

**Minutes of Extremely Urgent Committee, Caldicot Town Council,
Held at 11.30am Wednesday 23rd June 2021 at Caldicot Town Council**

Present: Cllrs RJ Higginson (Mayor), D Evans, M Mitchell

Also present: Cllr F Rowberry, Town Council representative on 'Give Dog Fouling the Red Card' working group

[In attendance, S King – Acting Clerk]

1. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies received.

2. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To consider the following item, deemed urgent due to the nature of the business:

- a. Correspondence from Merlin Waste**
- b. Increase of £2.25 per bin, charge for collection of dog waste**

The Mayor advised that the extremely urgent committee had been called in light of recent correspondence from Merlin Waste and Monmouthshire Council regarding dog waste bin collections.

Current contractor had advised that with effect from 21st June 2021 collection of dog waste bins would be increased to £6.25 per bin. The increase was due to the amount of dog waste being disposed and costs associated with disposal, fuel, insurance and wages. In addition, increase was necessary to continue to undertake business.

The Council had received an update from Mon CC, that options were being investigated in relation to possible alternative provision for dog waste bin collections. However, this would not be available in the short term.

The following matters were discussed:

- 44 dog waste bins in Caldicot, must be emptied
- No alternative provision for collection
- Future provision and viability
- Unexpected budgetary expense for Council
- Suggested that increase should be agreed and situation should be reviewed and monitored

The Committee resolved to agree:

- **increase of £2.25 to £6.25 per bin, charge for collection of dog waste bins**
- **that the position would be subject to ongoing monitoring and review**
- **amount paid monthly and any issues brought to attention of Town Council**
- **that decision would be reviewed in 3 months' time**
- **that discussions would be held with Mon CC, via Green Infrastructure and Litter Education and Awareness Officer regarding future of dog waste bin collections**
- nominated Cllr F Rowberry

Meeting ended 11.55am