



BARGOED TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT GROUP

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT BARGOED TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES,
THE SETTLEMENT, BARGOED ON WEDNESDAY 28TH JUNE 2006 AT 5.00 PM**

PRESENT:

Councillor D. Carter - Chairman
Councillor Mrs D. Price - Vice-Chairman

Councillor:

D.T. Davies

Together with:

Messrs I. Hill and P. Collins (Bargoed Chamber of Trade), Mr J. Cooper (Local Resident),

R. Tanner (Strategic Planning and Urban Renewal Manager), B. Morgan (Project Officer-
Urban Renewal) and D. Phillips (Committee Services Officer).

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors H.A. Andrews, E.K. Griffiths, A.G. Higgs K.V. Reynolds and Mr D. Collins (Bargoed Chamber of Trade).

1. LAND AT 45 HANBURY ROAD BARGOED

The Chairman explained that the meeting had been convened to discuss a proposed environmental scheme for land at 45 Hanbury Road, Bargoed. Illustrative drawings had been presented to a previous Bargoed Town Centre Management Group when concern was expressed regarding a proposed seating area. It was therefore agreed that the matter would not be progressed until the views of the local residents had been obtained.

The Chairman reported that a petition against the proposed scheme had been received and he had therefore invited a representative of the residents to attend the meeting and speak on the matter.

Mrs V. Stephens, a resident, outlined the concerns of the local residents of Cross Street. She referred to the possible problems that may arise should a seating area be positioned at this site.

A local member responded that although he accepted the concerns of the residents the scheme was part of an enhancement of the town centre and would provide a much needed seating area for shoppers near the town centre. If a seating area was provided at the site it could be positioned on Hanbury Road adjacent to the police station.

Other members of the Management Group discussed their concerns at the scheme and suggested alternatives and modifications. It was suggested that consideration be given to a sculpture, a mural on the facing wall or railings on a curved retaining wall.

The Management Group agreed that option 1 and 2 for the environmental scheme not be agreed and an amended scheme be designed to incorporate a landscape area with no seating but a space left near Hanbury Road for a sculpture should further funding become available.

It was also agreed that local residents be further consulted on the amended scheme.

The meeting closed at 5.30pm

CHAIRMAN