

CALDICOT TOWN COUNCIL

**Sandy Lane
Caldicot**

Minutes of Special Meeting of Town Council held at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 3rd June 2009 at Caldicot Town Council Caldicot Town Council

Present: Cllrs: D Evans, Mayor
P Watts, Deputy Mayor
C Ashwin [left 8pm]
D Ashwin [left 8.10pm]
J Bond
J Daniels [left 8.10pm]
A Easson [left 8.10pm]
K Harris
J Haskey
R J Higginson [left 8.10pm]
V Lloyd
J Marshall [left 8.10pm]
A Perrett
M Stevens
R Stewart
S Webb

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

1 Apologies - None

2 Declarations of Interest – Forms to be completed

Cllr R Stewart declared an interest in Planning matters

Cllr D Evans declared an interest in 3 and 4 below and left the room during consideration of those items.

In the absence of the Mayor, Cllr P Watts, Deputy Mayor took the chair

3 To Receive an Address from Cabinet Members and Mon CC Officers Re: [4]

See Appendix A

4 To Re-consider Town Council Decision on Plan DC/2005/01387 [M/124657]

Class A1 foodstore, new relief road and partial closure of Woodstock Way to traffic, enhancement of Library and One Stop Shop and improvements to pedestrian links – Playing Fields at Caldicot Comprehensive School (Land fronting Woodstock Way and Chepstow Road, Caldicot

[To Note Town Council Decision 28.1.09 – It was recommended that the application be refused – will not regenerate Caldicot]

It was proposed and seconded that a review of the decision on this item be deferred for 4 weeks pending further information from Mon CC

An amended proposal was seconded that Town Council accept the outline planning permission but deem to go to the town's, 4000 houses and carry out its own survey referendum in this matter

A recorded vote ensued:

Amended proposal -
For: 5 – AE/RJH/JM/MS/PW
Against: 6 – DA/JB/JD/KH/JH/AP
Abstentions: 3 – VL/RS/SW

Proposal –
For: 8 – DA/JB/JD/KH/JH/VL/AP/SW
Against: 5 – AE/RJH/JM/MS/PW
Abstentions: 1 – RS

The proposal was carried.

It was resolved that a further decision on this item be deferred for 4 weeks pending further information from Mon CC

The Mayor re-entered the meeting at this point and took the chair.

- 5 King George V Playing Fields– Caldicot AFC Re-instatement/Request to Close Gates for Works**
a) Notes KGVPF User-Committee Meeting 10.00 am Tuesday, 3rd June 2009

The notes were approved as a true record.

The Mayor updated Town Council in relation to AFC's proposals for reinstatement works and stated that AFC had been given Grant Application forms to apply for funding from Town Council.

It was resolved that Caldicot AFC be permitted to carry out reinstatement works and close the gates for the duration of the reinstatement works

- 6 To Note invitation from Ward Officers and Neighbourhood Sergeant for Members to meet on a regular, informal basis to discuss any Ward issues and ongoing Police tasks**

Town Council welcomed the opportunity to meet on a regular, informal basis with Caldicot Police.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

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Mayor/Deputy Mayor

Appendix A

Address from Cabinet Members and Mon CC Officers:

County Cllrs Bob Greenland and Peter Fox

Mr Tim MacDermott – Severnside Area Manager, Mr Colin Phillips – Regeneration Officer, Mr George Ashworth – Head of Planning

The Deputy Mayor welcomed Mon CC to the meeting

The following items were discussed in detail in response to questions from Members:

- Current supermarket not big enough to cater for people of Caldicot
- Partnership Mon CC/Caldicot Town Council
- Access/linkage required from proposed supermarket to town centre
- All necessary information previously distributed to elected Members in order to make a decision
- Opposition to proposed supermarket, including London & Cambridge - land owners of current service road and Caldicot School Governors
- Loss of sports grounds/multi surfaces to replace – unsuitable for rugby
- Air quality survey
- Severe flooding issues in the area – currently being addressed
- General Support of new supermarket but not on school fields
- No additional evidence to support regeneration of the town centre
- Increased traffic issues
- Mon CC commitment of “substantial amount” to Caldicot School from sale of the land – no figures or percentages available
- Reinvestment of surplus assets to other schools in Monmouthshire
- Reinvestment of educational receipts to priority schools in Monmouthshire
- S106 entitlement
- Reports/retail survey commissioned
- 1200 named petition opposing the proposed supermarket undertaken 2006
- Noise/carbon monoxide issues re: school children
- Education Strategic Review into future new secondary schools
- Quality foodstore required in the town
- Representation from existing traders on Project Board
- Mon CC’s lack of investment in Caldicot
- Request for public meeting
- Decision on proposed supermarket will not affect future rebuild of Caldicot School
- Mon CC’s statutory duty to investigate alternative schemes

Mon CC decision not to pursue this matter without the support of Town Council

Cllr A Perrett made a short alternative proposal presentation to Town Council
A Member requested a “non political” referendum be undertaken by Mon CC for the people of Caldicot to decide on this matter.