

# CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## CAERPHILLY TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT GROUP

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, TREDOMEN ON THURSDAY, 19TH JUNE 2003 AT 2.00 P.M.

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PRESENT:

Councillor P. Bevan - Chairman  
Councillor Mrs K. Gwynne - Vice-Chairman

Councillors:

J.E. Fussell and M.H. Newman

Together with:

M. Howland (Team Leader- Urban Renewal), D. Earey (Principal Engineer), D. Nutt (Tourism Officer) T. White (Refuse and Cleansing Officer), B. Jones (Community Education Officer- Bedwas Arts Centre) J. Elliott (Research Officer), K. Phillips (Student) and D. Phillips (Committee Services Officer)

Also Present:

M. Evans (Caerphilly Town Council), J. Wallis (CADW), J. Couzens (Centre Manager), Mrs S. Cooper (Caerphilly Access Group), P. Ford (GAVO), Inspector S. Flynn and Sergeant Foster (Gwent Police).

#### **APOLOGY**

An apology for absence was received from Mr A. Hood (CADW).

#### **CT18 MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the following minutes be approved as correct records and signed by the chairman.

[Caerphilly Town Centre Management Group held on 19th March 2003.](#)

#### **MATTERS ARISING**

#### **CT19 Skateboarding**

Mr Jones (Community Education Officer) outlined the progress on the skateboarding facility at the indoor market at Pentrebanne Street, Caerphilly.

He reported that following consultations with 'KICK' a joint submission with the Council for grant aid had been made to 'Sportlot'. The application will be considered in Mid July.

It is anticipated that the Council will oversee the development and the day to day management and revenue implications will be administered by KICK.

If the funding is approved and the tenders accepted, the facility would be available by the end of August.

#### **CT20 Park Lane Development**

Mr Ford (GAVO) stressed the uncertainty felt by some of the Park Lane users and the importance of the Council communicating to them any information on the proposed development. It was noted that a formal list of users is presently being compiled by Leisure Services and following this consultations will be held with all the users on any proposals.

Mr Howland reported that the consultants were close to completion on the feasibility study on the Park Lane development and the proposals would then link to the Caerphilly Regeneration Strategy. He reminded members however that the development is dependent on completion of the study, consultation and appropriate funding.

It was noted that the development would have be a 'food based' theme with restaurants and bars. It is hoped that the development would also include a new library.

It was agreed that the consultants or relevant officers be invited when appropriate to a future meeting of the Management Group.

#### **CT21 Caerphilly Castle**

Mr Wallis (CADW) reported that the new visitor centre at Caerphilly Castle will be open on the 9th July 2003.

It was noted that unbudgeted expenditure on other projects may have an effect on the budget allocated for permanent repairs to the boundary wall at Nantgarw Road and members will be kept informed of the situation.

It was reported that the circular walk around the castle will be completed in time for the 'Big Cheese Festival' (25-27 July). Local schools will be involved in the design of markings along the route and leaflets on the walk will be available in the Tourist Information Centre.

#### **CT22 Dafydd Williams Park (David Williams Park) – Lighting Scheme**

Mr Howland reported that designs had been drawn up for the proposed lighting scheme with an approximate cost of £25,000. (Leisure Services would be responsible for the revenue costs) It was agreed that a formal request be sent to Caerphilly Town Council for a contribution towards this cost of the scheme.

Inspector Flynn indicated that she would examine the possibility of attracting funding for this scheme from the Crime and Disorder Fund

It was noted that a formal application for Scheduled Monument Consent from CADW would be needed for this work.

**CT23 Toilet Facilities**

The Chairman reported that the Environmental & Housing Scrutiny Committee on 27th March 2003 had considered a report on 'Improvements to Public Convenience Provision'. The report had included a property condition survey on all public conveniences including Caerphilly Town Centre. The Scrutiny Committee had noted the report and agreed that further reports would be presented to the committee in due course.

It was reported that the public toilet sign situated near Barclays Bank was pointing in the wrong direction and Mr Earey indicated that he would investigate this matter.

**CT24 Review Of Street Parking**

It was noted that a written report on Street Parking will be completed and presented to the Technical Scrutiny Committee in September.

**CT25 Monument to David Williams (Dafydd Williams Park)**

Mr Howland reported that all the artwork in the town is scheduled to be cleaned in the near future.

Concern was expressed at the present condition of the path around the monument in the park. It was noted however that this area would be incorporated in the National Cycle Route and it was hoped funding would be in place to allow this to proceed next financial year. Mr Howland indicated however that the brambles and weeds around the area would be removed.

**CT26 Changing of Names – Public Houses**

The Chairman reported that he had additional information on the history of the Court House, Cardiff Road, Caerphilly. It was agreed that a letter be sent to Scottish & Newcastle Breweries from the Town Council and the Management Group urging them to retain the original names of their public houses in the Town.

**CT27 Correspondence from Caerphilly Town Council**

The Chairman referred to the correspondence from Caerphilly Town Council.

**CT28 Provision of Information Boards in the Town Centre**

The Town Clerk reported that he had been approached from the Caerphilly Round Table who wished to mark 50 years in Caerphilly (in 2004) with an information/notice board in the Town. Mr Nutt (Tourism Officer) reported that information boards were also being progressed by the Council.

It was agreed that Mr Howland would liaise with all interested parties regarding costings, sponsorships, locations etc.

A member complimented the council on the magnificent flower displays in the Town Centre.

**CT29 Skateboarding – Progress on Bye Law**

A report was circulated outlining the Progress on the draft Byelaws in relation to the regulation of skateboarding in the County Borough.

Members expressed concern at the lengthy timescales involved in this issue and it was agreed that a report and a member of the Legal Department be available at the next meeting to outline the procedures and timescales.

The new outdoor skateboarding facility at Lansbury Park and the Indoor Market, Pentrebane Street may with the introduction of the Bye Laws help solve the problems associated with skateboarding in the Town Centre.

**CT30 Park Lane Development**

It was noted that this item had been dealt with earlier in the meeting

**CT31 Unauthorised Signage and Fly Posting**

The problems of unauthorised signage and fly posting and actions taken by other authorities was discussed .It was noted that posting 'cancelled' across the events had a desired effect by one authority and it was also noted that legal action can be taken against offenders although this can sometimes be lengthy and costly.

Mr Earey reported that priority is given by his department to removing or repairing obstructions to signs if considered a hazard to motorists.

Members also discussed temporary signs and banners used for local events and it was agreed that a report be presented to the next meeting on this issue.

**CT32 Date of December Meeting**

It was agreed that the date of the December meeting be changed to Thursday, 4th December at 2.00 p.m.

The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting would be Wednesday, 24th September at 2.00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 3.10 p.m.