



**MINUTES OF LYDNEY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**PLANNING & HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CLAREMOUNT HOUSE,**  
**HIGH STREET, LYDNEY**  
**ON MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026 AT 6.15PM**

**Present:** Councillors: C Harris (Chair), S Hillier, S Holmes, P Johns, T Saunders and E Taylor

**Also Present:** L Bendall (Deputy Clerk & RFO and Minute Taker)  
 L Gay (Senior Administrator)

**Members of the Public:** Councillors J Gregory and R Holmes and  
 5 members of the public

**Absent:** None

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

### **OPEN FORUM**

A co-owner of the property relating to planning application item 7B addressed the meeting. It was explained that, following concerns previously raised, a number of amendments had been made to the application, including a reduction in the proposed footprint, reduction in building and roof heights, relocation of windows, and adjustments to fencing.

It was also noted that an arboricultural report had been sought in relation to the nearby oak tree, which has confirmed no adverse impact, with the full report still awaited. In addition, a drainage consultant has confirmed that drainage arrangements are adequate, with suitable filtration measures in place. No concerns have been raised by Highways in relation to vehicular access.

The co-owner also commented that the original permitted development proposal had a larger footprint, and suggested that if the current application were refused, the original permitted development scheme could still proceed.

A neighbour also spoke in relation to planning application item 7B, acknowledging that some adjustments had been made, but stated that their original concerns and objections remain, specifically that the site is considered overdeveloped and would have an impact on neighbouring properties.

Cllr Harris thanked those who attended and addressed the meeting and confirmed that their comments would be considered during discussion of the agenda item.

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1.	<b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b>
	Apologies were received and noted from Cllr G Phelps.
2.	<b><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></b>
	To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with Lydney Town Council's current Code of Conduct in respect of Members. A non-pecuniary declaration of interest was received from Cllr S Hillier, who advised the Committee that she had previously spoken to the co-owner in relation to Agenda Item 7B and that the individual had previously undertaken works on her property. The Chair confirmed that Cllr Hillier could remain in the room during discussions but would not be able to vote on this item.  Cllr E Taylor declared a non-pecuniary declaration of interest relating to Agenda Item 7A as she lived near the property for discussion.
3.	<b><u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS</u></b>
	To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on <b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b> . It was proposed (TS) and seconded (ET) that the Minutes of the Committee held on Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 be approved. <b>Resolved: Unanimously Approved</b>
<b><u>HIGHWAY, FOOTPATH &amp; TRANSPORT ISSUES</u></b>	
4.	<b><u>TEMPORARY ROAD/FOOTPATH CLOSURES, CREATIONS/DIVERSIONS</u></b>
4.1	To note, retrospective temporary road closure of part of Station Road and Harbour Road, works expected to have been undertaken on 13 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> April for Level Crossing Maintenance. Noted
4.2	To receive and note correspondence from Glos Highways advising a temporary road closure of Station Road on 28/09/26 23.55pm to 29/09/26 6am to allow works by Network Rail. Noted
4.3	To receive and note correspondence from Glos Highways advising of a temporary road closure of Naas Lane on 17/08/26 23.55pm to 18/08/26 6am to allow works by Network Rail. Noted
4.4	To receive and note correspondence from Glos Highways advising of a temporary road closure of Lydney Road, Yorkley on the 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2026 to allow works by BT Openreach. Noted

