

CALDICOT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Planning Committee held at 6.30pm on Tuesday 9th December 2008 at Caldicot Town Council

Present: Cllrs: D Evans, Mayor
P Watts, Deputy Mayor
C Ashwin
D Ashwin
J Bond
A Easson
K Harris
J Haskey
A Perrett
M Stevens [left 7.45pm]
R Stewart

In attendance: G McIntyre, Clerk, A Sandiford, Member of Public

Town Council resolved to accept two additional items of urgent business.

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from R J Higginson, V Lloyd, J Marshall, S Webb

2 Suspended Proceedings

- i) **Monmouthshire Housing Association [MHA]** – See Appendix A
- ii) **Mon CC – Re: Highways Feedback/Road Safety Strategy** – See Appendix B

3 Declarations of Interest

Cllr D Evans declared an interest in Planning Matters and Mon Housing Association
Cllr R Stewart declared an interest in Planning Matters

Further declarations of interest to be identified under the relevant item

4 Planning Applications [Displayed]

DC/2008/01105: [Amended] Change of use to a mixed residential and business use and the parking of two mini buses on the driveway – 5 Neddern Court, Caldicot **[b/f TC 26.11.08]**
TC Refused*

- Safety issues
- obstruction issues
- vehicles “coming and going” throughout the night
- congestion in the area
- access issues
- residential area

A recorded vote was requested.

Cllrs JB/KH/AP/PW – For refusal; Cllrs CA/DA/JH – Against refusal; Cllrs AE/DE/MS/RS - Abstained

Cllrs A Easson, D Evans, M Stevens and R Stewart declared an interest in DC/2008/01105

DC/2008/01119: Light industrial unit, offices and ancillary works – The old coal yard site, Caldicot Pill, Caldicot **TC Approved**

DC/2008/01278: Outline Planning Permission – Proposed building plot for 1 no detached house and garage – Land at 33 The Avenue, Caldicot **TC Approved**

Cllr J Bond declared an interest in Plan DC/2008/01278

DC/2008/01283: 1800mm high brick boundary wall – 10 Goldfinch Close, Caldicot

TC Approved*

***Observation:** Require strengthening pillars or double skin

DC/2008/01285: Proposed extension to existing youth group centre to provide additional space, kitchen, office, storage and wc – The Zone, 1 Chepstow Road, Caldicot **TC Approved**

Cllr D Evans declared an interest in Plan DC/2008/01285

Cllrs D Ashwin and A Easson declared an interest in Plan DC/2008/01285 and left the room for the vote

5 Mon CC Planning Information [Displayed]

i) Planning Permissions

DC/2007/01137: Erection of dormer bungalow – 15 Dewstow Road **TC App 30.7.08**

DC/2008/00814: Retention and completion of double garage plus storage shed/container – 12 The Pill, Portskewett **TC App 24.9.08**

DC/2008/01082: Additional window – 3 Redmeadow Crescent, Caldicot **TC App 14.10.08**

DC/2008/01101: Alterations and extensions – 48 Cae Mawr Road, Caldicot **TC App 26.11.08**

ii) Planning Committee Agenda – 2.12.08

Town Council noted planning information (i) and (ii) above from Mon CC

- 6 National Assembly for Wales** **Re: Call for Evidence – Review of the financial Support provided for Assembly Members – Response by 31.12.08** **[Circ]**

Town Council noted the above correspondence from National Assembly for Wales.

- 7 The Mayor advised Members that following concerns of the Christmas tree in Oakley Way leaning and complaints received from local residents about the tree he had requested the contractor inspect the tree. As a result, the contractor had offered to either replace the tree or reimburse the cost of it.**

A discussion ensued and it was stated that each year the Christmas tree in Oakley Way had leaned as a result of the ground support not being installed upright. It was also stated that although the tree was ‘scrawny’ compliments had also been received about the tree.

The Mayor referred Members to the possibility of SEC charging Town Council for changing the lights over to a new tree.

It was resolved to request the contractor replace the tree and accept any proposed additional charges from SEC for swapping the lights.

Proceedings were suspended to allow Trustees to consider the following item:

- 8 Town Council were advised of excessive litter/cans from the stand at KGVPF.**

It was resolved to add ‘No Alcohol’ to the new signs for KGVPF

APPENDIX A

i) **Monmouthshire Housing Association [MHA]**

Michele Morgan, Area Housing Manager [MHA]

Margaret Langley, Housing Officer, Mon CC

Michele Morgan outlined the history and functions of MHA following the recent transfer of housing stock from Mon CC to MHA and responded to Members' questions in relation to the following:

- responsibility for clearing of rubbish
- debts owed
- timescale for works
- handrail at Oakley Way shops
- ownership of MHA
- request for purchasing land owned by MHA
- MHA finance raised via private finance
- requirement for all MHA properties to be brought up to Welsh Quality Standard by 2012
- future plans for additional properties
- future increases in rent

Ms Morgan left MHA information literature for further information and agreed to supply plans of land transferred to Mon Housing Association.

The Mayor thanked Ms Morgan and Mrs Langley for attending the meeting.

APPENDIX B

i) **Mon CC – Re: Highways Feedback/Road Safety Strategy**

Mr Roger Hoggins , Head of Operations

Mr Paul Keeble, Traffic Network Manager

Mr P Keeble outlined the Road Safety Strategy [RSS].

Messrs Hoggins and Keeble responded to Members questions in relation to the following:

- 58/82 schemes completed to date [RSS 2006-2011]
- targets set to reduce road safety
- regular inspections/reviews undertaken re: maintenance schemes
- Mon CC looking to improve system and increase budget for planned maintenance
- speeding in Monmouthshire
- RSS for Caldicot
- Safe Routes to School
- Mill Lane works due for completion by end March 08
- consultation
- current issues re: methods of traffic calming
- trial for flashing speed signs in progress in North of county
- Mon CC strategy for bus shelters – Mon CC to consider policy re: installation of bus shelters for consistent approach
- Further traffic issues along Church Road re: new proposed development
- unadopted footpaths
- Cllr J Haskey commended Mon CC on behalf of residents in Park Road

It was agreed to meet with Messrs Hoggins and Keeble to discuss in detail Town Council's proposals to install nine bus shelters in Caldicot following Town Council meeting 28.1.09.

The Mayor thanked Messrs Hoggins and Keeble for attending the meeting