

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

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Minutes of the Highways and Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 8th July 2019.

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

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

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 were reminded that all declarations of interest must be recorded in the book provided. **Resolved** to note that none received.

At the beginning of the meeting, Councillor Hillman explained the fire procedures and regulations in place should an emergency occur.

1. Apologies for absence:

Members were invited to consider the apologies for absence received and to formally resolve to accept.

Resolved that apologies were received from Councillors R Pagett, G Watkins.
Further Resolved to accept apologies.

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) Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council

- i E-mail response to consultation in respect of Royal Exchange, Blaina (planning application no. C/2018/0303).

A member queried whether this item was delegated before the Council was asked for comments. Members were reminded that there was a 7 day period in which comments could have been made and members were informed of this via email as this 7 day period was between meetings. Several members had responded via email and these comments and responses were forwarded to the Principal Authority.

Members discussed this item and felt that the Planning Report was contradictory throughout. A member also indicated that the report had been approved within tight date frames, being approved quickly. As the application had already been granted, members concluded that nothing said would aid this particular application. However, members wished to query the inconsistencies and contradictions in relation to this application particularly in respect of the HMO issue.

Resolved that the above comments be forwarded to Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council.

Additional correspondence received with permission of the Chairman:

ii. E-mail response in respect of Nantyglo FC's license application

Members continued to show concern about this license application, querying whether alcohol sold would be solely for the users of the facilities or anyone who wished to purchase alcohol. Members wished to comment whether it could be clarified if this license if for a registered club or if it would be an open license.

Resolved that the above comments be made.

iii. E-mail response from Mr Ian Cole (Blaenau Gwent CBC) in respect of civil parking enforcement

Members were informed that Blaenau Gwent do not operate parking permits. The Town Clerk read the responses from Mr Ian Cole to the Council and spoke of limitations outlined by Mr Cole. Members were informed that the Town Clerk queried whether similar limitations would apply to the areas of King Street and Queen Street. The Town Clerk was awaiting a reply.

Members were informed that Parking Orders would be available from Blaenau Gwent.

A member commented that from a road safety point of view, even though there is visible parking on double yellow lines throughout King Street and Queen Street which is illegal, it also provides traffic control, slowing traffic.

Members agreed that consultations should have taken place longer.

Members additionally discussed that every time an order is being considered that the relevant Town Council should be consulted and that this item should be forwarded for the Joint Committee of Local Councils.

Resolved that the above comments be forwarded to the JCLC.

b) Brecon Beacons National Park Authority

Consultation on Local Development Plan documents.

Resolved to note the information received.

c) Mrs Anita Banks

Email in respect of roaming sheep in Cwmtillery.

Members felt that this item would be most appropriately discussed at the next JCLC meeting as this issue concerns several Town Councils.

Resolved that this item be forwarded to JCLC

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/2019/0141 – 71 Lakeside Way, Nantyglo:

New rear sunroom

Resolved that no objections or representations be made.

b) Plan application no. C/2019/0142 – Barn 2, Southern Wing, Roundhouse Farm, Nantyglo:

Change of use of barn to bunkhouse with associated external staircase, car parking and picnic area.

Members queried whether the Round Houses should be considered a conservation importance.

Resolved that the above comment be made.

Additional planning application received with the permission of the Chairman:

c) Plan application no. C/2019/0168 – Land opposite 32 Victoria Street, Blaina

Erection of pre-cast concrete garage.

Resolved that no objections or representations be made.

4. Licence Applications:

Members were invited to consider the application(s):

a) None received to date.

Resolved accordingly.