

	DRAFT MINUTES OF LYDNEY TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING & HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CLAREMOUNT HOUSE, HIGH STREET, LYDNEY ON MONDAY 12TH JANUARY 2026 AT 6.15PM
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Present: Councillors: C Harris (Chair), S Hillier, S Holmes, G Phelps, E Taylor and T Saunders

Also Present: L Bendall (Deputy Clerk and Minute Taker)
H Sleeman (Business Administrator)

Members of the Public: 2 members of the public and Cllr McDermid (District Cllr)

Councillor Harris welcomed all present and gave the usual 'housekeeping' announcements.

OPEN FORUM

No items raised

1.	<u>APOLOGIES</u>
	No apologies were received
2.	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>
	No declarations of interest were received.
3.	<u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS</u>
	To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on Monday 8th December 2025 . Chair proposed that the Minutes of the Committee held on Monday 8 th December 2025 be approved. Resolved: Unanimously Approved
<u>HIGHWAY, FOOTPATH & TRANSPORT ISSUES</u>	
4.	<u>TEMPORARY ROAD/FOOTPATH CLOSURES, CREATIONS/DIVERSIONS</u>
4.1	To receive correspondence advising of an overnight road closure of Naas Lane between 23.55pm 2 nd March 2026 to 6.00am 3 rd March 2026 to allow works to be undertaken by Network Rail. Noted
4.2	To receive correspondence advising of an overnight road closure of Station Road between 23.55pm 13 th April 2026 to 6.00am 14 th April 2026 to allow works to be undertaken by Network Rail. Noted

4.3	To receive correspondence from Gloucestershire Highways regarding planned resurfacing works on Albert Street, Allaston Road, and Primrose Way, scheduled from 16 th January 2026 to 10 th February 2026, involving a temporary road closure between 9.00am and 3.00pm (excluding weekends). Noted – it was commented that access to Newerne Street carpark will be maintained throughout the closure.
4.4	To receive confirmation from Glos County Council that the temporary road closure for Forest Road between 5 th January 2026 until 30 th September 2026 for infrastructure works has been approved. Noted – works are now due to commence on 9 th February with a 24/7 full closure.
4.5	To receive and note upcoming road works schedule within Forest of Dean from 5 th January 2026 to 31 st March 2026. Noted
5.	<u>HIGHWAY/TRANSPORT MATTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE</u>
5.1	Highways Transport correspondence to Note To receive Bream Road speed camera statistics for November 2025 Noted
5.2	To receive and note correspondence from Glos County Council advising of the scheduled project of works on Forest Road Lydney for landslip repair works. Noted
5.3	To receive Bream Road speed camera statistics for December 2025 Noted
6.	<u>STREET NAMING</u>
6.1	No nominations received.
7.	<u>PLANNING ISSUES</u>
A.	<u>P1534/25/LBC & P1427/25/FUL</u> Lydney Baptist Chapel High Street Lydney Gloucestershire GL15 5DD Change of use of The Old Baptist Church from an ecclesiastical building into a single unit of residential accommodation, including demolition of existing rear extension and outbuildings to form garden and amenity area Chair proposed that the planning application be 'objected' to under the following considerations: It was noted that the application refers to a Grade II listed building, and objections were raised under the following material planning considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appearance and design of the development and materials proposed – the submitted plans indicate that existing features of the building would be covered or obscured.• Highway safety, particularly during the construction phase, and ongoing traffic and parking issues, with no provision shown within the plans for on-site parking.• Impact on the character and appearance of the area.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effect on listed buildings and the conservation area, as the building is Grade II listed and located within a designated conservation area. • Effect on trees and wildlife / nature conservation, with specific concerns raised in relation to the findings of the submitted bat survey. <p>Resolved: Majority Approved to Object to planning application</p> <p>District Cllr McDermid will liaise with District Cllr Topping to advise of the Council's decision to object to the application and to request that the application be called in to committee rather than determined under officer delegation.</p> <p>It was agreed that the office will forward the draft minutes as soon as possible.</p> <p>B. <u>P1480/25/FUL</u> 124 Primrose Hill Lydney Gloucestershire GL15 5SP Erection of a rear conservatory extension Chair proposed that a comment of 'no objection' be made.</p> <p>Resolved: Unanimously Approved</p> <p>C. <u>P0012/26/TPO</u> Lydney Estate Par Four Lane Lydney Gloucestershire GL15 5GG Crown lift the following trees in the central Public Open Space (including playgrounds) to the south-west of Par Four Lane to a height of 2.5 metres above ground level; 2 x Pine, 2 x Silver Birch, 2 x Oak, 1 x Large Ash, 1 x Horse Chestnut, 2 x Willow and 1 x Hawthorn. The trees are covered by area A2 of Tree Preservation Order number DFTPO 172. Chair proposed that a comment of 'no objection' be made.</p> <p>Resolved: Unanimously Approved</p> <p>Members are requested to note that planning application 7D was considered under delegated authority due to timescales for reporting to Forest of Dean District Council (FODDC):</p> <p>D. <u>P1536/25/TCA</u> Westfield High Street Lydney Gloucestershire GL15 5DU Remove 1 x Pine tree (T1 on the plan), and a group of 2 x Fir and 1 x Sycamore (T2-T4 on the plan). Application was considered by Chair and Vice-Chair of the committee and No Objections were raised. Noted</p>
8.	TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM FODDC:
A.	<u>P1132/25/FUL</u> 83 Primrose Hill Lydney Gloucestershire GL15 5SW Relocate existing vehicle access. (Part retrospective) Decision: Granted Permission
B.	<u>P0089/25/FUL</u> Land At 33 High Street Lydney Gloucestershire GL15 5DP Erection of No. 4 new dwellings including new access, drainage, landscaping and associated works. Decision: Refused

