

MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of Planning Committee held in the
Council Chamber, County Hall, The Rhadyr, Usk, NP15 1GA with remote attendance on
Tuesday, 6th February, 2024 at 2.00 pm**

PRESENT: County Councillor Phil Murphy (Chair)
County Councillor Dale Rooke (Vice Chair)

County Councillors: Jill Bond, Fay Bromfield, Emma Bryn,
Sara Burch, Jan Butler, John Crook, Tony Easson, Steven Garratt,
Meirion Howells, Jayne McKenna, Maureen Powell, Sue Riley and
Ann Webb

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Craig O'Connor	Head of Planning
Philip Thomas	Development Services Manager
Andrew Jones	Development Management Area Team Manager
Amy Longford	Development Management Area Team Manager
Paige Moseley	Solicitor
Richard Williams	Democratic Services Officer
Anna Hawker	Trainee Solicitor

APOLOGIES:

County Councillor Su McConnel

1. Declarations of Interest

County Councillor Sara Burch declared a personal and prejudicial interest pursuant to the Members' Code of Conduct in respect of application DM/2022/01831, due to her previous involvement in the scheme and consultation while Cabinet Member with responsibility for Active Travel. She left the meeting taking no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

County Councillor Dale Rooke declared a personal and prejudicial interest pursuant to the Members' Code of Conduct in respect of application DM/2023/01562, as he is one of Chepstow Town Council representatives that has supported the Friends of the Dell Playpark Group. He left the meeting taking no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting dated 10th January 2024 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

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3. **Application DM/2022/01831 - Improvements to the existing pedestrian and cycle connectivity across Castle Meadows by providing Active Travel compliant routes. Including the upgrade of existing routes, access points and the replacement of the existing footbridge over the River Gavenny. Land At Castle Meadows, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire**

We considered the report of the application and late correspondence which was recommended for approval subject to the conditions outlined in the report.

<https://www.youtube.com/live/7mdGfiFwxF8?si=68S9tIDIk5j72kJu&t=201>

In noting the detail of the application and the views expressed, it was proposed by County Councillor Ann Webb and seconded by County Councillor Emma Bryn that application DM/2022/01831 be approved subject to the conditions outlined in the report.

Upon being put to the vote, the following votes were recorded:

For approval	-	12
Against approval	-	0
Abstentions	-	1

The proposition was carried.

We resolved that application DM/2022/01831 be approved subject to the conditions outlined in the report.

4. **Application DM/2023/01562 - Replacement and relocation of the existing children's play area at Castle Dell. It is proposed to remove all of the existing items of play equipment and slightly relocate the boundary of the play area to the north, away from the Town Wall. Install additional items of equipment between the relocated play area and the water fountain and install an elevated bank slide from the top level of the site down to the lower footpath. Play Area, Castle Dell, Welsh Street, Chepstow**

We considered the report of the application and late correspondence which was recommended for approval subject to the conditions outlined in the report.

<https://www.youtube.com/live/7mdGfiFwxF8?si=DntnTVRduPJbxDxe&t=4115>

In noting the detail of the application and the views expressed, it was proposed by County Councillor Ann Webb and seconded by County Councillor Emma Bryn that application DM/2023/01562 be approved subject to the conditions outlined in the report.

Upon being put to the vote, the following votes were recorded:

For approval	-	14
Against approval	-	0
Abstentions	-	0

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The proposition was carried.

We resolved that application DM/2023/01562 be approved subject to the conditions outlined in the report.

5. Planning Code of Practice (Revised)

We considered the revised Planning Code of Practice.

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It was proposed by County Councillor Fay Bromfield and seconded by County Councillor Dale Rooke that we endorse the revised Planning Code of Practice without modification and that it be referred to Monmouthshire County Council's Standards Committee on 11th March 2024.

Upon being put to the vote, the following votes were recorded:

In favour of the proposal	-	14
Against the proposal	-	0
Abstentions	-	0

The proposition was carried.

We resolved to endorse the revised Planning Code of Practice without modification and that it be referred to Monmouthshire County Council's Standards Committee on 11th March 2024.

6. Planning Appeals Received - 1st October to 31st December 2023

We noted the planning appeals received by the Planning Department for the period 1st October to 31st December 2023.

The meeting ended at 3.32 pm.