

NANTYGLO & BLAINA TOWN COUNCIL CYNGOR TREF NANT-Y-GLO A BLAENAU

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Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held via a remote Tuesday 11th May 2021 at 1.00pm

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, K. Jenkins, C. Hillman, R. Pagett, M Williams
and L. Harris

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

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Town Clerk informed that there were no members of the public in attendance. **Resolved** to note the information received.

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. Cllr M Williams gave his apologies to inform that he needed to attend a prior meeting at 13:15 and that he would re-join the meeting as soon as possible.

Resolved to note the apologies received and **Further Resolved** to accept the apology.

Chair queried if non attendee members had been contacted, Clerk confirmed that she had been able to speak with Cllr T James & Cllr L Emanuel, however, clerk had not been able to speak with Cllr K Treharne. Both Cllr James and L Emanuel confirmed that the non-attendance had nothing to do with time of meeting, it was circumstantial. **Resolved** to note the information 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.

a) Pennant Walters (Walters Group) (for information):

E-mail informing of plans and consultation in respect of plans for a wind farm on land at Mynydd Carn-y-Cefn, Blaenau Gwent.

A discussion ensued regarding the area on where the company had planned to erect the wind turbines and how the local people could benefit from this in respect of the clean energy produced. A discussion also ensured in that if planning permission would be granted it might set a precedent for additional wind farms to gain planning permission and possibly set up in the area.

Members requested that the Clerk obtain a hard copy of the site plans and consultation and distribute to all Members.

Resolved to note the information received and **Further Resolved** that the Clerk to obtain and distribute a hard copy of the plans and consultation to all Members.

b) Blaenau Gwent and Torfaen Local Nature Partnership (for information):

Copy of presentation – Local Nature Partnership & Local Places for Nature.

Cllr Morvan confirmed that the area covered Torfaen and Blaenau Gwent, and there were no plans for work to be carried out in Nantyglo or Blaina at present. The Partnership Officer, Veronica Brannovic confirmed that she was prepared to attend a meeting to listen to any proposed ideas and suggested to send an invite to attend meeting to give a presentation.

Cllr M Williams left the meeting at this juncture.

Resolved to note the information received. **Further Resolved** that the Clerk email Veronica Brannovic with an invitation to attend a future meeting of the Council and to provide a presentation on Local Places for Nature.

c) Brecon Beacons National Park Local Development Plan (LDP) Notice of closure of Local Development Plan documents open for consultation (for information)

- Llanspyddid Village Plan
- Integrated Sustainability Appraisal Revised Scoping Report
- Revised preferred strategy
- Delivery Agreement Amendment

Members were informed that the documents were open for public consultation for a period until Friday 21st May 2021.

Resolved to note the information received

d) Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council (for information):

Second call for candidate sites and further information stage of the Replacement Local Development Plan which closes on 18th May 2021

Resolved to note the information received.

3. Planning Applications:

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

- a) *None received to date.*

Resolved to note the information received.

4. Licence Applications:

Members were invited to consider the application(s):

- a) *None received to date.*

Resolved to note the information received.

Meeting declared closed at 13:14

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