



MINUTES OF MEETING OF BRIDGEND TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Monday 5th June 2023 at 11.30am

The meeting was held as a hybrid meeting at both at Carnegie House and remotely via Microsoft Teams for Business under the Local Government and Elections Act (Wales) 2021

Present:

Cllr D Unwin (Chair)	In person
Cllr D Evans	In person
Cllr M Blundell- Humphreys	In person
Cllr N Deere	In person
Cllr C Webster	In person
Cllr F Bletsoe (Mayor)	In Person
Cllr T Wood	Remote

In Attendance: Mrs L Edwards (Town Clerk)

1. To elect a Chair of Planning Committee for 2023/24

The Town Clerk asked for nominations for Chair of Planning Committee for 2023/24. Cllr D Unwin was nominated, and this was seconded. There were no other nominations. Cllr D Unwin was therefore duly elected as Chair of Planning Committee for the forthcoming year.

RESOLVED: Cllr D Unwin was elected Chair of Planning Committee for 2023/24

2. To elect a Vice Chair of Planning Committee for 2023/24

The Chair of Planning Committee asked for nominations for Vice Chair of Planning Committee for 2023/24.

Cllr M Blundell-Humphreys was nominated, and this was seconded. There were no other nominations.

Cllr M Blundell-Humphreys was therefore duly elected as Chair of Planning Committee for the forthcoming year.

RESOLVED: Cllr M Blundell-Humphreys was elected Vice Chair of Planning Committee for 2023/24

3. To receive apologies for absence

- None

4. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest

- Cllr T Wood declared a personal interest as a BCBC Councillor & Town Trader.

5. a) To receive and confirm the Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held on 9th May 2023

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of Tuesday 9th May 2023 were received and confirmed as a true record and duly signed.

b) To Consider Matters Arising from the Planning Committee Meeting held on 9th May 2023

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(Page 1 - 3a) Change of Use - Corals Market Street

- The Chair enquired if there had been any further update on the planning application for this property. The Town Clerk noted that she had sent another email to BCBC to request an update from them but had not received a response.

(Page 3 - 3c) Zia Nina - Clock renovation update

- The Chair highlighted that the clock face still had not been cleaned and that it had been 6 months since the renovation of the building. He advised that he had drafted a letter on this matter and suggested that it is present to the committee at the next meeting for review.

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8 d) Pen Y Banc Games Court P/23/156/DPN – Update on application deferred

The Chair explained that the Planning Committee had responded to BCBC regarding this application to request further clarification on whether a full sporting facility will occupy this space to improve it in the future. The Town Clerk noted that she had not received a response.

The Town Clerk was asked to chase a response for the next meeting.

8e) Derelict building – 53 Nolton Street

Cllr M Blundell-Humphreys explained that she had drafted a letter to the BCBC Chief Executive about this property and had brought it to Carnegie House for the Chair of Planning Committee to review and enquired if it had been sent to BCBC and if there had been a response.

The Town Clerk had not seen the letter or a response and will investigate further.

6. That the Chairperson accepts the Committee addendum sheet (if any) to allow for Committee to consider necessary modifications to the Committee report, to take account of late representations and revisions that need to be accommodated

RESOLVED: The Chair accepted the Addendum Sheet.

7. Planning Applications – *see attached applications report*

8. Pre-Planning Application Consultations (if any)

- There were no pre-planning application consultations.

9. Planning Appeals

- There were no Planning Appeals.

10. Planning Reports/Correspondence

a. Planning permission for banners/graffiti murals

The Chair of Planning Committee referred to information provided at the May Town Council meeting regarding a response from BCBC in relation to graffiti murals not requiring planning permission. He noted that this matter needed further discussion and requested that it is deferred to the July Planning Committee meeting. This was agreed by Members.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk circulate the response from BCBC regarding Planning permission for banners/graffiti murals to BTC Planning Committee Members and to include an item on the agenda for the July Planning Committee meeting to discuss Planning permission for banners/graffiti murals in further detail.

b. Planning for electric charging points

The Chair of Planning Committee referred to information provided at the May Town Council meeting regarding a response from BCBC in relation to Planning for electric charging points. He noted that this matter needed further discussion and requested that it is deferred to the July Planning Committee meeting. This was agreed by Members.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk circulate the response from BCBC regarding Planning for electric charging points to BTC Planning Committee Members and to include an item on the agenda for the July Planning Committee meeting to discuss Planning for electric charging points in further detail.

c. Clearance works – Coed Parc Court Walk

The Chair of Planning Committee explained that a large area of trees and bushes has been recently cleared from this area and raised concerns about the impact in relation to poor air quality on Park Street. He explained that he had prepared a draft letter to the landowner regarding this matter. He noted that the ownership of the land needs to be officially obtained from HM Land Registry before the letter can be sent and suggested that this is deferred to the July Planning Committee meeting. This was agreed by Members.

d. **RESOLVED:** That the Town Clerk obtain the land ownership information from HM Land Registry and include an item on the agenda for the July Planning Committee meeting to discuss Clearance works – Coed Parc Court Walk.

e. Update from LINC re: Wellness Village

The Town Clerk advised that LINC had provided an update that tenders are due back in the next two/three weeks subject to tender evaluations and approvals, work on site is not expected to start until September/October. This was noted by Members.

f. Progress on derelict domestic properties within BTC area

The Chair of Planning Committee explained that a letter had been sent to BCBC on this issue in August 2022 and asked for this to be chased and to include this agenda item for discussion at the next meeting.

The Mayor noted that the BCBC Cabinet Member for Regeneration is now Cllr Goode. She explained she has arranged a meeting with him and offered to discuss this matter with him. The Mayor was provided with a copy of the letter from the August Planning Committee meeting and will report back.

g. Update on progress re Former Corals Betting shop, Market Street

This item was discussed under matters arising from the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 9th May 2023.

h. Local Authority Parks – information update

The Chair of Planning Committee referred to an article with the headline ‘Over 80% of local councils expect cuts in their park’s budgets’. He requested that this article is circulated to Members of the Planning Committee and an item is included on the agenda for the next meeting for further discussion. In particular, the Chair is keen to know BCBC’s view on the budget cuts.

Members commented on the lack of grass cutting in the play area in Cefn Glas.

i. Illegal Circus posters in the town centre

The Chair of Planning Committee explained that Bridgend has been subject to numerous illegal posters appearing in public places around the town to advertise two circus shows, one in Margam and the other in Cardiff in May 2023. He noted that these posters are now out of date and requested that the BTC Outdoor Maintenance Team remove the posters where possible.

Meeting closed at 12:40 pm

Signed:

(Chair of Planning Committee)

Date: