



## **YSTRAD MYNACH TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT GROUP**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE ON TUESDAY 14TH JULY 2015 AT 3:15PM**

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PRESENT:

Councillors:

A. Angel, K. James, M. James, J. A. Pritchard, D. T. Davies

Together with:

W. David (Community Councillor), C. Mortimer (Gelligaer Community Council Clerk), Inspector Muirhead (Gwent Police), Dr M Jorro (Rhymney Valley Music Club), Mr K Jones (Ystrad Mynach Partnership)

Also:

Mr S Wilcox (Assistant Town Centre Manager), Mr A Dallimore (Team Leader – Urban Renewal & Conservation), A. Jones (Clerk)

#### **1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

Mr Dallimore opened the meeting and asked for nominations for Chair. Councillor Allan Angel was nominated and members voted 3 in favour.

Councillor Angel accepted the post and proceeded with the meeting.

#### **2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR**

Councillor Angel asked for nominations for Vice Chair. Councillor Martyn James was nominated and members voted 3 in favour.

Councillor Angel accepted the post on behalf of Councillor James.

#### **3. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillors: D. Bolter, M. James, E. Aldworth (Consultee), D. Cushing (Community Councillor), Mr A. Highway (Town Centre Manager), Mr P. Hudson (Marketing & Events Manager)

#### **4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**5. TO NOTE THE PREVIOUS MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7TH APRIL 2015**

The previous minutes were taken as read.

Mr Wilcox circulated to the group a list of off street parking, which had been requested by Councillor James in the previous meeting.

Mr Wilcox read out the following statement from Clive Campbell in transportation in relation to Siloh Square query raised by Councillor James

'The stop on Siloh Square was established in the late 90s to serve as a single stop for passengers catching buses to Caerphilly as part of a local regeneration scheme. This isn't possible from a stop on Pengam Road.

Urban Renewal has recently funded the installation of a new shelter to replace the previous one. The stop is popular and accessible for passengers travelling from the centre of Ystrad Mynach. If the problem with the location is congestion from illegal parking, then a revised bus stop location is not the answer.

If any member of the TCMG wants to discuss the issue, then I suggest they speak with my colleague Huw Morgan in the first instance. 01495 235089 or [MORGANH@caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:MORGANH@caerphilly.gov.uk)'

**6. CHOOSE THE HIGH STREET PAST & PRESENT UPDATE**

Mr Wilcox presented a Power Point presentation to the group on the progress of the "Choose the High Street Past & Present Campaign".

Members were advised that Mr Wilcox has been working with the local schools to participate in the artwork displays.

The 'street galleries' have been well received, since the photo boards were displayed in local shop windows people have expressed an interest in purchasing them.

The photos in the street galleries are available on the CCBC website, Flickr Page and exhibitions will take place in libraries in each town.

Cotton bags have been handed out in libraries to promote the campaign and a competition to win shopping vouchers has been launched.

The Chair confirmed that feedback in Ystrad Mynach is very positive.

Councillor Pritchard suggested that the campaign could possibly be promoted within the banks by displaying posters. Mr Dallimore confirmed that this could be an opportunity to promote the scheme and will look to pursue this.

Mr Wilcox confirmed that previously leaflets have been left in left in the banks when looking to promote new businesses and this would looked at in the future.

**7. CHRISTMAS MARKET UPDATE**

Mr Wilcox passed on apologies from Mr Hudson. Mr Hudson had provided the following details.

The provisional date for the Christmas Market is Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November. There are 30 stalls and entertainment interested in attending.

The group were advised that the event would cost approximately £4,000. Gelligaer Community Council has contributed £1,500 and there is £1,730 from the area forum budget. Mr Hudson has advised that there is a shortfall but does not think that this will be a problem it could just result in trimming the event down slightly.

Ceri Mortimer asked for clarification on the cost of hiring a stall. The Chair advised that he would check this with Mr Hudson.

Mr Dallimore stated that this was very positive for the town.

## **8. SILOH SQUARE CHAPEL COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE FROM COUNCILLOR ANGEL**

The Chair advised the group that the work will be starting on Monday to the back of the chapel and passed plans around to the group showing what works will be undertaken.

The group were advised that the mosaic stones that were removed from the square would be used in the seating area.

Ceri Mortimer asked for details of what is planned for the front of the chapel. The chair advised that he would arrange for copies of the plans to be provided.

The Chair asked if the Urdd Eisteddfod bunting that has been removed from the town centre could be returned to the Chapel. Mr Dallimore advised the Chair that he would check with officers to see if they removed the bunting.

Ceri Mortimer raised concern over cigarette ends and chewing gum in the square. Mr Dallimore advised that he will chase this up and Mr Wilcox confirmed that this would be listed on the audit.

Mr Dallimore advised that now the dome has been removed to create more room the area can be utilised for events. The group discussed the possibility of a brass band playing in the square.

## **9. PARKING IN TOWN CENTRE**

Inspector Muirhead advised that the Police are continuing to issue tickets to those who park illegally but not seeing much improvement.

Tickets will continue to be issued but there is no long-term solution.

The Chair asked if there was a possibility for bollards to be placed outside the betting shop opposite the pier head as vehicles park on the pavement here. Inspector Muirhead advised that this would be a highways matter and should be requested direct to them.

The Chair raised an issue with the loading bays and Church Street lines require painting, as the lines are quite faint. This will be referred back to Highways. Inspector Muirhead advised that if tickets issued and goes to court where lines are not visible these tickets would be treated as not valid.

## **10. PENGAM ROAD SPEED ISSUES**

Mr Dallimore informed the group that there is a responsive illuminated sign in place to warn drivers to slow down and make them aware of the 30mph limit.

Inspector Muirhead has been requested to carry out a speed analysis but unfortunately the speed gun is currently being calibrated at HQ. Inspector Muirhead advised that he will carry out the survey and will report back to the group as soon as possible.

**11. YSTRAD MYNACH AUDIT – APRIL 2015**

Mr Wilcox presented the audit report to the group and the following item was raised.

Installation of Christmas Illuminations – Members discussed raising money for the lights. Ceri Mortimer advised that she had spoken to Tom Llewellyn in Street Lighting and had been given approximate costs. Mr Wilcox suggested obtaining a quote from Elsbury Access Platforms who currently install the lamp column banners.

There were no further issues on the audit.

Meeting closed at 16.03m

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CHAIR