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Minutes of the hybrid Meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee held at 6pm on Tuesday 9th January 2024 at the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina.

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

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

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk / RFO
Mrs N Horner, assistant Officer

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Town Clerk informed that no members of the public or press were present. **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.

Chair wished all a Happy New Year and informed of the fire regulations. **Resolved to note the information received.**

Cllr M Williams joined the meeting at this juncture.

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 Cllr J Bond. **Further Resolved** to accept the apology received.

2. Questions from the public:

To receive any questions from the public regarding matters on the agenda. There was a 10-minute allocation time for any questions from the public.

Resolved to note that no such questions were received.

3. Decisions taken under delegated powers during December 2023:

a) Planning Application No C/2023/0256 – Proposed development at: 126 High Street, Blaina, NP13 3AF.

Demolition of existing lean to, single storey rear extension, outbuilding and construction of a proposed rear single storey extension.

Resolved that no representation or objections made.

Resolved to support the decision above.

4. 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.

None received to date.

Additional correspondence received with permission of the Chair:

a) Welsh Government (for information):

Letter (via e-mail) re: Town & Country Planning Act 1990 – section 62D.

The developments of National Significance (Wales) Regulations 2016, application by Pennant Walters Ltd for a proposed development of a wind farm of up to 8 turbines & associated infrastructure at land to the west of Abertillery, Blaenau Gwent (app ref: DNS/3270299).

Resolved to note the information received.

5. Planning Applications:

Members were invited to consider the applications listed below and, with the permission of the Chair, any further applications that might be received prior to the date of the meeting:

Planning Application No. C/2023/0265 – Proposed development at Blaina Integrated Childrens Centre, High Street, Blaina, NP13 3BN:

The demolition of the existing demountable classroom & existing landscaping strip & the construction of two single storey extensions, internal remodelling & new landscaping & car parking area. Inclusion of PV panels to be installed on the roofs, change of use of land and 2no. canopies.

Members considered the application and stated the following concerns/representations:

- Concerns for pedestrian and vehicle safety as the proposal was for additional car parking and additional staff but, the entrance and exits to the building (and car park) remained the same.

- The hours of the business were to be extended but no neighbourhood consultations had been carried out despite the building being located in a residential area.
- One of the plans (showing the proposed ground floor) stated a wet play area in the car park.
- The additional jobs were welcome news for the area.

Clerk explained that consultations were usually carried out at a later stage of application form being received as per previous information received from Planning Officers at Blaenau Gwent CBC.

Resolved that no objections made but clarification required on the above representations.

6. Licence Applications:

Members were invited to note the application(s) **for information only:**

None received to date.

Resolved accordingly.

Meeting declared closed at 18:18