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5.	<b><u>HIGHWAY/TRANSPORT MATTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE</u></b>
5.1	<p><b>Highways Transport correspondence to Note</b></p> <p>To note correspondence from Montel Civil Engineering providing an update to works being undertaken on Forest Road. Noted</p>
6.	<b><u>STREET NAMING</u></b>
6.1	<p>No new nominations received.</p> <p>Cllr Harris advised that a previous street naming nomination submitted by the Council in 2020 in respect of former Cllr Dave Street had been followed up by a family member requesting an update. It was noted that, in accordance with Forest of Dean District Council's updated policy, nominations relating to deceased individuals are not considered until at least 20 years has elapsed. The office will respond accordingly.</p>
<b><u>PLANNING ISSUES</u></b>	
7.	<b><u>PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED:</u></b>
A.	<p><a href="#">P0401/26/FUL</a> 25 Grove Road, Lydney, Glos GL15 5JE Erection of single and two storey rear and side extensions Chair proposed a comment of "no comment" be made. <b>Resolved: Majority Approved</b> Cllr E Taylor abstained from voting</p>
B.	<p><a href="#">P0199/26/FUL</a> 83 Primrose Hill Lydney Gloucestershire GL15 5SW Revised plans/information Demolition of outbuilding and erection of one and a half storey garage outbuilding with ancillary accommodation at first floor.</p> <p>Following consideration and review of the amendments to the original application, the Chair proposed that the original objections be maintained and that an objection be submitted to the planning application. The objection is made on the following material planning considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overlooking and loss of privacy</li> <li>• Loss of daylight/sunlight and overshadowing</li> <li>• Scale and dominance of the proposed extension</li> <li>• Layout and density of the development</li> <li>• Highway safety concerns, including traffic generation and parking provision</li> <li>• Drainage and flood risk implications</li> <li>• Impact on the character and appearance of the area</li> <li>• Potential effects on trees, wildlife, and wider nature conservation interests</li> <li>• Impact on local community infrastructure and services</li> </ul> <p><b>Resolved: Majority resolved to object to the application</b> Cllr S Hillier abstained from voting on this item.</p>

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8.	<b><u>TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM FODDC:</u></b>
A.	<p><u>P0273/26/TPO</u>  44A Bracken Close Lydney Gloucestershire GL15 5AJ  Reduce the weight of the 4 main branches of Oak tree T2 of DFTPO 8 that are leaning towards the house. These branches will be reduced back to suitable reduction points in accordance with BS 3998 as shown in red on the accompanying photograph. The work is proposed in order to reduce the likelihood of catastrophic branch failure which has the potential to damage the tree and the house of the landowner.  <b>Decision: Granted Permission</b>  Noted</p>
9.	<b><u>LICENSING CONSULTATIONS</u></b>
9.1	<p>None received  Chair advised the Committee that a licensing application had been received following publication of the agenda. Due to time constraints from Forest of Dean District Council, this will be considered under delegated authority and reported to the June meeting.</p>
10.	<b><u>PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE</u></b>
	<p>To note correspondence received and answered and to agree responses, as appropriate.  No correspondence was received</p>
11.	<b><u>TOWN CLERK'S REPORT</u></b>
	The Clerk's report was received and noted.
12.	<b><u>COUNCILLORS' REPORTS</u></b>
12.1	<p>To note Councillors' Reports on Planning/Highway matters</p> <p>Cllr Saunders advised the Committee that the Tesco privately owned staff car park, which residents had previously been able to use without restriction, has now been limited to a two-hour parking allowance. A number of residents have contacted councillors and officers to request that this be reviewed. Cllr Saunders confirmed she will speak with Tesco to explore whether resident parking permits may be considered. Unfortunately, as this is private land, the Council has no powers in relation to enforcement. Cllr Saunders will keep the Committee updated.</p> <p>Cllr Saunders also advised that communication had been received from a resident on Forest Road regarding the current road closure whilst subsidence works are undertaken. It was reported that a concrete slipway has been created which may be affecting water drainage pipes and could potentially jeopardise flood defences. Cllr Harris will raise this with the Gloucestershire County Council Highways Manager, Nathan Choat, and will also discuss the matter at the upcoming Flood Defence meeting.</p>
12.2	<p>To consider whether any points raised require agenda scheduling:  Response and update regarding Forest Road roadworks</p>

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14.	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>
	The next Committee meeting has been scheduled for <b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2026</b> , starting time to be confirmed, at Council Chambers, Claremont House, High Street, Lydney.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.46PM

SIGNED: *Letitia* DATE: *15.6.26*