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Minutes of the Highways and Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 12th March 2018

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

Present: Councillor D Hillman, Acting Chairman, presiding
Councillors C Hillman; L Harris; G Watkins; K Jones; A Banks;
M James

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

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, it was **Proposed and Resolved** that Councillor D Hillman act as Chairman for the Planning and Highways Committee.

The Chairman welcomed the members and visiting speakers to the meeting and reminded members of fire regulations.

To receive: Mrs Donna Wallbank and Mrs Michelle Hurter – Coed Cae Interact Club.

Members were reminded to note the Standing Order relating to guest speakers:

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

Mrs Wallbank and Mrs Hurter introduced themselves and thanked the members for the invitation to speak.

Mrs Wallbank explained the background to the Rotary Club and Interact Club and how they identified a community to work with. The Interact Club in Coed Cae is run outside of school and regularly has 50 young people aged 10-15 years old who attend this club and they are offered opportunities that they might not otherwise have including trips, Peace Conference, Peace Jam, summer projects including Shakespeare for Schools. Mrs Wallbank and Mrs Hurter emphasised that the young

people have ownership of this club and also have incentives to encourage dedication and hard work in order to have these opportunities. This in turn means that the Club serves their community and have taken part in dementia awareness, litter picking and bag packing at local supermarkets.

Mrs Hurter explained how this group is benefitting the community as a whole, not just exposing young people to situations and experiences outside of their comfort zone but also their parents. Mrs Hurter also noted that several of these parents have been trained in Youth Work Level 2.

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Both Mrs Wallbank and Mrs Hurter spoke about working in partnership and how the club relies on donations and support from the Community. Mrs Wallbank spoke about the relationship with Greggs and that they receive end of day produce to ensure that every young person who attends the club is fed well.

The Club has won several awards for their cyber bullying video which can be seen on YouTube. They were currently in discussions with similar clubs in the Birmingham area and Warsaw, Poland about establishing an exchange program. They were also trying to break down barriers by introducing the young people to other faith groups and inviting speakers and organising workshops for their development.

At this juncture questions were invited:

Q. Had Ian Fewings (Aberystroth History and Archaeology Society) been in contact regarding Cwmcelyn Hidden Landscapes Project?

A. Not yet, but the club would contact him if his contact details could be provided.

Q. What prompted you to say the Coed Cae was the area to concentrate on?

A. It was identified as an area of need.

Q. Do you find that the young people were encouraging their friends to join the club and does the club help break down anti-social behaviour?

A. Yes, they bring their friends from surrounding towns including Winchestown, Brynmawr and Blaina. We were breaking down barriers between the young people and police as well as holding crimes and consequences sessions where we have an open discussion about anti-social behaviour.

Q. How can Councillors get involved?

A. The Club were always looking for help, Councillors were welcome to come and see us, although we would request not in large numbers.

Q. Have you enquired with ASDA for funding?

A. We've not collected outside ASDA for two years, however the Rotary Club was in discussions with large supermarkets as some have changed their policies.

Q. What help do you get from Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council and departments the Education Department?

A. None. The Education Welfare Officer knows of us, but we haven't had to go to them. We felt it was important to keep education/school separate from the Club.

The Acting Chairman thanked Mrs Wallbank and Mrs Hurter for the excellent work carried out with the club and wished them well for future.

The Acting Chairman thanked both Mrs Wallbank and Mrs Hurter for their attendance.

Mrs Wallbank and Mrs Hurter left the meeting at this juncture.

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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:

Resolved to note that apologies were received from Councillors K Treharne, G Morvan, C Bridgeman and L Emmanuel.

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 – (for information):

E-mail informing of planning issues; Protocol for public speaking at a Planning Committee and report informing of retrospective planning applications.

Members queried point 7 regarding a previous planning application, 'Planning officers are available to come to your meetings to explain proposals.' The Clerk explained that a Planning Officer was not available for the application in question due to having other engagements and thus being unavailable.

Resolved to note the information received

b) Keep Wales Tidy – (for information):

Information for Town / Community Councils

Members were also informed that a similar service is available from BGCBC for free and the Clerk informed members that the Town Council has litter picking equipment.

Resolved to note the information received

Additional items received with permission of the Chairman:

- c) Consultation on Edition 10 of Planning Policy Wales - (for information):

Resolved to note that information received.

- d) Community Asset Transfer Conferences – (for information):

Resolved to note that 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) None received to date.

Resolved accordingly.

Additional items received with permission of the Chairman:

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- b) Planning Application C/2018/0066 – Three Corner Field, Golf Road, Nantyglo
Proposed residential dwelling.

Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council would like to make the following representations/queries in respect of this application:

- There is a query as to the use of farm land used for the dwelling and if the dwelling was within the permitted boundaries?
- Clarification as to whether the dwelling was to be classed as an agricultural dwelling?

Resolved that a representation be made.

4. Licence Applications:

Members were invited to consider the application(s):

- a) None received to date.

Resolved accordingly.

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