

# LYDNEY TOWN COUNCIL

## PLANNING AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING – 2013/01/14 – 38

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING held in the Council Chamber, Claremont House, Lydney on Monday 14 January 2013 at 5.57 pm.

**PRESENT:** Cllrs W Osborne (Chairman), D Cooksley, C Harris, V Hobman, A Preest, B Thomas

Mr D Street – Member of the public co-opted onto the Committee

Cllr S Osborne

Mrs J Smailes – Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Miss C Wheeler – Executive Officer (EO)

Two members of the public

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Cllr Osborne informed all present that no practice fire evacuation had been scheduled for the duration of the meeting. All attendees were then informed of the locations of the nearest fire exits.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Edwards and duly accepted.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr B Thomas – Planning Application P0081/12/DISCON

Cllr D Cooksley – Item 9 – CCTV (relating to Lydney Town Hall)

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 10 December 2012 were confirmed and signed as a true record. **Proposed by Cllr Harris, seconded by Cllr Hobman.** Unanimous.

4. **PRESENTATION OF PETITION**

Members were reminded of the petition which had been presented at the December meeting by Ms C Vaughan calling for street lighting on the footpath from Lakeside to the Oakdale Estate, via Federal Mogul.

Members were provided with a copy of an e-mail the CEO had received an e-mail from Mr P Williams, Group Manager – Planning and Housing, Forest of Dean District Council confirming that the Planning Conditions for the development stipulated the improvement of the pedestrian route from the development to the junction of Cambourne Place and Lakeside Avenue. Mr Williams confirms that whilst such a scheme was submitted and approved (P0076/11/DISCON) it was never implemented by the developer. Accordingly the District Council's Enforcement Officer had been directed to immediately take the matter up with the developer.

Whilst the content of the e-mail was noted, Cllr Preest asked that enquiries be made of the Enforcement Officer at regular intervals to establish progress.

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### 5. OPEN FORUM

Mr W Owen, 3 Augustus Way, Lydney – Now nuclear power is on the agenda, will the matter be discussed by the Committee or by Full Council? Cllr Osborne responded that the Council's policy regarding nuclear power would be set by Full Council, however, the Committee would comment on any actual planning application which was received.

Mr G Blake, Beaufort House, Beaufort Drive, Lydney – Is the Council aware of the Order to close four footpaths and one bridleway in the Parish in order to facilitate the construction of a new sewage pumping station and new sewer pipeline. Cllr Osborne advised that that the Order would be tabled before Councillors at the meeting.

### 6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P1727/12/APP – Robert Hitchins Ltd, Land between Lydney Bypass and Highfield Road, Highfield Road, Lydney

Approval of reserved matters for phasing plan areas infrastructure stage 1 and infrastructure stage 2 (as set out in terms of condition 2 of P1097/08/OUT allowed on appeal) of planning permission P0136/11/FUL (access and landscaping).

**In conjunction with Planning Application P0077/12/DISCON, the Council wishes to withhold its comment until a site meeting has taken place to discuss the impact the drainage proposals will have on the surrounding areas. Request for urgent site meeting between Lydney Town Council, Forest of Dean District Council and Environment Agency.**

P0077/12/DISCON – Land off Highfield Road (Lydney B), Lydney

Discharge of condition 06 (urban design and landscape framework) (phasing plan areas infrastructure stage 1 and stage 2), condition 16 (surface water drainage scheme and foul drainage strategy), condition 17 (comprehensive surface water and foul drainage scheme) (phasing plan areas infrastructure stage 1 and stage 2), condition 18 (no new buildings, structures or raised ground levels) (phasing plan areas infrastructure stage 1 and stage 2), condition 19 (enhancements to/works to watercourses) (phasing plan areas infrastructure stage 1 and stage 2), condition 21 (noise mitigation from A48) and condition 22 (Waste Minimisation Strategy) (phasing plan areas infrastructure stage 1 and stage 2) (as set out in the terms of P1097/08/OUT allowed on appeal) of planning permission P0136/11/FUL

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P1800/12/TPO – Miss K Daniels, 7 Bledisloe Way, Lydney

Works to pine tree covered by TPO 172. 2m reduction in height and 10% reduction of crown and reshaping.

