

LYDNEY TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING – 2014/03/10 - 43

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING held in the Council Chamber, Claremont House, Lydney on Monday 10 March 2014 at 5.55 pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs J Bevan (Chairman), B Berryman, C Harris, V Hobman, A Preest and B Thomas
Mr D Street – Member of the public co-opted onto the Committee

One member of the public
Ms T Tremlett – Forest of Dean District Council (agenda item 2 only)
Mrs J Smailes – Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Miss C Wheeler – Executive Officer (EO)

Cllr Bevan 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. **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

Members noted that Cllr Osborne had resigned from the committee due to work commitments. **Cllr Harris proposed** Cllr Bevan to the position of Committee Chairman, **seconded by Cllr Hobman**. No other nominations were proposed and the Committee voted unanimously to approve Cllr Bevan's appointment.

Cllr Bevan agreed that he would be able to represent the Council at the majority of the Forest of Dean District Council's Site meetings, however, it was further **proposed by Cllr Preest, seconded by Cllr Harris**, that Cllr Thomas would attend any site meetings to which Cllr Bevan was not able to attend.

Action by – Cllrs Bevan and Thomas

2. **PRESENTATION**

Cllr Bevan welcomed Ms Tremlett, Forest of Dean District Council (FODDC), to the meeting and she then provided Members with an overview as to how funding had historically been provided; that FODDC had possessed five mobile cameras; that the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) had elected to widen the eligibility criteria to enable other organisations to apply for funding; that FODDC had yet to apply to the PCC for funding and wished to work in partnership with the Police and Parish/Town Councils to facilitate the purchase of mobile cameras via funding from the PCC Safer Days and Nights funding scheme.

Whilst Ms Tremlett was happy for her team to write the funding bid, she stressed that FODDC would not be able to fund the initiative. Furthermore, that the Town Council would be able to use the amounts it has previously expended on the Town's CCTV system to "offset" the match funding requirement of the scheme. Ms Tremlett also stressed that if the joint bid was successful it would be the responsibility of the Police and Town Council to manage the scheme and to agree where the cameras would be deployed; Ms Tremlett also felt that the management of the cameras could also be used to offset the "match funding" element of the bid.



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Cllr Preest informed Ms Tremlett of locations where mobile CCTV cameras were still in situ and during discussion Ms Tremlett advised that cameras needed to be sited on a post from which an electricity supply could be obtained and advised that data from the cameras would be downloaded when needed.

Mrs Tremlett was asked whether, should the Town Council decide to participate in a joint funding bid, neighbouring Parishes would then be required to apply to the Town Council if they wished to utilise the mobile CCTV camera. Ms Tremlett recommended that those Town Council's who participated in the scheme should be afforded a sum of money to purchase/administer/maintain any mobile cameras which were purchased. Members noted that if the Town Council decided to submit a joint bid any cameras purchased would be classed as an asset of the Council and should therefore remain under its control. However, Ms Tremlett suggested that the Council would need to negotiate with Inspector Rachel Lynch-Warden on this matter.

In closing, Ms Tremlett advised that should the Council decided that it wished to move forward with such an application it would need to decide the specification of camera required and also agree who would be responsible for "controlling" the camera, however, she recommended that the camera should "sit" with the Town Council.

Ms Tremlett then excused herself from the meeting.

3. **APOLOGIES**

None.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

5. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Approval of the minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee meeting held on 10 February 2014 was **proposed by Cllr Harris**. Cllr Preest sought clarification if a mandate had been given at the February Full Council for a letter to be written to Mr Eric Pickles MP, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, calling for a Referendum (funded by the Developer) to take place regarding the housing development at Allaston. Members were advised that no vote had been taken on the matter at Full Council; neither had the item of business been requested as an agenda item for the March meeting. Cllr Preest requested that the matter be an agenda item for the April meeting in order that endorsement may be sought.

