	DRAFT MINUTES OF LYDNEY TOWN COUNCIL **PLANNING & HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING** **HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CLAREMOUNT HOUSE,** **HIGH STREET, LYDNEY** **ON MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2026 AT 6.15PM**

Present: Councillors: C Harris (Chair), J Gregory, S Hillier, P Johns, G Phelps, T Saunders and E Taylor

Also Present: C Lines (Town Clerk & RFO and Minute Taker)
L Bendall (Deputy Clerk)

Members of the Public:2 residents; District Cllr A McDermid

Absent: None

Councillor Harris welcomed all present and gave the usual 'housekeeping' announcements, together with a reminder of the meeting rules.

OPEN FORUM

A resident addressed the committee with concerns regarding the planning application for Forest Of Dean Gateway Parkend Lydney Gloucestershire Ref. No: P1913/21/FUL .The resident informed the committee his support for this application and made reference to the importance of attendance at the Planning Committee meeting to be held on Tuesday 13th October 2026.

A resident addressed the committee with additional insight for the planning application for Forest Of Dean Gateway Parkend Lydney Gloucestershire Ref. No: P1913/21/FUL. The resident in summary informed the committee his support would reference inclusivity, economic benefit, health and wellbeing and connectivity. The resident also made reference to the importance of documenting support through the Forest of Dean Planning portal and attendance in support of the application at the Planning Committee meeting on 13th October 2026.

1.	**APOLOGIES**
	Apologies were received and noted from Cllr H Hutchison. FoDDC District Cllr M Topping
2.	**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
	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.

	No declarations of interests were made
3.	**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**
	To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on **Monday 14th September 2026**. Chair proposed that the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 14th September 2026 be approved as a true and accurate record. **Resolved: Unanimous Approved**
HIGHWAY, FOOTPATH & TRANSPORT ISSUES	
4.	**TEMPORARY ROAD/FOOTPATH CLOSURES, CREATIONS/DIVERSIONS**
4.1	To Note: Temporary closure c14 road from Park Hill to junction with Bream Road. From 08:00hrs on 14th September 2026 until 17:00hrs on 15th September 2026. The reason for the closure is for network utility works. Noted – retrospectively as works has already been undertaken
4.2	To Note: Application for Road Closure F/26/00396/ROACLO – Lydney Remembrance Parade has been approved Noted
4.3	To Note: National Highways notification: Prince of Wales Bridge westbound closure 16 / 09 2026 Noted – retrospectively as works has already been undertaken
4.4	To Note: Temporary Road Closure B4231 Station Road for Network Rail Works The road is expected to be closed from 23:55hrs on 28th September 2026 until 06:00hrs on 29th September 2026 only Noted – retrospectively as works has already been undertaken
4.5	To Note: Temporary Road Closure - C15 Primrose Hill: 89914 The road is expected to be closed on 30th September 2026 only. The reason for the closure is for repairs to defective carriageway reinstatement works Noted – retrospectively as works has already been undertaken Chair proposal to note agenda Item 4.1 to 4.5 en- bloc
5.	**HIGHWAY/TRANSPORT MATTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE**
	Highways Transport correspondence to Note and agree a response if required:
5.1	To consider concerns for road safety near Lydney Rail Station Cllr Hillier updated the committee following attendance at a recent transport meeting chaired by FoDCAP Piers Cardiff.
5.2	To consider response to M.P Matt Bishop call for feasibility of rail station at Elton Corner.

	It was proposed by Cllr. Saunders and seconded by Cllr. Gregory that Cllr. Hillier would represent Lydney Town Council as part of the feasibility study and arrangements going forward.
5.3	Concerns over road safety near Lydney train station and industrial estate: To note response from N Choat GCC Highways Response noted
5.4	To Note Severn Bridge weight restriction update Noted
5.5	To receive and note Bream Road Camera statistics for September 2026 Noted, members were advised that the solar boost unit had been purchased for the Bream Road camera and will be installed by the grounds team; this will improve data collection quality during the winter months Noted
PLANNING ISSUES	
6.	**PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED:**
A.	P1103/26/FUL 41 Highfield Road Lydney Gloucestershire GL15 5ND Installation of 1st floor bathroom window to rear elevation, replacement of existing windows, Erection of timber decking with balustrade to front elevation and Creation of dropped kerb access to new driveway following demolition of existing front dwarf wall. Demolition of front porch. (part-retrospective) It was proposed by Cllr. Saunders and seconded by Cllr. Taylor that a comment of No Objection be approved. **Resolved: Unanimously Approved**
B.	P1062/26/FUL 4 Tiberius Avenue Lydney Gloucestershire GL15 5PD Conversion of garage to annexe including erection of two storey rear extension and associated works. It was proposed by the Chair that a comment of No Objection be approved. **Resolved: Unanimously Approved**
7.	**TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM FODDC:**
A.	P0886/26/DISCON Lighthouse Trade Park Church Road Lydney Gloucestershire GL15 5EN Discharge of conditions 4 (drainage scheme), 6 (hard and soft landscaping), 7 (Construction Environmental Management Plan), and 8 (lighting design strategy) relating to P0121/26/FUL. Decision: Grant Received
B.	P0991/26/|TPO Discharge of conditions 4 (drainage scheme), 6 (hard and soft landscaping), 7 (Construction Environmental Management Plan), and 8 (lighting design strategy) relating to P0121/26/FUL.

	Decision: Granted Permission Agenda Items 7A and 7B were noted en-bloc
8.	**LICENSING CONSULTATIONS**
8.1	None received
9.	**PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE**
	To note correspondence received and answered and to agree responses, as appropriate.
9.1	To Note: Sites Inspection Panel (SIP) in respect of P1913/21/FUL Creation of a 6km pedestrian and cycling route from Parkend to Lydney, comprising sections of existing forest paths and tracks, together with the construction of new route sections, improvements and repairs to existing paths and tracks, and associated works (revised scheme) (revised description). Noted
9.2	To receive and note correspondence from FoDDC Planning Team advising that Planning Application P1913/21/FUL Forest of Dean Gateway is being considered by the Development Management Committee on 13th October 2026 Noted
10.	**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**
	Nil additional information to note
11.	**BUDGET 2027-2028**
	To review, consider and approve the Planning & Highways Committee budget requirements for 2027-2028 Planning & Highways Committee prior expenditure and budgets were considered by the committee. It was proposed by the Chair to approve that the budget for 2027/28 be maintained at the same level as the 2026/27 budget to council. **Resolved: Unanimously Approved**
12	**COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**
12.1	To note Councillors' Reports on Planning/Highway matters: Cllr. Saunders emphasised the importance of Councillors attending and supporting the planning application for Forest Of Dean Gateway. Cllr Saunders requested the Planning Committee's approval to submit a report in support of the application to Full Council on behalf of the Committee. Cllr.Hillier informed the committee that Bream Road traffic Speed warning signs will be reported through "Fix my Street" for faulty lights.

12.2	Cllr. Taylor informed the committee of tarmac concerns which represent a safety hazard on the High Street. This would be reported through “Fix my Street”. To consider whether any points raised require agenda scheduling: No items identified
13.	**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
	The next Committee meeting has been scheduled for **Monday 9th November 2026,** starting time to be confirmed, at Council Chambers, Claremont House, High Street, Lydney.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 18:49

SIGNED:…… DATE:…….