**Objection. Effect to light and air should have been raised/addressed by the developer at the time of application. Refer to Forest of Dean District Council, as Local Authority responsible for Tree Preservation Orders to ascertain why original TPO was granted.**



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P1748/12/FUL – Mr & Mrs G Davies, Torvain, Driffield Road, Lydney  
Alterations and extensions to dwelling

**No objection subject to neighbour notification.**

P0081/12/DISCON – Mr C S Reid, Land at, Allaston Road, Lydney  
Discharge of condition (09) (surface water) of planning permission P2203/09/FUL.  
(Amended details)

**No objection providing that the surface water (SUDS) does not infringe on the Public Right of Way or beyond the property boundary.**

P1784/12/FUL – Mrs S Brooks – 5 Claudius Way, Lydney  
Conversion of existing internal garage into study. Construction of additional parking space

**No objection**

P1799/12/ADV – Tesco Stores Limited, High Street, Lydney  
Display of an illuminated tablet sign.

**No objection**

P0022/13/FUL – Mr S Frohlich, 3 Claudius Way, Lydney  
Erection of a single storey rear extension. Demolition of existing conservatory.

**No objection**

### **TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM FODDC**

P1566/12/FUL – Severnbanks County Primary School, Naas Lane, Lydney  
**Granted permission** – Application under Section 73 for variation of condition (04) of P1180/12/FUL (temporary permission) for four year to 25 years

Notification that P0650/12/FUL – Public Convenience, Bream Road, Lydney – Demolition of existing toilet block to be replaced with dedicated recycling area on an existing public car park. Two new parking spaces to the northwest of the existing toilet block – was considered by members of the District Council's Development Control Committee at their meeting on Tuesday 8 January 2013.

P1634/12/FUL – 32 Allaston Road, Lydney  
**Granted permission** – Rear single storey alterations and extension to dwelling.

P0009/12/EIA – Land West of Purlieu End Farm, The Purlieu, Lydney  
**EIA not required** – EIA Screening Opinion.

P1664/12/TCA – St Mary The Virgin Church, Church Road, Lydney  
**Granted permission** – Crown raise 1 Yew to provide 1m clearance from Church roof and even canopy. Remove branches from Bay Tree overkeeping boundary wall and re-balance.

P1714/12/TPO – Oak House, Windrush Gardens, Lydney  
**Granted permission** – Removal of epicormic growth on trunk of oak tree to a height of 6.5m from the ground.



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P1637/12/FUL – 41 Primrose Hill, Lydney

**Granted permission** – Erection of a two storey extension. (Part demolition of existing single storey rear extension).

P1636/12/FUL – 65A Primrose Hill, Lydney

**Granted permission** – Erection of a two storey rear extension.

P1558/12/FUL – Land at 1 Cross Hands, Lydney

**Granted permission** – Erection of a detached dwelling, pair of gates, construction of vehicular access and associated parking.

P1452/12/PLANOB – Land South of Lakeside Avenue, Lydney

**Granted permission** – Modification to Section 106 agreement attached to planning permission P1009/09/OUT to add a clause to permit the letting of the affordable housing at affordable rents.

P0650/12/FUL – Public Convenience, Bream Road, Lydney

**Granted permission** – The proposal is for the demolition of existing toilet block to be replaced with dedicated recycling area on an existing public car park. Two new parking spaces to the northwest of the existing toilet block.

The CEO advised that no response had yet been received regarding the Council's submission to the Planning Inspectorate regarding Planning Application P0528/12/FUL – Land at end of Winsor Drive, Lydney.

Cllr Harris requested that the CEO obtain a copy of the Officer's report regarding Planning Application P1558/12/FUL – Land at 1 Cross Hands, Lydney, as she wished to view the Officer's comments relating to highway safety.

**Action by – the CEO**

### 7. TEMPORARY FOOTPATH CLOSURES

Harbour Road, Lydney – from 12 to 14 January 2013 and from 19 to 21 January 2013 from 1900 HRS to 0700 HRS

Naas Lane, Lydney – from 4 May at 2255 HRS to 5 May at 0545 HRS

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FLY 27 – from Point A junction with A48 Lydney Bypass to Point B junction with FLY 84

FLY 39 – from Point C junction with Lakeside Avenue to Point D junction with Naas Lane

FLY 42 – from Point E junction with Naas Lane, via Points F and G, to Point H on Naas Lane

FLY 81 – from Point I junction with Allaston Road to Point J on FLY 13

Bridleway FLY 90 – from Point K junction with A48 Bypass to Point L junction with Naas Lane

It was noted that Dalcour Maclaren (on behalf of Severn Trent) had served a 21 day notice on Lydney Recreation Trust to facilitate the laying of a new sewer pipeline across a section of the Trust's ground. During discussion it was noted that FLYs 27, 39, 42, 81 and 90 would be closed from 21 January 2013 until at least 19 August 2013. Cllr Osborne requested the CEO ascertain if it would be necessary to close all the aforementioned

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footpaths for the duration of the period. Cllr Preest requested that the CEO also obtain background information on the need to close the section of FLY 81.

