

# 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 meeting on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 1pm.**

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

**Present:** Councillor K Jones JP, Chair of Planning & Highways Committee, presiding  
Councillors G Morvan, D Hillman, K Jenkins, M Williams, C Hillman and L  
Harris

**In attendance:** Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk / RFO  
Mrs N Horner, Assistant Officer  
Mr W Morgan, Ms M Lewis, Jasmine Croad and Mr D Hart – Pennant  
Walters and Mynydd Llanhilleth Wind Farm Project Team

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

**To receive: Will Morgan, Meryl Lewis & Dale Hart - Pennant Walters & Mynydd Llanhilleth  
Wind Farm Project Team.**

### **Members were reminded to note the Standing Orders relating to guest speakers:**

1. Members to receive the presentation.
2. Questions to be invited at the end of the presentation.
3. Members were requested to ask only one question each – if time allowed AND with permission of the Chairman, a second question might be asked.
4. Members were reminded that there was to be no dialogue of exchange of points of view between Members and that all dialogue was to be directed through the Chairman.

The Chair welcomed and introduced Mr William Morgan; Ms Meryl and Jasmine Croad Mr Dale Hart to the meeting.

William introduced all present from Pennant Walters, Savills, EDP, Wood and Thirty 4/7 and gave an overview of the company. Pennant Walters was founded in 2003 with renewable energies schemes. Pennant Walters current operate 6 windfarms in South Wales which generate 127mk of energy in Wales.

Savills operates the Planning, EDP works on the environmental and considerations, Wood carries

out the transport / noise / Geology and Thirty 4/7 is accountable for Communication and Public Consultations.

Pennant Walters were working with Landowners on the site at Southeast of Abertillery and East Llanhilleth which included common land they were also working with Torfaen and Blaenau Gwent Local Authorities on DNS applications that involved grid access. The proposal at Mynydd Windfarm was to have up to 12 wind turbines.

Chair expressed his thoughts that he thought the presentation was about the Carn y Cefn project as that was the area of impact of the Town Council not the Mynydd Llanhilleth project.

Cllr D Hillman and L Harris proposed that the meeting could be represented with a presentation in respect of the Carn y Cefn project. A discussion ensued regarding a suitable date given the impending summer recess of the Council.

All present from Pennant Walters gave their apologies and would be in touch as soon as the information was ready for publications in the Autumn.

Chair thanked all for attending and gave appreciation to their work.

### **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 declaration of interested was reported.

#### **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 Gill Watkins and Lesley Emanuel. Cllr C Hillman explained that she would need to give her apologies to leave at 14:30 should the meeting still going on.

**Further Resolved** to approve 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.

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

Letter informing of Common Land information Workshop on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 6 – 8pm or Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 6 – 8pm at Hafodyrynys Rugby Club (NP11 5BE) in respect of plans for a wind farm at Mynydd Llanhilleth, Blaenau Gwent.

As previously mentioned, the area in question was of no interest as not in Nantyglo and Blaina Town Centre boundaries. The area and project of concern was the Carn y Cefn project.

**Resolved** to note the information received.

b) Planning Aid Wales (Value of Engagement in Planning):

Online Training 12<sup>th</sup> July 6 – 8pm. This event was ideal for anyone responsible for delivering community engagement within the planning process – Local Planning Authority Officers, Private sector.

It was confirmed that no members attended the event.

**Resolved** to note the information received.

c) Law Commission (for information):

Consultation on Regulating Coal Tip Safety in Wales – Public event.

**Resolved** to note the information received.

d) Welsh Government (for information):

Climate Change Newsletter.

**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) Planning Application No. C/2021/0188 – 3 Victoria Street, Blaina:

Proposed domestic garage at rear.

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

b) Planning Application No. C/2021/0193 – 16, East Pentwyn, Blaina:

Single front storey extension.

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

c) Planning Application No. C/2021/0200 – Land South of Woodland Terrace & East of Gardens Cottage, Nantyglo

Various works to tree covered by TPO No 118, including felling, crown reductions, retrenchment & cleaning, targeted pollarding, targeted pruning to remove epicormic growth; and provide 5.4m to 6m clearance above ground level of vehicular access track.

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

d) Planning Application No. C/2021/0202 - Tyr Gelli House, Tyr Gelli Farm, Bryn Maen Access Road, Blaina:

Barn Conversion, new front porch, demolition of existing structures; and new single storey side & rear extension.

Members discussed the application and expressed concerns relating the retaining

the wall and the possible damp issues that could occur Members suggested Town Clerk to make enquiries with BGCBC planning department for additional information regarding the retaining Wall.

**Resolved** to query with Local Authority Planning Department in respect of the retaining wall.

- e) Planning Application No. C/2021/0203 – Former Doctor’s Surgery, 21 Queen Street, Nantyglo, NP23 4LW:  
Change of use from a Health Centre into a single dwelling with a new double garage.

Members discussed application and no representations or objections be made. However, a discussion ensued relating to a Chartist Riot Plaque that was on the grounds wall.

**Resolved** that no representations or objections be made and **Further Resolved** to query the issue of the Chartist Riots plaque with Local Authority planning department.

#### 4. Licence Applications:

Members were invited to consider the application(s):

- a) Applicant: Matthew Williams, 2 Beech Tree Crescent, Blaina  
Details: Application for a new Personal Licence (Licencing Act 2003)

Discussion ensued regarding no mention of premises. Cllr Morvan explained that it was for a personal licence put in place ready for him to work from any licence premises (supply of alcohol) and that all DBS checks would of be carried out for licence to be issued.

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

Chair of Planning queried that BGCBC weekly planning register had a Blackwood Engineering Discharge of conditions for the area of which no notification has been received.

**Resolved** to query with Local Authority planning department for above point.

Chair also explained that there was planning application for Tilers Arms, on Abertillery Road, Blaina, but Town Council had not received any information regarding the premises. A discussion ensued that the premises was not within the boundary of Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council so therefore would not receive any information relating to premises. The premises came within the boundary is that of Abertillery and Cwmtillery.  
Apologies given from Chair.

**Resolved** to note information received.

Meeting declared closed at 13:42

  
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