

Caldicot Town Team Meeting
Wednesday 15th November 2017 – 6:30pm
Caldicot Choir Hall

Present:

Gail Wills
Cathy Edwards
Frank Rowberry
Rachel Grumbach
Tony Easson
Janet Williams

Dyfri Williams
Julie White
Karen Smith
Carrie Wallbank
Sue Wallbank
Aaron Reeks

1) Welcome

Aaron welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2) Apologies

Ian Wills

3) Review Of Minutes

Minutes were approved, Hillcrest to do repairs with MCC providing materials at no cost. Newsletter has been delivered to all businesses.

4) Open Public Forum

No Points Raised

5) Accountant Report

Aaron presented the accounts for the last 6 months, ending March 2017 to the meeting. Directors expenses were noted and explained.

6) Seating/Urban Design Project

Seating has been ordered from Broxap. Delivery date expected before Christmas. With cabinet approval of £30,000 and the Tesco Bags 4 help grant of £1,000 the project costs include installation and replacement of the existing seats from the town centre to a location of Town Councils choosing. The new seating areas will match the existing blockwork used on the linkage from Asda to the town centre. Tony Easson will return with information from town council and suggested using seating as a boundary around King George V Playing Fields.

7) 2017 Markets Update

32 traders have booked for the Christmas Market on December 2nd. The Grotto is confirmed utilising the old HSBC unit in the town centre.

8) Upcoming events

Events for 2018 are in the process of being confirmed. The Family Fun Day will be held on Friday August 3rd and The 999 Emergency Services Event will be held on Sunday August 19th at Caldicot Castle.

A venue is waiting to be confirmed for Hoggin The Bridge Presentation.

A resident asked why numbers attending Hoggin The Bridge were so high, with 6,000 bikers taking part in the day. Aaron explained that this was due to a number of factors including good weather and a large campaign/promotion on Facebook.

Cllr Frank Rowberry criticised Church Road, and the amount of fumes generated by all the bikers. Unfortunately, due to backlogs in entering the castle, this was unavoidable, however has been noted as part of our traffic management plan for 2018.

9) Wi-Fi

Wifi has been installed and is now live in the town centre.

10) AOB

Town Council compound consultation – Caldicot Town Team have been asked to promote the consultation currently taking part in Caldicot.

Details were explained about the appointment of Chris Jones by Monmouthshire County Council as part of the wider urban design project. Residents questioned the sale of the Jubilee Way car park and whether that income would be invested in Caldicot town centre. A change of policy would be needed by Monmouthshire County Council as all funds are secured for 21st century schools project. Residents expressed views that the income needs to be reinvested in the local area.

11) Time and Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 24th January 2018 – 6:30pm Caldicot Choir Hall