

Minutes of the Caerleon Community Liaison Group held on 18 November 2008

Present:

Mr C O'Malley (Chair)
Cllr C Ferris
Cllr G Giles

Mr S Godber
PCSO Julie Gower
PCSO Kristopher Jones
Ms C Murphy

In Attendance:

Mr P Folan (Servicing Officer)

CL/0/05 **Apologies for Absence** **Action**

a) Received:

Apologies were received from Councillor A Jones.

CL/08/06 **Minutes of the meeting held on 26 August 2008**

a) Received:

A copy of the Minutes of the last Caerleon Community Liaison meeting held on 26 August 2008.

c) **Resolved:**

to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

CL/08/07 **Matters Arising**

Noted that:

i) on Minute CL/08/02.2, in relation to Caerleon Campus Developments, the University was hopeful that once its sports strategy had been developed there would be opportunities advertised in the local community for participation in activities that could be hosted in the sports facilities on campus;

ii) on Minute CL/08/02.2, the development of a park and ride scheme based around the Spytty sports facilities, with an associated shuttle bus linking the campus and the sports facilities, should provide students on campus with an opportunity to access a swimming pool;

iii) on Minute CL/08/02.4, Councillors confirmed that they were in receipt of invitations to various events hosted by the University.

CL/08/08

Strategic Developments

a: Received:

A presentation by the Chair replicating that made to the Cabinet of the Council when it met with the Directorate in October 2008.

b: Noted that:

i) the presentation outlined a variety of ways in which the University would be contributing to social, economic and cultural regeneration of the region over the next ten years and included reference to the completion of the city centre campus and the support that the University would be lending to Ryder Cup in 2010;

ii) there would be a public meeting in Caerleon in January 2009 to consider the impact of the Ryder Cup on the local community, including consideration of issues around traffic congestion as visitors came into the area (noting that official parking for ticket holders for the event would be arranged in Usk, Llanwern and towards Tredegar Park);

iii) consideration might be given to optimising the arrangements for security and hospitality for visitors by seeking to coordinate the archaeological dig that was due to recommence in 2010, the Caerleon Festival and the Ryder Cup;

iv) concerns had also been raised about the prospect of traffic congestion through Caerleon arising from the prospective development of a new hospital at Llanfrechfa;

v) the University was encouraged to lobby at every opportunity for the establishment of a rail halt at Caerleon (which it was understood would have to be accommodated on the St. Cadocs site when it

was no longer in use by the NHS) and the completion of the rail link from Ebbw Vale to Cardiff via Newport city centre;

vi) it was understood that authorities were working with companies that established satellite navigation routes to seek to ensure that traffic was not directed via the Pillmawr Lane between Malpas and Caerleon given that the road was not suitable for high volumes of traffic;

vii) interest was also expressed in lobbying for the reopening of the M4 slipway to give access from Caerleon to the Cardiff-bound carriageway.

CL/08/09

Report from Police Community Support Officers

Noted that:

i) the officers were establishing good relations with students on campus and were participating in a number of initiatives to support the student community such as police surgeries (noting that the second surgery had been held on 17 November 2008), participation in the alcohol awareness week and presence at the intake weekend for residential students;

ii) there had been one incident at the start of term where the police had been required to attend and there had also been some issues at the start of term arising from the use of contract security staff;

iii) it appeared that anxieties around parking in the vicinity of the campus had now eased.

CL/08/10

Coming Events

a) Received:

A tabled paper outlining details of forthcoming events.

b) Noted that:

i) it would be useful if the events were publicised on community notice boards in the Caerleon area and in the publication 'community times';

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ii) it would be helpful if the opportunity to use sports facilities (Minute CL/08/02.2, refers) was also

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advertised through these media.

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Any Other Business

a) Noted that:

i) new fencing was being installed by the University on the perimeter of the campus and it was intended that this project should be completed over a three year period;

ii) there was a need to ensure that vegetation growing through existing fencing by the lane between St Cadocs Close and Ponthir on the perimeter of the campus was tended;

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iii) the Councillors would welcome the opportunity to hold the next neighbourhood committee meeting (which met 3 times a year, preceded by councillor's surgeries) on the Caerleon campus and the University would be welcome to make a presentation on a theme linked to Caerleon;

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iv) the Caerleon in Bloom competition had progressed well.

CL/08/12

Date of Next Meeting

a) Noted that:

the next meeting would be held on Monday, 9 March 2009 and that an invitation would be issued to all participants to join a tour of the campus in advance of the meeting but on that date.

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