Action by – the CEO

Cllr Harris advised that the owner of Transporterland had agreed to only illuminate their sign for two hours in the morning and two hours each evening. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Harris for her efforts.

At this point **Cllr Hobman agreed to second** the minutes. Unanimous.

6. **OPEN FORUM**

Mr W Owen, 3 Augustus Way, Lydney – questioned if formal planning consent would be required if an individual wished to operate a second-hand car sales business involving 2-12 cars. Mr Owen was advised to contact Forest of Dean District Council to establish if the

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individual was paying business rates/ascertain if formal consent was required.

At this point Cllr Bevan brought item 13 forward for consideration, however, the minutes reflect the order as shown on the agenda.

HIGHWAY, FOOTPATH AND TRANSPORT ISSUES

7. TEMPORARY ROAD/FOOTPATH CLOSURES

FLY/25/A/1 – from its junction with Bathurst Park Road running in a generally southern direction for approximately 318 metres to its junction with Church Road from 18 February 2014 for up to five days. **Noted.**

8. CCTV

Mobile CCTV Funding Bid

Deferred until next meeting.

Provision of Mast

Members noted that the Council was required to obtain formal planning consent in respect of the installation of the mast. Accordingly, approval of the planning application fee (£195.00) was proposed by Cllr Harris, seconded by Cllr Hobman. Unanimous.

Action by – the CEO

9. HIGHWAY CORRESPONDENCE

- Copy of recent presentation (re. GCC Infrastructure Contract (AMEY)) and report from Mr D Street. **Noted.**
- Gloucestershire Highways – drains surrounding 115 Lakeside Avenue have now been modified to gully tops, as per suggestion at Forest of Dean District Council's meeting with Lakeside residents. **Noted.**

10. TRANSPORT ISSUES

Prior to the meeting Members were provided with a copy of the e-mail which had been received from Mr B Watkins, Gloucestershire Highways, providing an update on the implementation of parking restrictions in Bream Road, and also a copy of the Order by Gloucestershire County Council relating to the Proposed Waiting Restrictions which has now been confirmed.

Cllr Preest advised that problems were still being experienced in Bream Road and that he would attend a meeting with Mr B Watkins the following day and would also raise the issue of the Bream Road Car Park.

11. GRIT BINS/GRIT SUPPLY/VAS

Members noted that an additional supply of grit had now been received from Gloucestershire Highways.

Members also noted the proposed location for the Vehicle Activated Signs, installation date still to be confirmed

12. LITTER – Lydney Bus Station

Cllr Preest advised that litter at the Bus Station was currently being addressed by Biffa.



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PLANNING ISSUES

13. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P0101/14/FUL – Mr I Davies, 3 Lych Gate Mews, Lydney

Resiting of boundary wall to increase driveway width

No objection

P0228/14/FUL – Mrs S J Crabbe, Sefton Lodge, 4 Kimberley Drive, Lydney

Erection of a replacement porch with WC to the side elevation, demolition of existing porch

No objection

P1867/13/FUL – Wyedean Housing Association, Foxview, Severnbanks Avenue, Lydney
Erection of 4 no 1 bedroom flats with parking

No objection provided a condition is imposed which requires all grey water be re-used on site and that no Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems feed into nearby watercourses to exacerbate flooding situations experienced in Lakeside area (ref. assurances given by Mr J Westmoreland/District Cllr Quaile at Lydney Flood Defence meetings)

P0087/14/OUT – Mr P Stickler, San Cris, Court Road, Lydney

Outline application for the erection of a detached dwelling, garage and access.

Council notes that FLY85 runs along the boundary of the site and requests the insertion of a clause requiring the retention of the fence line. Whilst, Council notes a discrepancy between the Plan View and the Elevations, it recognises that the outline application seeks approval for access and layout only. Council would require all future plans to be consistent should approval be granted and a Full application then submitted.

