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**Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 12th January 2021 at 1pm via a remote meeting**

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

Present: Councillor D Hillman, Chair Planning & Highways Committee, presiding

Councillors K Jones; G Morvan; R Pagett; K Jenkins; C Hillman & L Harris

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk / RFO

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Chair informed that a five minute break would take place approximately 55 minutes after the start of the meeting to avoid call charges being levied. **Resolved** accordingly.

The Town Clerk informed that no members of the public were present.

**Resolved** accordingly.

**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 Mrs N Horner (Assistant Officer) and Councillors G Watkins and K Treharne.

**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 might be received prior to the date of the meeting.

a) Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council:

i E-mail requesting ‘Second Call for Candidate Sites and Further Information Stage of the Local Development Plan’*.*

**Resolved** to note the information received.

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b) Welsh Government:

Future Wales; The National Plan 2040*.*

It was noted that the information received contained an error and should read ‘NDP’ rather than ‘NDF’.

**Resolved** to note the information received.

c) One Voice Wales:

E-mail: ‘Your Town, Your Future’:

**Resolved** that the Town Clerk complete the survey on behalf of the Town Council.

**3. Decision taken via delegated powers:**

Members were invited to consider the decisions taken under delegated powers and to support if appropriate:

a) Plan Application No. C/2020/0290 – Garden Land of 46 Surgery Road, Blaina:

Development for one dwelling (outline)

**Resolved** that no objections were made but would like to make note of the Senior Planning Officer’s comments (s.5 pre-planning advice “the scheme as proposed would not be supported. It was recommended that the land to the side of the existing house would be suitable for development if reduced to one dwelling or may be suitable for two modest sized dwellings”) and that there are concerns as to access to the site over the footpath.

**Resolved** to support the resolution taken.

b) Land Registry – Notice of an application for registration of a person in adverse possession – B149 – land lying to the south east of 2 Banna Cottages, Nantyglo, NP23 4NP.

Following (unofficial) advice obtained from Blaenau Gwent CBC, Members were advised that as the Town Council does not own or having any interest in the land stated above, the response made to Land Registry was ‘No Objection’.

**Resolved** that No Objection was made in respect of the above application.

**Resolved** to support the resolution taken.

**4. Planning Applications:**

Members were invited to consider any further applications that might be received prior to the date of the meeting.

a) Plan Application No. C/2020/0263 – 39 Glanystruth, Blaina:

Single storey extension to the front with new roof over porch, second storey extension to the rear and associated works.

**Resolved** that no representations or objections be made.

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b) Plan Application No. C/2020/0296 – Blaina Community Centre, High Street, Blaina:

Installation of canopy to southern elevation*.*

It was noted that the applicant of the planning application was also a member of the Town Council staff (who was not in attendance at this meeting). The Town Clerk clarified that section 9 of the planning application ‘Authority Employee/Member’ related to the Planning Authority i.e. Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council and not the Town Council.

**Resolved** that no representations or objections be made.

*Additional planning applications received with permission of the Chair:*

c) Plan Application No. C/2021/0001 – Unit 21, Rising Sun Industrial Estate, Blaina:

Installation of 2no external exhaust stacks to serve 2no internal spray booth ovens.

The Town Clerk outlined the planning application including the additional 2 full time employment opportunities this would result in.

Members considered this application at length and the issues of concern were:

* The absence of the volume of trade effluent information on the application
* If the Fire Authority had been consulted on this application due to the use of hazardous substances
* Concerns as to the visibility of the proposed external stacks from some nearby dwellings
* Concerns as to the general impact of the application on the local residents and community together with consideration of the opinions of the local residents and community in relation to this application
* Concerns as to the disposal of hazardous waste and possibility of noxious fumes being omitted
* Queries as to what pre-application advice had been given to the applicant by the Planning Authority in respect of the application
* Queries as to whether the local residents/community had been consulted on this application

The Town Clerk informed that the policy and procedure of the Planning Department at Blaenau Gwent CBC was to consult with local residents/community after this application was sent to statutory consultees. Members stated that consultation with local residents should be undertaken at an earlier stage in the application process. It was also clarified that no work had started.

**Resolved** that the above queries should be communicated to the Planning Department at Blaenau Gwent CBC together with the request for information and clarification in respect of the above listed issues and queries. **Further Resolved** that the Town Council would object to the application on the basis of the information it contained but that that Town Council would re-consider its decision to object if further information in respect of the above issues was received.

**4. Licence Applications:**

Members were invited to consider the application(s):

a) *None received to date.*

**Resolved** accordingly.

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