

CALDICOT TOWN COUNCIL

Sandy Lane
Caldicot

Minutes of the meeting of Planning Committee held at 6.30 pm on Tuesday, 11th July 2006 at Caldicot Day Luncheon Centre

PRESENT:

Cllrs J Daniels, Mayor	J Haskey
D Ashwin	J Marshall
E Davies	R Stewart
D Jones	K Thomas
J Harris	P Tidmarsh

In attendance: A Sandiford

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs D Evans, R J Higginson, J Roberts and G McIntyre

2. To Suspend Proceedings to present Merit Awards to local residents for Outstanding Services to the Community

Proceedings were suspended to present Mrs Ruby Beale, Mrs Rita Harris, Mr Peter Griffiths and PC Mark Bowen with Town Council crests as Merit Awards for outstanding services to the community.

3. Declarations of Interest

Cllr R Stewart declared an interest in Planning matters
Cllr J Harris declared an interest in Plan DC/2006/00406

4. To Approve the Minutes of Planning Committee as part of Full Town Council meeting held 28th June 2006 [Circ]

The Minutes were approved as a true record.

5. Planning Committee [Displayed]

a) Planning Applications [Displayed]

DC/2006/00322: Erection of a 2 Storey House – The Avenue, Caldicot **TC Approved**

DC/2006/00363: Ground Floor Extension to Front Porch and Ground Floor Extension to Existing Bedroom to Provide En-suite – 16 The Pill, Caldicot **TC Approved**

DC/2006/00406: 2 Storey Side Extension Forming Garage, Utility, Bedroom and Study – 2 Birbeck Road, Caldicot **TC Approved**

DC/2006/00466: Single Storey Rear Extension and Detached Garage – 28 Caemawr Grove, Caldicot **TC Approved**

6. Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 – Street Trading Consent Application – Caldicot Town Centre [Circ]

Town Council considered application for street trading consent to place a barrow cart selling sweets in the town centre.

A lengthy discussion ensued. Members referred to the burger van currently trading under licence in the town centre. It was stated that Mon CC had set a precedent for other street traders by granting a licence to the burger van. Members were appalled that a licence had been granted without prior consultation with Town Council and referred to the derogatory effect street traders would have on shop keepers who were “struggling to make a living”.

Members were strongly opposed to the application and it was proposed that legal advice be sought via One Voice Wales with a view to legally challenging Mon CC on its decision to grant the burger van a licence for street trading in Caldicot without due consultation with Town Council.

Reference was made to the short notice received in relation to a recent planning seminar held at County Hall. It was requested that the Clerk circulate notice of such meetings as they arrive in Town Council office. The Mayor clarified the procedure in relation to nominated representatives being delegated by Town Council.

Reference was also made to the lack of Town Council representation at presentations of major projects which affect Caldicot, in particular the proposed “new M4 relief project”. Members again expressed dissatisfaction at the lack of consultation from Mon CC. It was proposed that Mon CC be requested to make a presentation to Town Council in relation to the proposed “new M4 relief project”.

It was resolved:

- i) to oppose the street trading consent application
- ii) that the Mayor write a letter of objection to Cllr Ted Dorrell with a copy to Colin Berg, Chief Executive in relation to the lack of consultation on issues relating to Caldicot and the granting of street trading license to the burger van in the town centre
- iii) to seek legal advice via One Voice Wales with a view to legally challenging Mon CC on its decision to grant a licence for street trading in Caldicot without due consultation with Town Council
- iv) to request Mon CC undertake a presentation to Town Council in relation to the proposed “new M4 relief project”

7. Mon CC Planning Information [Displayed]

i) Planning Permission

Plan M/12444: Rear Two Storey Extension, Detached Single Garage with Vehicular Access – 1 Pill Row, Caldicot NP26 5JE
TC Approved 25.1.06

ii) MCC Planning Agenda 11.7.06 – For Information Only

Town Council noted Planning Information (i) and (ii) above from Mon CC

8. To Consider Contribution to Summer Playscheme [b/f TC 28.6.06] [Circ]

Town Council considered a contribution to Summer Playscheme.

It was noted that the provision of a playscheme was considered unnecessary by Mon CC and was required to be self financing. Town Council were unhappy at the short notice in relation to proposed new arrangements and considered Mon CC had not allowed Town Council sufficient

time to consider its contribution. Reference was made to surrounding community councils being requested to subsidise children from their communities and it was clarified that Mike Moran, Mon CC had previously stated he would be writing to local community councils for financial assistance. It was further stated that Town Council were only permitted to subsidise children from Caldicot.

Reference to financial assistance from surrounding community councils in relation to population was discussed in relation to CAB in Caldicot – **Cllr J Harris declared an interest in CAB**

It was stated that previously Town Council had subsidised the playscheme and if Mon CC were no longer contributing to the playscheme Town Council should also consider its options in this regard.

Reference was made to Chepstow Town Council apparently considering running its own playscheme next year and it was stated that Town Council had previously run the playscheme in Caldicot prior to Mon CC taking over the function.

Distribution of Section 106 funding from Church Road housing development was also referred to.

Members considered it would be “unfair to the people of Caldicot” if it did not honour its commitment to the summer playscheme in Caldicot this year.

It was resolved:

- i) to financially support the summer playscheme at 50% subsidy for Caldicot children only not in receipt of free school meals [ie £4/child] and 100% subsidy for Caldicot children only in receipt of free school meals [ie £8/child] up to a maximum of £12,000. Payment is subject to a financial report being presented to Town Council in September 2006 showing breakdown of Caldicot children only attending the scheme and cost calculations for the above commitment.
- ii) to agenda this item for consideration at Full Town Council meeting 27.9.06

Cllrs D Ashwin, J Harris and R Stewart declared an interest in this matter

9. To Consider Motion [Maximum of Two] for Debate at One-Voice-Wales Conference 14.10.06 – Mayor and Deputy to attend [Circ]

Town Council resolved to submit the following Motions for debate at One Voice Wales Conference 14.10.06:

- Caldicot Town Council requests that One-Voice-Wales supports the motion that Monmouthshire County Council should be proportional in its services, development and facilities and financial allocation within the County.
- Caldicot Town Council requests One-Voice-Wales support 24 hour manned Police Stations as opposed to call centres

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

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Mayor/Deputy Mayor