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Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held on Monday 9th September 2019

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

Present: Councillor D Hillman, Chair of Planning & Highways Committee
Councillors C Bridgeman; K Jones; G Watkins; L Harris; C Hillman; K Jenkins;
R Abbas; T McKnight; G Morvan

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk / RFO

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 Councillor G Watkins declared a personal interest in items 4a & 4b.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, Councillor Hillman explained the fire procedures and regulations should an emergency occur.

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 Miss H Roberts;

Further Resolved to accept 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) Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council:

i Civil Parking Enforcement – E-mail response received in respect of traffic order.

The Town Clerk informed that an update in respect of Civil Parking Enforcement would be provided at the Quarterly Liaison meeting with Blaenau Gwent CBC which would take place on 18th September 2019.

Resolved to note the information received.

- ii) Blaenau Gwent Replacement Local Development Plan Update
E-mail informing of link to access the Candidate Site Register and brief update in respect of recent engagement events together with a copy of the briefing paper.

The Town Council was represented at both recent workshops. It was noted that Blaina was ranked as the 'lowest hub' within Blaenau Gwent in respect of shortlisted growth options and this was highlighted by Town Council representatives at both workshops. It was commented that Blaenau Gwent's stated commitment to the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015 was contradicted by their closure of many leisure and sports facilities such as Nantyglo Leisure Centre. Blaenau Gwent CBC was due to provide an update on the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

Resolved to note the information received.

b) One Voice Wales:

- i) Our Valleys, Our Communities, Our Stations. Details of informal, drop in events to learn more about the adoption of the valleys lines and the impact this would have on local communities.

It was noted that the nearest drop in event would be held in Ebbw Vale on 10th October 2019.

Resolved to note the information received.

- ii. E-mail informing of survey in respect of the planning systems in Wales, N Ireland and Republic of Ireland.

Resolved to note the information received.

c) Planning Officers' Society for Wales (POSW):

Wales Summary Report in respect of Town and Community Council Survey.

Members thanked the Town Clerk for completing the survey on behalf of the Council.

Resolved to note the information received.

d) BT:

Consultation in respect of current programme of intended payphone removals.

Resolved to note the information received.

3. Decisions taken under delegated powers during August 2019:

a) Planning Applications:

- i) Plan Application No.C/2019/0186 – Former NMC site (McDonalds), Units 1-4 Lakeside, Blaina Road, Brynmawr:

Various alternative site signage including 4 no. freestanding signs, 1 no. play land sign, 1 no. banner units and 18 no. dot signs.

Resolved that representation be made regarding concerns as to public safety in respect of highways.

- ii. Plan Application No. C/2019/0192 – Former NMC Site (McDonalds), Units 1-4 Lakeside, Blaina Road, Brynmawr:
Installation of freestanding totem.
Resolved that no representations or objections be made.
- iii. Plan Application No. C/2019/0200 – Former District Council Office, High Street, Blaina:
Conversion of existing former district council offices into 6 self-contained flats. Members were informed that recent information had been received in respect of the ownership of the flagpoles located outside the premises although the flagpoles did not form part of the planning application. The ownership / use of the flagpoles would be further investigated.
Resolved that no representations or objections be made.
- iv. Plan Application No. C/2019/0213 – 90 East Pentwyn, Blaina:
Single storey rear extension (disabled use).
Resolved that representation be made regarding concerns that the passage walkway at the side of 90 East Pentwyn may be too narrow to accommodate a possible wheelchair in order to access the rear of the property.
- v. Plan Application No. C/2019/0214 – Former NMC Site (McDonalds), Units 1-4 Lakeside, Blaina Road, Brynmawr:
Installation of 2 no. customer order displays and goal post height restrictor.
Resolved that representations be made in respect of ongoing concerns as to pedestrian safety on Blaina Road and section 9 (of the application) states ‘no regard to car parking’ it is presumed that the car parking shown is provided for customers.
Resolved to note that Council supported delegated decisions taken.
- b) **Licensing Applications:**
- i Wanquan Huang, 86 High Street, Blaina (Applicant)
Application for a Transfer of a premises licence in respect of Peking Town, 86 High Street, Blaina. **Resolved** that no representations or objections be made.
Resolved to note that Council supported delegated decisions taken.

Councillor G Watkins declared an interest in item nos. 4a and 4b and left the Chamber at this juncture.

4. **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/2019/000225 – 5 Surgery Road, Cwmcelyn, Blaina:
Proposed two storey extension on side elevation and single storey extension at rear of dwelling.
Resolved that no representations or objections be made.

b) Plan Application No. C/2019/0226 – 104 Abertillery Road, Blaina:

Proposed two storey extension to rear of dwelling and domestic garage/hobby workshop in rear garden.

Resolved that no representations or objections be made.

Councillor G Watkins re-joined the meeting at this juncture

5. Licence Applications:

Members were invited to consider the application(s):

a) Steve Smith, 66 Lakeside Way, Nantyglo (Applicant)

Application for a Permanent Street Trading Consent for a mobile unit at Rest Bay A465 Heads of the Valleys, Ebbw Vale.

Resolved that representations be made in respect of the exact location of the proposed unit together with the legality and safety of the position of such a unit being located on a clearway.