**Action by – the CEO**

### 8. PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE

Gloucestershire County Council – Letter regarding the Forest of Dean Ramblers Group's proposal for a new footbridge & dedicated new Public Right of Way link to existing FLY 1 footpath.

Prior to the meeting Members had been provided with a copy of the above letter and during the meeting Members recalled that they had voiced "no objection" to the actual planning application. Accordingly, it was **proposed by Cllr Preest, seconded by Cllr Harris**, that a response of "no objection" would be returned.

**Action by – the CEO**

### HIGHWAY/TRANSPORT ISSUES

Regretfully, Cllr Osborne informed Members of the sad death of Mr Jimmy Martin, Chairman, Time and Place.

Responding to a question which had been raised by Cllr Osborne regarding the Lollipop Lady who had operated in Hill Street, Cllr Preest advised that the employee had resigned their post. Furthermore, that a member of the public, concerned that children had not been provided with a safe crossing point, had decided to erect temporary signage imploring motorist to slow down and allow children to cross. Cllr Osborne requested that Cllr Cooksley, as County Councillor for the Town, investigate why a Lollipop Lady had yet to be provided for Hill Street and he expressed concern that an accident would occur if the situation was not resolved.

**Action by – County Cllr Cooksley**

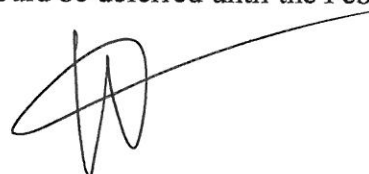
The CEO advised Members that she had recently discovered that T Mobile had sponsored a Lollipop Lady in a neighboring Parish and the CEO enquired if County Cllr Cooksley objected to the Town Council making enquiries regarding sponsorship opportunities. County Cllr Cooksley voiced no objection.

**Action by – the CEO**

### 9. CCTV

Prior to the meeting Councillors were provided with a copy of an e-mail which had been received from Superintendent Phil Haynes advising that the Community Safety Partnership had elected not to support the Council's bid for a CCTV camera for the Town. It was noted that Superintendent Haynes had suggested that the Council seek to secure the use of a mobile CCTV camera in the Newerne Street Car Park.

During discussion Members were advised that they may wish to consider the Newerne Street Car Park as a location for a camera site in the new Financial Year and also the possible relocation of the camera currently covering the car park at Lydney Town Hall. Cllr Cooksley confirmed that the issue of the camera at the Town Hall would be an agenda item for the next meeting of the Lydney Town Hall Management Committee. Accordingly, it was agreed that further consideration would be deferred until the February meeting.



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10. HIGHWAY CORRESPONDENCE

- E-mail from Mr B Watkins, Gloucestershire Highways, advising that he is in the process of ordering signage advising of the lack of access to Federal Mogul from Tutnalls Street. Aforementioned signage to be erected as soon as it is delivered.  
**Noted.**
- Department for Transport – copy of a letter to Mr D Biddle advising that no funding is available to provide a disabled passenger crossing at Lydney Station.  
**Councillors were not happy with the response and felt that action would only be taken by the relevant authorities when an incident occurred.**

11. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Preest advised that District Council Cabinet Member Cllr B Robinson had agreed to meet himself and Cllr Osborne at Bream Road Car Park to view how motorist use the facility as a “rat run”.

Cllr Hobman informed Members that she had made enquiries with District Council Officers regarding the length of time taken to refurbish the public toilets in Newerne Street Car Park. Cllr Hobman then outlined the response which she had received from the District Council. The CEO enquired if Members wished to approach the District Council to request permission to place hanging baskets on the building. Whilst no objection was made, concern was expressed that the hanging baskets may not remain on the building for any length of time.

Cllr Cooksley requested that the Council clarify the ownership of a bank in Swan Lane which runs from the junction with Swan Road. It was noted that the matter would be an agenda item for the Amenities Committee.

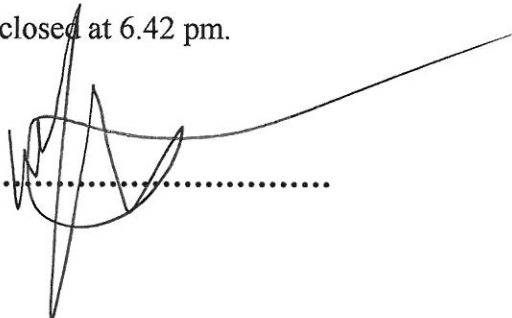
**Action by – the CEO**

12. MEETING DATES

It was noted that the next meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee would take place on Monday 11 February 2013 at 6.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 6.42 pm.

Chairman .....



Date ..... 11<sup>th</sup> February 2013