

CALDICOT TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of Planning & Resources Committee held at 6.30pm
on Tuesday, 8th February 2022 at Caldicot Town Council
[Hybrid meeting – in person and via Starleaf]

Present: Cllrs: RJ Higginson (Chair)
J Bond (*Starleaf*) K Harris (*Starleaf*)
W Conniff M Mitchell
A Easson F Rowberry
D Evans M Stevens (*Starleaf*)
J Harris R Wilsher

[In attendance: C Bowie and B Kelly, MIND; S King, Acting Clerk; B Hodges]

1. Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr P Stevens.

2. Suspended Proceedings – Presentation MIND Monmouthshire *[b/f FTC 26.1.22]*

Town Council thanked the MIND Monmouthshire representative for attending the meeting. An update was provided on what MIND does throughout Caldicot and the County and a presentation was delivered to council on ‘Social prescribing and Wellbeing’. The following points were noted:

- Social prescribing is a way of linking people who need help to support services
- MIND’s support relates to mental health and is both practical and emotional
- Key elements of the social prescribing model:
 1. Community wellbeing activities (e.g. gardening groups, art groups)
 2. Psychological interventions (e.g. mindfulness)
 3. Services to resolve socio-economic needs (e.g. benefits advice)
 4. Wider information and advice (e.g. helplines)
 5. Other services, including health services (e.g. dentists)
- Link workers have ‘What Matters’ discussions with service users to identify needs
- Progress checks and reviews conducted to ensure service users accessing the appropriate support and that they are happy with support provided (outcomes)
- Lot of anxiety over lockdown. Now huge anxiety over opening up!
- Bereavement, grief and loss have also been significant issues
- Concern over substance abuse, debt, job security and housing issues
- Top 3 reasons cited: Depression, Anxiety and Social Isolation/loneliness
- 81% had personal experience of mental health problems
- 49% living below minimum income standard or experiencing poverty
- 56% who received the service were in receipt of benefits
- GPs do not have any association with clinic/surgery but are able to refer

C Bowie and B Kelly answered queries from councillors:

- MIND is a standalone charity – funding for this project comes from WG via MCC
- No base in Caldicot but projects, including social prescriber, are ongoing
- MIND courses are running in the Choir Hall. Consider Town Council building
- Funding shortfall - £40k hole from April onwards.
- 1:1 sessions are provided via phone.

Town Council thanked C Bowie and B Kelly for their presentation.

3. Declarations of Interest - To be identified under the relevant item

Cllrs A Easson, D Evans and RJ Higginson declared personal interests as members of Mon CC Planning Committee, in relation to agenda item 4.

The Mayor advised that a late item had been received from One Voice Wales in relation to recruitment. Town Council were asked whether to accept the item, which related to personnel matters. Town Council resolved to accept the item, to be discussed in committee.

4. Planning

A) Planning Applications:

Cllrs A Easson, D Evans and RJ Higginson declared personal interests as members of Mon CC Planning Committee.

DM/2022/00042: Planning Permission. Knock down existing old porch & replace with new improved porch - 148 Castle Lea, Caldicot NP26 4HS **APPROVED**

DM/2022/00097: EIA Screening Request. Request that Mon CC adopts a screening opinion as to whether the proposed works to facilitate a new park and ride facility at Severn Tunnel Junction constitutes Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). The proposed railway station layout comprises a 200-space car park and a dedicated access road for buses to drop off and pick up passengers. There will also be provision for active travel and additional cycle storage at the station – North of Land at Severn Tunnel Junction, Station Road, Rogiet, Monmouthshire.

APPROVED

DM/2021/02073: Householder. two storey side extension and conversion of garage to playroom - 32 Goldfinch Close, Caldicot NP26 5BX **APPROVED**

DM/2021/02096: Householder. New ground floor side extension located to the existing carport. Further works involve new ramps located to the front and rear of the property as plans indicate and to be modular design/construction. Lastly various alterations included such as a new front door, concrete paving where shown and a concrete pathway to the rear - 11 Chepstow Road, Caldicot, NP26 4HY **APPROVED**

DM/2022/00037: Householder. Bedroom and bathroom extension, access aids and ramp - 8 Kipling Road, Caldicot, NP26 5LG **APPROVED**

DM/2021/00605 (Reconsultation): The demolition of the existing dwelling and construction of two semi-detached, two bedroom dormer bungalows - 1A Station Road, Caldicot, NP26 4BU **APPROVED**

DM/2020/00321 (Reconsultation): Discharge of Conditions: 7 (Barn Owl Mitigation Strategy), 8(Green Infrastructure), 10 (Construction Ecological Management Plan), and 16 (Landscape Management Plan). Relating to application DM/2018/00696 – Land Development South of Crick Road, Portskewett
[Amendment details: Updated CEMP submitted] **APPROVED**

DM/2019/01485 (Reconsultation): Discharge of Conditions 5 (partial discharge already consented on Condition 11 (foul drainage) of planning consent DM/2018/00696 (drainage strategy).

Land Development South Of Crick Road, Crick Road, Portskewett, Monmouthshire

[Amendment details: Additional information received including: Off site surface water general arrangement, Engineering layout, Initial Storm Drainage Appraisal, Off site ecological and landscape information]

APPROVED

5. To consider invite to 'SMART Towns Workshop' - 17.2.2022 11am-3pm via TEAMS

Town Council received the invite to SMART Towns Workshop, run by Owen Davies Consulting on behalf of Mon CC, to raise awareness of the benefits of using digital technology across the 5 towns in Monmouthshire.

It was agreed that the Acting Clerk and Acting Deputy Clerk would attend. The link to the meeting would be circulated to all members.

6. Caldicot Links Consultation – closing date 20th February 2022

The project page and online consultation for the Caldicot Links project has launched

<https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/2022/01/residents-invited-to-share-views-on-new-walking-and-cycling-route-proposals-in-monmouthshire/>

To share any ideas and feedback please visit the project website: www.sustrans.info/CaldicotLinks

Town Council noted the Caldicot Links Consultation.

7. Resolved - Exclusion of Press and Public

Town Council resolved to exclude 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:

8. Urgent Additional Item – Personnel Matters

Town Council noted that following the Clerk's retirement, the post would be advertised.

One Voice Wales would support Caldicot Town Council with the process and there would be a consultancy fee at an approximate cost of £1,100.

Town Council agreed consultancy and associated fees with One Voice Wales.

The meeting ended at 7:35pm

Mayor/Deputy Mayor