

## **CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **YSTRAD MYNACH TOWN CENTRE FORUM**

#### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT TREDOMEN ON MONDAY, 15TH FEBRUARY 1999 AT 4.00 P.M.**

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PRESENT:

Councillors:

K.C. Cooper, S. Jenkins, B. Jones.

#### **REPRESENTATIVES**

**Gelligaer Community Council**  
Community Councillor C. Thomas

**Groundwork, Caerphilly**  
Mr. N. Forster

**Gwent Constabulary**  
Inspector J. Fudge

**Lewis Girls Comprehensive School**  
Dr. S. Noake

**Ystrad Mynach and District Chamber of Trade**  
Mr. D. Price

Together with:

Forward Planning and Urban Renewal Manager, Environmental Health Officer, Principal Engineer (Liaison and Monitoring), Principal Engineer (Management and Regulation), Business Development Officer, Principal Planner (Landscape Architect), Research Officer, Senior Committee Services Officer.

#### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor L.R. Rees, Community Councillor B. Thomas, Mrs. G. Genna (GAVO) and Ms. C. McClean (WDA).

#### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meetings held on 24th September 1998 were received and noted.

## **MATTERS ARISING**

### **Traffic Calming**

It was noted that the traffic calming in the town centre had now established itself and that no problems were being experienced. Traffic calming in Lewis Street is underway and the scheme for Commercial Street and Central Street will be undertaken in the future.

Reference was made to a double glazing company which had informally indicated that it was experiencing access difficulties and it was agreed that the matter would be investigated once a formal complaint had been raised.

It was also noted that the road narrowing system in the vicinity of Lewis Street and Caerphilly Road (A472) had been causing difficulties for the school crossing patrol and would be reviewed.

Various sign posting initiatives are also to be undertaken.

### **Bus Stop Vicinity of Siloh Chapel**

It was confirmed that following the concerns expressed at the last meeting proposals to narrow the road at the above location had been reviewed. As a result, the scheme has been amended for the provision of a bus stop and bus layby only.

## **TOWN CENTRE ENHANCEMENT**

It was noted that the three year programme for the regeneration is now two thirds complete and reference was made to schemes being carried out by Groundwork on the outskirts of the town including footpaths, cycleways and landscaping. It was also noted that the Trinity Fields Special School is completed and open and that the Tredomen roundabout had been completed.

Details of the progress to date were outlined and it was confirmed that the main contract for traffic calming and environment improvements in the town centre are now complete. The planting scheme to complement the work will be undertaken as soon as ground conditions improve.

The progress on the acquisition of land at Siloh Chapel and its development as a public square at the centre of the town were outlined and the artwork which will be an integral part of the design of the square was discussed. Specific reference was also made to the artist designed railings around the Pierhead which are currently being fabricated and will be installed in the near future.

During discussion in relation to the CCTV system, the question was raised as to whether local shopkeepers could have the telephone number of the operators in order that if they witness an incident occurring they could contact the operator and advise them of which angle the camera should be placed to view the incident. It was agreed that this matter would be investigated.

### **Pengam Road Retail Development**

It was reported that discussions in relation to the retail site were ongoing and that a planning application was imminent.

It was confirmed that the area on which the police station is sited is an integral part of the strategy and that proposals to relocate staff and demolish the building were ongoing.

### **Progress on Economic Development**

Progress on the development of the Tredomen Industrial Estate was noted and it was confirmed that the final phase for demolition had been let to tender. The area will then be actively marketed for development.

It was noted that Groundwork were working with a number of companies on the Dyffryn Business Park undertaking schemes financed by the companies and the Welsh Development Agency and hoped to encourage other companies to invest in the area.

### **Groundwork Trust**

Details of projects which have been completed were noted and reference was made to the A469/A472 Green Street and Royal Oak Gateway/Tesco and Tredomen Roundabout, Ystrad Mynach Park and Hengoed Institute Field, the South Wales Cycle route and the Griffiths Street Play area. Reference was also made to the other schemes which will be managed by the local community group involved with the project.