P0311/14/FUL – Mr G Meek, 9 Tiberius Avenue, Lydney

Erection of a two storey side extension

No objection

P0314/14/FUL – Mr & Mrs S Cooper, 21 School Crescent, Lydney

Erection of first floor front extension

No objection

P0022/14/DISCON – Bee Green Solar Ltd, Hurst Farm, Cross Hands, Lydney

Discharge of Conditions 03 (Soft Landscaping) and 10 (Archaeology) of planning permission P1358/13/FUL

The Town Council believe that a time restriction should be implemented regarding the Discharge of Conditions. Furthermore, Council request that it be provided with copies of the scaled site plan which was provided to Members of the Planning Committee during their site visit in order to establish that the correct site was indeed inspected as all present felt that the planned site would not be visible from the By-pass.

P0183/14/FUL – Mr P Sosna, 40 Summerleaze, Lydney

Erection of a single storey extension. Demolition of existing single storey side extension and outbuilding

No objection

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P0325/14/FUL – Two Rivers Housing, 28 Jubilee Road, Lydney
Erection of a single storey side extension to create bedroom/shower room for a disabled person. (Demolition of existing side extension).

No objection

14. TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM FODDC

P0102/13/DISCON – Land at Highfield Road, Lydney

Granted Permission – Discharge of conditions 07 (temporary car parking), 11 (equipped & landscaped children's play area), 12 (public open space) on planning permission P1089/11/FUL for the erection of 47 dwellings.

P0050/14/FUL – 7 Tiberius Avenue, Lydney

Granted Permission – Conversion of attached garage to provide bedroom and shower for disabled use.

15. PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE

- Notification from Forest of Dean District Council that Planning Application P1442/13/FUL – 33 High Street, Lydney – will be considered by the Planning Committee on 1 April 2014. **Cllr Harris appointed to speak on the application on the Council's behalf.**
- E-mail received from Neds Top Residents Action Group re. Nibley Farm Solar Development. Cllr Preest advised that at a recent Road Safety Meeting he had stressed the need to consider the development.
- Letter from Ms S Tagg, Managing Director, Foxley Tagg Planning Limited re. P1829/13/OUT – proposed residential development for 110 residential units on land at Highfield Road, Lydney. **Noted.**
- Forest of Dean District Council – variation of premises licence for Harrys Bar, 7/8 Regency Arcade, Lydney. **Council feel that the proposed increase in hours will have a detrimental effect on neighbouring properties.**

16. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING TPOs/TREE MAINTENANCE ORDERS

Members noted that Forest of Dean District Council had accepted a Five Day Notice for the felling of 1 x Lime Tree at The Old Vicarage, Church Road, Lydney.

17. ECO/BIO-DIVERSITY POLICY

Prior to the meeting Members were provided with a copy of the Policy which had been produced by Mr D Street. Whilst consideration of the Policy was deferred until the next meeting, Cllr Preest thanked Mr Street for his work in producing said policy.

Action by – the CEO

18. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Harris reported an overgrown hedge which was encroaching onto the footpath between 89-91 Primrose Hill. County Cllr Preest confirmed that he would report the problem to Mr B Watkins, Gloucestershire Highways.

Action by – County Cllr Preest



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Cllr Harris also questioned how long the footpath at the bottom of Highfield Hill would remain closed, as it was forcing schoolchildren to cross a busy three-lane road. County Cllr Preest agreed to make enquiries with Mr B Watkins and encouraged Councillors to raise any other concerns. Cllr Bevan advised that a resident of Kimberley Drive had requested the implementation of traffic calming measures. Furthermore, Cllr Bevan questioned the feasibility of removing the chicane on the corner by St Mary's Church, whilst retaining the speed cushion.

Action by – County Cllr Preest

Mr Street advised that ongoing work in Cambourne Place was still causing problems.

19. **MEETING DATES**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee would take place on Monday 14 April 2014 at 6.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 6.55 pm.

Chairman 

Date 14-4-2014