

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BRIDGEND TOWN COUNCIL'S PLANNING COMMITTEE

AT CARNEGIE HOUSE

On Wednesday 11th March at 11.30 am

Present: Cllr D Unwin, Cllr A Wathan, Cllr T Wood

In Attendance: Mrs L Edwards (Town Clerk), Ms J Brown (Democratic Services Officer)

1. To receive apologies for absence

- Cllr R Porter. Absent: Cllr R Marsh; Cllr S Baldwin

2. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest

- There were no declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest.

3. To receive and confirm the Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee of Wednesday 12th February 2020

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of Wednesday 12th February 2020 were received and confirmed as a true record and duly signed.

Matters arising:

Page 1. Heol Loveluck. The Chair advised Members that the matter had been investigated, the site visited by BCBC and appropriate action taken. The Chair recommended to committee that the reply be noted and that no further response was necessary.

Page 1. The Old Stone Bridge. The Chair informed members that the BCBC Senior Conservation Planning Officer had advised that CADW undertook inspections 5 yearly on all scheduled monuments, and that inspections were often carried out without notifying the local authority. In addition, the Old Stone Bridge was a highway structure and the Highways Department made regular checks, undertaking any maintenance in agreement with CADW. The Conservation Planning Officer further advised that the Monument would be inspected and any repairs identified. The Town Clerk advised Members that the Regeneration Committee should be consulted and take any further action as necessary.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk place on the agenda for the next Regeneration Committee for further comment.

Page 2. 7.2 a. BCBC Plans for Conservation work Bridgend Town Centre. The Town Clerk advised Members that a reply had been received from the Regeneration Team Leader at BCBC, proposing a meeting to inform Members that new initiatives and resilience proposals were planned.

RESOLVED: That the Regeneration Team Leader for BCBC be invited to the next Planning Meeting (April 15th)

Page 2. 7. a. Illegal fly posting in Bridgend Town Centre. The Town Clerk reported that there had been no Response from BCBC. The Chair advised Members that posters were still in evidence and proposed that BCBC be afforded one month's grace before further action was taken.

RESOLVED That the Town Clerk write again to BCBC in one months' time.

Page 2. 7. b. Offensive and obscene window displays in relation to planning licensing and regulation in Bridgend Town Centre. The Chair informed Members that the offensive material had been taken down.

Page 2 7.c. CCTV in Dunraven Place. The Town Clerk advised Members that lack of signal and no available budget continued to be factors in the lack of CCTV in Dunraven Place. The Mayor confirmed that the ongoing situation had been forwarded as question for the Chief Superintendent at the next full council meeting.

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

- Addendum sheet accepted.

5. Planning Applications Received:

- Please refer to Planning Applications Spreadsheet attached at the end of the minutes.
- The Planning Committee's Recommendations appear in the end column in bold type.

6. Pre-Planning Application Consultations

Town Clerk advised that no pre-planning applications had been received.

7. Planning Reports/Correspondence (if any).

a. Update on empty property survey and news from BCBC as to progress. (Cllr D Unwin)

Chair gave a verbal report, stating that 6months had passed and progress was expected. The Chair proposed that 4 more properties which were in bad condition be added to the list.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk seek further clarification on progress and also add the following properties to the survey:

1. Hersonston Lane
2. 61 Picton Gardens
3. 9 Cowbridge Road
4. 19 Cowbridge Road

b. Blight of pigeons, seagulls in Town Centre areas – need for planning by-laws and signage. (Cllr D Unwin)

Chair presented a written report to Members outlining the blight of the pigeon population in Bridgend Town Centre. In addition the Chair advised the committee that there were in excess of 100 pigeons in the area of the job centre and that feeding them was a littering offence. The Chair proposed that the report be submitted to BCBC. Cllr Wood proposed that the Enforcers could give a verbal warning first. The Mayor advised that Enforcers would not have discretionary powers. The Town Clerk advised Members that the front of Carnegie House and side alley needed cleaning daily.

RESOLVED: That The Town Clerk submit the report to BCBC in its entirety.

c. Update from BCBC/CADW on progress of remedial works on Old Stone Bridge. (Cllr D Unwin)

- The Chair referred Members to the information presented under matters arising. In addition The Chair proposed that a meeting with The BCBC Highways Officer be arranged as he was of the opinion that urgent work needed to be carried out on what was the towns' oldest and most used monument.

RESOLVED: That The Town Clerk arrange a site meeting with the BCBC Highways Officer to discuss the condition of the bridge.

d. Progress on new Craig-y-Parcau lease from a long term planning and eco-friendly perspective. (Cllr D Unwin)

- The Town Clerk reported that a reply had been received from the Laleston Town Clerk asking what potential costs and obligations would be. The Town Clerk stressed that the reply did not refer to the question asked, but the Clerk was new in post and reiterated the original question. The Chair advised that he meet with the Laleston Town Clerk or Council to make progress. The Chair proposed that in order to make progress council should seek further grant aid. The Town Clerk advised that the purchase of Ty'r Ardd was a priority at the moment and she did not have the resources to seek further grant aid.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk inform The Laleston Town Clerk that The Chair would be prepared to meet with her/and or Council at their convenience.

e. Wheelie Bins

- The Chair advised Members that Nolton Street and Adare Street and the bus station were rubbish strewn as a result of wheelie bins not being closed properly, and that this was an environmental and health situation which was ongoing.

RESOLVED: That The Town Clerk write to BCBC pointing out the concerns of the committee and if shopkeepers could be advised that closure of wheelie bin lids was necessary at all times.

Meeting closed at 12.05 pm.

Signed:

(Chair of Planning Committee)

Date: