

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 hybrid meeting at 6.00pm on Tuesday 13th December 2022 at the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina.

Present: Councillor K Jones JP, Chair of Planning & Highways Committee, presiding
Councillors L Harris, D Hillman, C. Hillman, M Williams (remote) & K Jenkins

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes - Town Clerk,
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

Resolved to note that apologies were received from Councillors L King & G Morvan.

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 might be received prior to the date of the meeting.

Telephone Call from Christine Abbas.

a) Welsh Government (For information)

Email informing of a free tree available for every household in Wales

Resolved to note information received.

b) Planning & Environment Decisions Wales (For information)

Email informing of a proposed development of a windfarm of up to 8 turbines and associated infrastructure.

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A discussion ensued regarding to what area of the UK the energy would be supplied to. Members also queried if any community funding would be available to local groups as the Windfarm was to be built in common land.

Resolved to note information received.

c) George Heal on behalf of Pennant Walters (For information.)

Email informing of a workshop at Llanhilleth Minors Institute 6 – 8pm Thursday 15th December.

Town Clerk explained that the workshop had been cancelled and would be rearranged after the New Year

Resolved to note information received.

Additional correspondence received with permission of the Chair:

- d) The Town Clerk informed of a telephone call received from a local resident explaining that children were playing on the frozen pond at Cwmcelyn. Clerk announced that she had contacted Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council, the Local Borough Councillors and Cwmcelyn Angling Club. Work had taken place to break up the ice at the edges of the pond and Blaenau Gwent CBC had issued warning regarding the dangers of frozen ponds and lakes on social media. Cwmcelyn Angling Club informed that extra patrols would take place around the pond over the freezing cold days

Resolved to note information received.

3 Planning Applications:

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

- a) Planning Application No C/2022/03013 – Proposed development: Plot 25 Tanglewood, Phase IV, Blaina.

Proposed Construction of a detached dwelling.

Resolved that no representations or objections be made.

- b) Planning Application No C2022/0318 – Proposed development: Brynstore Self Storage Ltd, Barleyfield Industrial Estate, Gwent, NP23 4LU:

Erection of a banner

Members commented that they should be mindful of the visual impact.

Resolved that no representations or objections be made.

- c) Planning Application No C2022/0325 – Proposed development: Verwey Road, Nantyglo, Gwent.

Detached two storey cottage (with demolition of existing outbuilding) including parking on land adjoining Verwey Road, Nantyglo.

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Members discussed that there should be some consideration of the turning area.

Resolved that no objections be made but to make a representation regarding the turning area.

- d) Planning Application no C2022/0324 – Proposed development: Blaina Integrated Children's Centre, High Street, Blaina NP13 3BN:

Removal of demountable classroom and construction of a new single storey extension and internal alterations. Erection of 4no timber framed canopies and 6 no Tensile sheet canopies. Change of use of land carpark. (Include lighting, boundary treatments and EV charging points)

Discussion ensued to why the application was completed in Welsh and the Town Clerk informed that the Planning Department informed that the application had only been submitted in Welsh although a blank copy of the English application was included for reference.

Members stated that it was positive to see the unused area being utilised and that it appeared to secure the future of the building.

Resolved that no representations or objections be made.

- e) Planning Application No: C/2022/0233 – Proposed development at: Mr & Mrs Paul Griffiths, Plot Adj 168, Near High Street, Blaina, NP13 3AW:

Asked for consultation on the ridge height of the proposed dwelling being reduced to the southern boundary.

Resolved that no representations or objections be made.

- f) Planning Application C/2022/0329 Mr Micky Morris, Rosinic House, Verwey Road, Nantyglo, Brynmawr, Blaenau Gwent, NP23 4WH:

Proposed detached two storey cottage (with demolition of outbuilding) including Parking. Members reiterated their comments as in item no. 3c above.

Resolved that no objections be made but to make a representation regarding the turning area.

4. Environment Act 2016:

Members considered the report 'The Biodiversity & Resilience of Ecosystems Duty 2022' (updated from 2019) and agreed with the updates contained within.

Resolved that the report be approved.

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5. Licence Applications:

Members were invited to consider the application(s):

- a) *None received to date.*

Resolved accordingly.

Meeting declared closed at 18:18

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