

# CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## BARGOED TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT GROUP

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, TREDOMEN ON MONDAY 26TH APRIL 2004 AT 4.30 PM

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#### PRESENT:

Councillor K.P. Viney - Chairman

#### Councillors:

H.A. Andrews, Mrs G. Jones, J. Taylor and K.V. Reynolds

Community Councillors Mrs. E.A. Green, Mr. I. Hill and Mrs. J. Thomas (Bargoed Chamber of Trade).

#### Together with:

Roger Tanner (Strategic Planning and Urban Renewal Manager), Bryan Morgan (Senior Planner - Urban Renewal), Sharon Kauczok (Committee Services Officer).

#### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D.T. Davies and Inspector Childs (Gwent Police).

#### **1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **2. BARGOED RETAIL DEVELOPMENT SITE**

The exempt report was presented to the Group as part of the agreed consultation process.

Roger Tanner highlighted the key issues within the report and tabled a summary of the background and options available for developing the plateau. It was reported that:-

- There had been renewed interest in the small plateau development.
- The construction of the by-pass was anticipated to commence in 2006.
- The Council would need to choose a private sector partner to develop the retail plateau in one or two phases.
- Consultation would take place with key stakeholders.

Mr Tanner then outlined the advantages and disadvantages of both the small plateau and large plateau developments and the contrast between the two schemes.

Members indicated that they were happy with the recommendations contained in the report and raised issues in relation to the following:-

- A Member requested that residents in Aberbargoed whose properties about the tip be included in the consultation exercise.
- Concerns were raised in relation to the impact on the environment and wildlife in proximity to the development.
- The feasibility and implications of material from Aberbargoed tip being used as fill material in the scheme.
- Development opportunities and in particular the potential of the large plateau.

Mr Tanner asked if members could submit their views to him in writing. He explained that a further report recommending action to be taken to develop the Bargoed retail plateau and the Aberbargoed housing and recreation plateau would be presented to Cabinet following the outcome of all the consultations.

The meeting closed at 5.10 pm.