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Minutes of the Highways and Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 14th January 2019.

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

Present: Councillor D Hillman, Chairman, Presiding
Councillors K Jones; R Abbas; L Harris; C Hillman; K Jenkins; E Morgan; T McKnight; G Morvan; G Watkins; K Treharne

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk/RFO
Miss H Roberts, Assistant Officer

Declaration of Interest

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

At the beginning of the meeting, Councillor Hillman explained the fire procedures and regulations in place should an emergency occur. Councillor Hillman also wished everyone a happy new year. A minute's silence was held in memory of Dev Powell, founding member of Blaina Heritage Action Group who had recently passed away.

1. Apologies for absence:

Resolved to note that apologies were received from Councillors C Bridgeman; R Pagett; S Smith. It was queried whether one of the newer members, Councillor V Seymour had been in contact with the Council since being co-opted as a member. **Resolved** that the Town Mayor/Leader of the Council attempt to make contact with Councillor Seymour.

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) Welsh Government

- i Written statement from Alun Davies AM in respect of Valleys Regional Park Discovery Gateways.

Members felt that Nantyglo and Blaina should have been included in this document considering its history and what it has to offer.

Resolved to note the information received.

- ii E-mail informing of new requirements in respect of Statutory SuDS Standards (sustainable drainage system).

Resolved to note the information received.

Additional correspondence received with the permission of the Chairman:

- b) Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council

E-mail reminder in respect of the Revised Local Development Plan- invite to nominate candidate sites.

Resolved to note the 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) Plan Application No. C/2018/0352 – 60 Lancaster Street, Blaina:
Proposed domestic garage with roof deck area.

A member queried that they were not able to see any details about neighbour notifications. The Town Clerk responded explaining that the Planning Department would conduct appropriate neighbour consultations, not necessarily at this stage in the process.

Resolved that no objections or representations be made.

- b) Plan Application No. C/2018/0357 – Plot 10 Beech Tree Crescent, Tanglewood, Blaina:
Erection of single dwelling house and associated infrastructure.

Members queried these plots as several planning applications had been received, even though members agreed that they are in keeping with the area, it was queried what benefit does the Tanglewood building development bring to the area, i.e. was there any planning gain for the authority. Members were informed that Officers from the Planning Department would be in attendance as guest speakers in the next full council meeting and that would be the opportunity to put forward several queries or questions that had been raised in recent meetings in respect of planning applications. It was suggested that the questions be given in advance so that they would be answered and allow preparation time for the Officers. Members also commented that they found planning applications small and difficult to read.

Members expressed that in principal, there were no objections or representations to this site or the number of houses, but felt that they would like further information regarding the benefit to the area and if there was planning gain.

Resolved that no objections or representations be made in principal, however members wished to pass on the comments made.

- c) Plan Application No. C/2018/0358 – Plot 28, Beech Tree Crescent, Tanglewood, Blaina:
Erection of single dwelling house and associated infrastructure.

Resolved that the same comments and representations be made as previous Tanglewood development applications.

- d) Plan Application No. C/2018/0359 – Plot 24, Woodland Walk, Blaina:
Erection of single dwelling house and associated infrastructure.

Resolved that the same comments and representations be made as previous Tanglewood development applications.

Additional planning received with the permission of the Chairman

- e) Plan Application No. C/2019/0002 - Cwmcrachen Gypsy & Traveller Site & Land off Blaenant Road, Nantyglo:

Cwmcrachen Gypsy and Traveller site and land off Blaenant Road (to be accessed off Blaenant Industrial Estate) Nantyglo.

A member commented that there were initial concerns about access, i.e. entrance and exit. It was thought that the proposed access would be suitable for this site.

Resolved that no objections or representations be made.

- f) Plan Application No. C/2019/0003 - Plots 13-17 Beech Tree Crescent & Plots 18-19 Woodland Walk, Tanglewood, Blaina:

Resolved that the same comments and representations be made as previous Tanglewood development applications.

- g) Plan Application No. C/2019/0004 - Land to the North of Duffryn Park, Blaina:

Full planning application for the construction of 5 residential dwellings and associated engineering, landscaping and highways work.

Members were concerned that there would be a risk of flooding to this development. Concerns were raised in respect of surrounding traffic and lack of pavements and the access road. Members queried widening of access road and thought that the plans were not clear.

Resolved that representations be made, in respect of flood concerns and highways issues as stated.

- h) Plan Application No. C/2019/0006 - Plot 34 Beech Tree Crescent, Tanglewood, Blaina
Resolved that the same comments and representations be made as previous Tanglewood development applications.

4. Licence Applications:

Members were invited to consider the application(s):

- a) None received to date.

Resolved accordingly.

Additional item received with the permission of the Chairman:

5. Memorial Benches

Members were informed that the memorial benches were due for delivery to the Town Council. Members were informed that two separate planning applications at a cost of £190 each would have to be submitted for the location of the benches as resolved in a previous meeting. It was suggested that one be located at Central Park, Blaina and the other near the War Memorial in Nantyglo.

Resolved that planning applications for both benches and locations be submitted.

Members were informed that quotes would have to be obtained in respect of siting the benches.

Resolved that quotes be obtained to site the benches.

Members also discussed the possibility of holding an unveiling event. There were many suggestions who might be appropriate to unveil the memorial benches including Lord Lieutenant, High Sheriff of Gwent, a local person who serves the communities of Nantyglo and Blaina. Members commented that with a high profile person comes press and media attention.

Resolved that an unveiling event be organised once benches are situated.