

## CALDICOT TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of Special Meeting of Town Council held at 6pm on Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011 at Caldicot Town Council.

**Present:** Cllrs: M Stevens, Mayor                      J Haskey  
                  A Easson, Deputy Mayor                 R J Higginson  
                  D Ashwin     A Lloyd  
                  J Bond     V Lloyd  
                  C Botchett     R Stewart  
                  D Evans     P Watts  
                  E Harvey     S Webb

[In attendance: Mrs A Sandiford, Members of the public]

#### **1 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr K Harris and Mrs G McIntyre

#### **2 Declarations of Interest – Forms to be completed**

There were no declarations of interest.

A Member requested it be noted that Cllr M Stevens was not declaring an interest in this matter.

#### **3 To Resolve - 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:**

The Mayor stated that any discussion on the candidates would require the exclusion of press and public from the meeting.

A discussion ensued and certain Members disputed the requirement for confidentiality in relation to the information provided by candidates and requested why this item had been placed on the agenda. This was duly clarified by the Mayor by reading out advice received from One Voice Wales. Certain Members further disputed the advice.

A Member referred to correspondence in this matter which had apparently been received by Town Council 28.8.11 and had not been made available for the meeting.

It was stated that the process for co-option was a matter for Town Council and that the information provided by the candidates was not a manifesto for election.

**It was resolved to exclude the press and public from the meeting in order to consider the following item:**

*A recorded vote was requested:*

*For: Cllrs JB/CB/AE/DE/RJH/AL/VL/MS/PW/SW*

*Against: Cllrs DA/EH/JH*

*Abstention: Cllr RS*

**(a) To Consider Applications for Casual Vacancy [Circ]**

Members referred to recent bi-election results.

It was noted that an electoral number had been omitted from one of the candidate's form.

**It was resolved to add the candidate's electoral number to the form for record purposes.**

*Normal proceedings resumed.*

**4 To Co-opt a member to fill the casual vacancy on the Council**

A vote ensued on the candidates for co-option to Town Council.

**It was resolved to co-opt Wyndham Conniff as the new Town Councillor for Severn Ward.**

The meeting closed at 7.20pm

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**Mayor/Deputy Mayor**