C.	<p><u>P1377/25/LD2</u> 10 Severn Road Lydney Gloucestershire GL15 5QJ Application under section 192 to establish whether the erection of a single storey rear extension requires planning permission Decision: LDC Issued</p>
D.	<p><u>P1021/25/FUL</u> Allastone Court Farm Court Road Lydney Gloucestershire GL15 5SR Erection of a Self-Build Dwelling and two garages with associated vehicular access and works. Decision: Granted Permission</p>
E.	<p><u>P1438/25/DISCON</u> Cliff Farm Naas Lane Lydney Gloucestershire GL15 4ES Discharge of Condition 7 (CEMP) relating to planning permission P0581/25/FUL Decision: Granted Permission</p> <p>Agenda Items 8A to 8E were noted en-bloc</p>
9.	<p><u>LICENSING CONSULTATIONS</u></p> <p>9.1 Members are requested to note that the Licensing application 9.1 was considered under delegated authority due to timescales for reporting to FoDDC</p> <p>Lidl, Newerne Street, Lydney GL15 5RF A minor variation licensing application was received from Lidl regarding a change of layout to the store, there are no changes to store times, conditions or activities. Application was considered by Chair and Vice-Chair of the committee and No Objections were raised. Noted</p>
10.	<p><u>PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE</u></p> <p>10.1 To note correspondence received and answered and to agree responses, as appropriate. To receive correspondence from Forest of Dean District Council (FoDDC) relating to an Appeal Decision relating to planning application P0631/25/FUL (5 Springfield Road). Noted</p>
11.	<p><u>TOWN CLERK'S REPORT</u></p> <p>The Clerk's report was received and noted.</p>
12.	<p><u>COUNCILLORS' REPORTS</u></p> <p>12.1 To note Councillors' Reports on Planning/Highway matters</p> <p>Cllr Saunders advised that a request has been received from a local resident for consideration of a grit/salt bin to be installed at the top of a private pathway on Naas Lane; this will be discussed at an upcoming Amenities Committee meeting.</p>

12.2	To consider whether any points raised require agenda scheduling: No items raised
13.	<u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u> The next Committee meeting has been scheduled for Monday 9th February 2026 , starting time to be confirmed, at Council Chambers, Claremont House, High Street, Lydney.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.42PM

SIGNED:..... DATE:.....

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