

# CALDICOT TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of Planning and Resources Committee held at 6.30pm on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at Caldicot Town Council

**Present:** Cllrs:        D Evans (Chair)                    J Harris  
                              D Ashwin                                K Harris  
                              W Conniff                              RJ Higginson  
                              J Dobson-Pettican                F Rowberry  
                              A Easson                                M Stevens  
                              O Edwards

[In attendance: G McIntyre, Clerk; S King, Deputy Clerk; B Hodges; members of public]

### 1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs R Garrick, M Mitchell, P Stevens, S Tovey

### 2. Declarations of Interest - To be identified under the relevant item/Forms to be complete

Cllr D Evans and RJ Higginson declared personal interests as members of MCC Planning Committee in relation to agenda item 5a.

### 3. Suspended proceedings

#### a) Presentation of donations

The Mayor presented donations to the following local groups:

- Caldicot Community Working Together - £2,653.00
- Caldicot Youth Group - £4,000.00

#### b) Introduction new Police Inspector

The Police Inspector was not present.

#### c) Presentation – solar energy and car chargers – See Appendix A

Town Council agreed to receive an estimate and proposals, from Gwent Energy, for solar panels and car chargers at Caldicot Town Council building.

### 4. Planning

#### A) Planning Applications:

None received

#### B) Planning Permissions:

**DM/2019/00972:** Householder: To erect a fence on top of the existing boundary around the rear of my property – 15 Beech Road, Caldicot, NP26 4DY  
advertisement **P&R Approved 9.7.19**

**5. Members Item of Business:**

a) Cllr J Harris

This item was withdrawn.

**6. To note Monmouthshire County Council Temporary Traffic Regulation Notice 2019 – Woodstock Way, Caldicot, Monmouthshire Temporary Traffic Regulation Order 2019**

*(It is anticipated that the works will be completed between 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 and 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019. This is in order for highway resurfacing to take place safely at the location).*

Town Council noted the temporary traffic order for resurfacing works to be carried out safely at Woodstock Way, Caldicot.

It was agreed to contact Mon CC to ensure that Newport Bus, residents and the public were aware of the road closure.

**7. Monmouthshire County Council consultation on Amendment No. 1 Consolidation Order 2019**

*(Notices will be erected at sites Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, providing residents etc. 21 days to make formal representations/objections to the Council)*

- a. Various Roads, Green Lane & Caldicot Castle, Caldicot – *To introduce an area wide Speed Limit on various roads within the wards mentioned above.*
- b. Newport Road and New Road, West End and Dewstow, Caldicot – *To introduce Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time restrictions on part of the roads identified above.*

Town Council raised the following points:

- Traffic calming at Mill Lane
- Safe routes to school (no pavement along road opposite Asda)
- Traffic levels and pedestrian safety at Co-op and West End
- Involvement of Town Council in setting highway priorities
- Emphasised concern regarding safety of pedestrians and residents

Town Council noted the information relating to: a) consultation on the introduction of an area-wide speed limit on various roads in Green Lane and Caldicot Castle Wards; b) consultation on the introduction of Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time on parts of roads in Newport Road and New Road in West End and Dewstow Wards.

It was agreed to contact Mon CC, for officers to attend site and discuss road safety issues.

*Cllr D Ashwin left at 7.05pm*

**8. To note blessing of cemetery extension – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at 10am**

The Mayor expressed disappointment that he was the only councillor who attended the Blessing of the Cemetery Extension.

*Cllr J Harris left at 7.10pm*

- 9. Resolved – 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:**

**10. To consider quotations for hedge maintenance works**

**Town Council resolved to accept quotation from preferred contractor to cut hedge by hand in the corner of the football field at King George V Playing Field at a cost of £100.00 + VAT**

The meeting closed at 7.15pm

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Mayor/Deputy Mayor

## **Presentation – Solar Energy and Car Chargers**

Town Council welcomed Phil Powell from Gwent Energy to the meeting to provide a presentation on solar panels and car chargers.

The following points were noted:

- Thanks to Town council
- 35,000 people have benefited from solar panels
- Working with Monmouth Town Council and Mon CC on climate emergency plans
- Solar panels now self-funding/financing
- Solar panels on building can decrease carbon footprint
- Community Energy Scheme set up in Monmouth
- Car chargers installed by library in Chepstow – looking at placing another 70 via Mon CC
- Car charger available at Caldicot Castle
- Home chargers available for properties with off road parking

Councillors were invited to ask questions and make comments. The following points were discussed:

- A councillor suggested that solar panels could assist the Council in becoming more environmentally friendly
- Solar Panels are self-financing, anticipated money returned within 7 years. Calculation made using current annual energy use.
- Size of solar panels can differ and would generate required amount.
- No payment for excess energy generated
- Town Council suggested that the Clerk provided energy usage, so that estimate could be prepared.

Town Council thanked Mr Powell for attended and providing a report on solar panels and car chargers.