiring Mayor's Consort to Invest Incumbent Consort with Chain of Office

The Mayor's consort was not present at the meeting.

Mayor to Present Past Mayor's Pin to Retiring Mayor Cllr David Evans

This item was not effected.

Incumbent Mayor's Address to Town Council/Response

The Mayor, Cllr D Evans, stated Town Council had a lot to do and wished Town Council to work together rather than "point scoring" for individual benefit.

To Elect a Deputy Mayor Following Nomination for 2010/2011

The Mayor, Cllr D Evans requested nominations for the office of Deputy Mayor.

Cllr R J Higginson nominated Cllr M Stevens seconded by Cllr P Watts

Cllr D Ashwin nominated Cllr J Bond seconded by Cllr E Harvey

A vote ensued: 8 For Cllr Stevens – 8 For Cllr Bond - the Mayor used his casting vote

It was resolved that Cllr M Stevens be elected to the office of Deputy Mayor for the Civic year 2010/2011.

Mayor to Invest Deputy Mayor with Chain of Office

The Mayor presented Cllr M Stevens with the chain of office

Deputy Mayor to Address Town Council

Cllr M Stevens, Deputy Mayor, thanked Members for placing their confidence in her and stated she would do her best to support the community of Caldicot and the Mayor in his forthcoming year of office.

6. To Review Town Council Standing Orders [Circ]

Town Council made no amendment to Standing Orders

7. To Consider Internal Committee for Website

Town Council considered the setting up of an Internal Committee for Town Council Website in order to assist with updates on a monthly basis and to go live.

It was resolved that a Website Committee of 3 Members be established and to appoint Cllrs A Easson, V Lloyd and A Perrett to the Committee.

8. To Elect Representatives of Town Council on Outside Bodies

[Further nominations were received for Committees marked **]

A recorded vote was requested for all contested nominations

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| Citizens Advice Bureau | (2) | Cllrs V Lloyd, K Harris |
| One Voice Wales Area Committee [Precedent Mayor/Deputy] | (2) | Cllrs D Evans, M Stevens |
| Emergency Contacts Mon CC on Permanent Basis [Incumbent Clerk/Mayor] | (4) | Cllrs D Evans, M Stevens, A Easson G McIntyre |
| Severnside Neighbourhood Watch Committee | (1) | Cllr K Harris |
| User Sub-Committee King George V Playing Fields – ‘User Guide Listing’ [Standing Committee AFC] | ** (5) | Cllrs A Easson, K Harris, A Perrett M Stevens, S Webb |

*To include Health & Safety Member

Vote:

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| Cllr AE | 11 | For: Cllrs DE/JB/AE/KH/RJH/VL/AP/MS/KT/PW/SW |
| Cllr KH | 14 | For: Cllrs DE/CA/DA/JB/AE/EH/JH/RJH/VL/MS/RS/KT/PW/SW |
| Cllr AP | 15 | For: Cllrs DE/CA/DA/JB/AE/KH/EH/JH/RJH/VL/AP/MS/RS/PW/SW |
| Cllr MS | 10 | For: Cllrs DE/JB/AE/RJH/VL/AP/MS/KT/PW/SW |
| Cllr SW | 9 + 1 | For: Cllrs DE/JB/AE/RJH/VL/MS/RS/PW/SW + DE casting vote |
| Cllr EH | 9 | For: Cllrs CA/DA/JB/EH/JH/RS/KH/AP/KT |

School Governors

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| Green Lane Junior School | (1) | Cllr S Webb |
| West End Infant School | (1) | Cllr K Harris |
| Durand Road Primary School | (1) | Cllr M Stevens |
| Castle Park Primary School | ** (1) | Cllr V Lloyd |

Vote:

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| Cllr VL | 8 + 1 | For: Cllrs DE/JB/AE/RJH/VL/MS/PW/SW + DE casting vote |
| Cllr CA | 8 | For: Cllrs CA/DA/KH/EH/JH/AP/RS/KT |

Temp New Primary School – Green Lane ** (1) Cllr S Webb

Vote:

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| Cllr JH | 8 | For: Cllrs CA/DA/KH/EH/JH/AP/RS/KT |
| Cllr SW | 8 + 1 | For: Cllrs DE/JB/AE/RJH/VL/MS/PW/SW + DE casting vote |

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| Schools Admission Forum | (1) | Cllr K Harris |
| Herbert Charity Trust [For Term of Council] | (2) | Cllrs J Bond, P Watts |
| Abergavenny Theatre Management Committee | (1) | Cllr A Easson |
| CAIR | (1) | defer FTC 26.5.10 |
| Community Safety Action Team [CSAT] | (1) | Cllr J Haskey |

Vote:

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| Cllr JB | 7 | For: DE/AE/RJH/VL/MS/PW/SW |
| Cllr JH | 9 | For: CA/DA/JB/KH/EH/JH/AP/RS/KT |

A Member raised a ‘point of order’ on the number of votes being cast by one particular Member. The Member stated they had voted in the same manner for each committee on the agenda and thus questioned the authenticity of their previous votes.

A lengthy discussion ensued and it was stated that re-voting on all committees should be deferred to FTC 26.5.10. In order to move business, Cllr R Stewart withdrew from the nomination.

The Clerk was requested to present any discrepancies on committees to Town Council meeting 26.5.10.

Playing Fields, Planning, Cemetery,
Finance, Estimates FULL

Garden, Best Kept Town FULL

Personnel/Appointments Committee ** (7) Cllrs D Evans, P Watts, J Bond, V Lloyd,
[Includes Mayor/Deputy] R J Higginson, M Stevens, S Webb

Vote:

- Cllr DE 9 For: Cllrs DE/JB/AE/RJH/VL/MS/RS/PW/SW
- Cllr PW 8 For: Cllrs DE/JB/AE/RJH/VL/MS/PW/SW
- Cllr JB 13 For: Cllrs DE/CA/DA/JB/AE/EH/RJH/VL/MS/RS/KT/PW/SW
- Cllr VL 8 For: Cllrs DE/JB/AE/RJH/VL/MS/PW/SW
- Cllr RJH 8 For: Cllrs DE/JB/AE/RJH/VL/MS/PW/SW
- Cllr MS 8 For: Cllrs DE/JB/AE/RJH/VL/MS/PW/SW
- Cllr SW 8 For: Cllrs DE/JB/AE/RJH/VL/MS/PW/SW
- Cllr EH 7 For: Cllrs CA/DA/KH/EH/AP/RS/KT

King George V Playing Fields FULL
Charity Trust Committee

Cheque Signatories [Not a Committee] ** (4) Cllrs A Easson, D Evans, M Stevens,
Excluding Clerk also to be signatory P Watts

Vote:

- Cllr AE 11 For: Cllrs DE/JB/AE/KH/RJH/VL/AP/MS/RS/PW/SW
- Cllr DE 10 For: Cllrs DE/JB/AE/KH/RJH/VL//MS/RS/PW/SW
- Cllr MS 8 For: Cllrs DE/JB/AE/RJH/VL/MS/PW/SW
- Cllr PW 9 For: Cllrs DE/JB/AE/KH/RJH/VL/MS/PW/SW
- Cllr RS 7 For: Cllrs CA/DA/KH/EH/AP/RS/KT

EXTREMELY URGENT COMMITTEE [PLENARY] Mayor/Deputy + 2 Cllrs

Planning Applications of Urgent Nature Mayor/Deputy + 2 Cllrs
[Including a holiday period]

Caldicot against Drugs Committee (6) **defer FTC 26.5.10**

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

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Mayor/Deputy Mayor