

Item 6

NANTYGLO & BLAINA TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 13th October 2020 via a remote meeting

A meeting to which members of the public were entitled to attend.

Present: Councillor D Hillman, Chair of Planning & Highways Committee, presiding
Councillors K Jones JP; R Pagett; C Hillman; K Jenkins; G Morvan &
L Emanuel

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk / RFO
Mrs N Horner, Assistant Officer

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, it was proposed, seconded and **Resolved** that a five minute break would take place at an appropriate juncture to avoid a phone call taking place in excess of 59 minutes to avoid telephone charge.

Declaration of Interest

Members were invited to declare matters of interest either at the beginning or at any time during the proceedings. Members were reminded that all declarations of interest must be recorded in the book provided. **Resolved** to note that no such declarations were received.

1. Apologies for absence:

Members were invited to consider the apologies for absence and to formally resolve to accept. **Resolved** to note that apologies were received from Councillors R Abbas; K Treharne & L Harris.

Further Resolved to accept the apologies received.

2. Correspondence:

Members were invited to consider the listed correspondence, plus with the Chairman's permission, any urgent information that may be received prior to the date of the meeting.

None received to date.

Resolved accordingly.

3. Planning Applications:

- i Plan Application No: C/2020/0214 – Linc Cymru Housing Association, 30 Queen Street, Blaina:

Construction of single storey rear extension.

Resolved that no representations or objections be made.

ii Plan Application No: C/2020/0221 & Re-consultation – Former School Site, Chapel Road, Blaina:

Residential development of semi-detached houses.

Members were informed that an additional (re-consultation application) form had been received for consideration which stated: 'Amended Development Description: Residential development of 4 pairs of semi-detached houses (8 in total) (awaiting revised application form)'.

Members opined that it was impossible to resolve a clear decision as to the planning applications listed above without the revised application form.

Resolved await the revised application form to determine a clear resolution in respect of Plan Application No. C/2020/0221.

iii Plan Application No: C/2020/0223 – Garden Land to front of 8 & 9 Gwent Terrace, Cwmcelyn, Blaina:

Retention of decking area and shed.

The following comments & queries were made:

- Had there been any neighbourhood consultation?
- It appeared that the work was completed in 2017, pre-application advice was provided by Blaenau Gwent CBC in 2018 and the planning application (retention) was received in 2020.
- Why had there been a two year delay between the applicant receiving retrospective advice and the application form having been received?

Resolved that the queries be submitted to the Planning Department at Blaenau Gwent CBC for clarification.

4. Licence Applications:

Members were invited to consider the application(s):

i Applicant: Kensington Pub Company Ltd., The Tea Factory, 301 Wood Street, Liverpool.

Details of application: Application for a new premises licence for the 'supply of alcohol' under the Licensing Act 2003.

Premises: The White Lion, Queen Street, Blaina.

In response to a query, Members were informed that the difference between this application and application no. 4 (iii) below was that this application was to apply for a new premises licence to supply alcohol at the White Lion, whilst application 4 (iii) below, was an application in respect to a minor change to add licencing conditions.

Resolved that no representation or objections be made.

ii Applicant: David Andrew Boulton, 1 Foundary Bridge, Abertillery.

Details of Application: Application to vary the DPS to David Andrew Boulton (Licensing Act 2003).

Premises: The Bush Inn, 69a High Street, Blaina.

In response to a query, it was explained that 'DPS' was an abbreviation for 'Designated Premises Supervisor'.

Resolved that no objections or representations be made.

- iii Applicant: Kensington Pub Company Ltd., The Tea Factory, 301 Wood Street, Liverpool.
Details of application: Application for a minor variation to add licensing conditions Licensing Act 2003.

Premises: The White Lion, Queen Street, Blaina.

Members opined that this application lacked sufficient details for the application to be considered appropriately.

Resolved that additional information be requested from the Licencing Team at Blaenau Gwent CBC.

5. Update in respect of Planning Training:

Councillors D Hillman, C Hillman, G Morvan and K Jenkins provided an update from the recently attended Planning Training (Responding to Planning Applications) which was provided by Planning Aid Wales.

All Councillors attended the training with three Members informing of difficulties accessing the online training which then led to delays to the starting time of the training.

Members reported that the training was very interesting with lots of information provided although it was thought that too much information and content was included for one training session, especially if participants were new to the planning system.

Members also reported that the organisation of the training was too disorganised which meant that it was difficult for participants to follow questions asked and the answers provided by the trainers. All Members completed the feedback sheet at the end of the session.

The Town Clerk submitted the training content to all other Members for information.

Resolved to note the information received.

In response to a local planning query, the Town Clerk informed that the Planning Department at Blaenau Gwent CBC did not provide feedback to the Town Council in respect of local planning applications received. It was also unknown if a planning application had been received in respect of the Former Blaina District Office, High Street, Blaina.

The Town Clerk informed that the Town Council was consulted on all planning applications for Nantyglo and Blaina except where the application was in respect of 'Discharge of Conditions'. The Town Clerk further informed that the weekly list of planning applications received by Blaenau Gwent CBC was checked for this purpose.

Resolved to query if any planning application had been received in respect of the Former District Office, High Street, Blaina.

Members also queried the dis-repair (and any possible planning applications submitted)

and graffiti affecting the Royal Exchange and Blaina Rugby Club (wooden fence).

Resolved to submit the queries to the Planning Department at Blaenau Gwent CBC.

Councillor R Pagett gave his apologies for the next meeting.

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