

Caldicot Town Team Meeting
Wed 19th July 2017 6.30pm

Caldicot Choir Hall

Present:

Rachel Grumbach
Cathy Edwards
Aaron Reeks
Rachel Garrick
Judith Langdon
Crystal Murphy-Smith
Alex Macallister
Oliver Postle
Joanne Watkins
Gail Wills
Ben Davies
Dylan Abbot
Ieuan Andrews
Lewis Price
Jason Arnnells

Kieron Dekin
Tyler Deakin
Tom Birkett
Dan White
Morgan Godbold
Nadine Rider
Cameron Barker
Harvey Babb
Henry Jones
Lee Dainton
Ray Taylor
Dan Cooke
Matt Doddbridge
Matthew Walley
Mike Moran

1) Welcome

Aaron welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2) Apologies

Maxine Mitchell

J Hancock

3) Caldicot Skatepark-open public meeting

Main points for concern/repair were;

Large cracks in concrete base with concern for footings,

2 rails rusting, 1 needing replacement, other not suitable,
Rubbish bins regularly overflowing,
Shelter badly damaged and needs replacing,
Light bulbs broken, and erratic times of lights going off.

It was acknowledged that minor repairs had been made over recent months, but generally hadn't lasted more than a few weeks.

The young people estimated that the bins were only emptied every 3 weeks and regularly caused a build-up of rubbish.

Some of the older users suspected that no major repairs have been done in the 15-year life of the park.

Relocation was discussed and the skateboarders suggested that nearer to the town centre would be a preferable location. They felt it would link in better and increase footfall into the town as users regularly travel long distances to visit other skate parks.

Suggested sites were Cas Troggi Park area and King George V field.

Mike Moran reported that Caldicot skate park was the responsibility of MCC.

When built it had a 15-20-year life span and was in need of some repair.

It was confirmed that the lights, as with all MUGA activities, were legally required to be switched off at 9.30.

Jude reported that the skate park is inspected on a weekly basis and had been deemed safe to use. It is also subject to an annual inspection by MCC.

It was decided that;

The skateboarding group would take photos and gather information to support the claim of repair/replacement.

A social media forum would be set up by CTT to keep both parties informed of any developments.

CTT would get together 3 quotes for repair work in the short term and redesign in the longer term.

CTT to Look into the possibilities of a safety warning before the lights go out.

4) Review of prior minutes

No queries

5) Open Public Forum

Nothing raised

6) Town Centre Improvement Updates

The painting of street furniture from green to black and the canopies over the shops in the town centre have been completed.

7) Caldicot In Bloom Update

The baskets have been put onto the lampposts. It was confirmed that the £850 fee from the contractor included a year's watering.

The plan for sept/oct is to expand on the community engagement within the project in preparation for next year.

Jude suggested contacting MHA to look to working together.

8) WI-FI Update

The Wi-Fi is now up and running in the town centre. It will be live in 2 weeks with an official launch.

An offer to the Town Council of a 50/50 partnership was declined and referred to as blackmail. CTT strongly refute this as it was intended as a shared opportunity offered to TC. It was also decided by TC not to financially support any CTT projects.

CTT feel this is directly contradicting its principles of sustainability.

9) Upcoming Events

The annual Family Fun Day is on Friday August 4th in the Town Centre. It's a free to attend event and there will be donkey rides, coconut shy, dinosaurs, reptiles, school pta's, rugby club, jazz band, DJ, display area, birds of prey and more.

The annual 999 day is Sunday August 13th at Caldicot Castle. There will be a £2 car park fee, but otherwise the event is also free to attend. Most of the emergency services will be in attendance.

Street Feast Friday 1st September in Town Centre 5-9pm, street food traders and entertainment.

Hoggin The Bridge Sunday 8th October, Caldicot Castle.

10) A.O.B

Dan from the cadets is running a course to get the elderly introduced to the internet and shopping etc. to be discussed further.

11) Time and Date of Next Meeting

Wed 13th September, Choir Hall, 6.30pm