

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BRIDGEND TOWN COUNCIL'S PLANNING COMMITTEE

AT CARNEGIE HOUSE

On Wednesday 12th February at 10 am

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

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

- The Chair noted the new meeting start time of 10 am and proposed that this should be continued. This was agreed by Members.

RESOLVED: That future meetings of the Planning Committee will convene at 10am.

1. To receive apologies for absence

- No apologies received.

2. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest

- Cllr R Porter declared a Prejudicial Interest in relation to Planning Item P/20/74/OUT 20/10

3. To receive and confirm the Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee of Wednesday 15th January 2020

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of Wednesday 15th January 2020 were received and confirmed as a true record and duly signed.

Matters arising:

Page 1. Heol Loveluck. It was noted that no further response had been received from BCBC. The Town Clerk will contact BCBC again.

Page 1. The Old Stone Bridge. It was noted that no response had been received from either BCBC or CADW. The Town Clerk will contact BCBC.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk follow up the lack of response from BCBC reference Heol Loveluck landscaping scheme and the Old Stone Bridge inspection/survey be carried out.

Page 2. 7.2 a. BCBC Plans for Conservation work Bridgend Town Centre. It was noted that no response had been received from BCBC.

Page 2.7.2 b. Engagement with HD Ltd. It was noted that no response had been received from BCBC.

Page 3. 7.2 c Approach to national business to consider and promote Bridgend Town. It was noted that no response had been received from the BCBC Group Manager.

RESOLVED: That the above were considered issues of importance and The Town Clerk to pursue.

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.
- The Chair advised that application P/12/11/OUT had been resubmitted in a revised form. He explained that the original appeal had been rejected.
- Cllr R Porter vacated the chamber for application P/20/74/OUT
- The Town Clerk advised Members that the BCBC Planning portal was not accessible, and that BCBC Planning had agreed to defer receipt of observations until Wednesday 19th February 2020.
- Cllr R Porter returned to the chamber.

RESOLVED: That comments on planning applications P/12/11/OUT and P/20/74/OUT are deferred for further consideration at Town Council meeting on Monday 17th February due to planning time restraints.

6. Pre-Planning Application Consultations

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

7. Planning Reports/Correspondence

a. To discuss illegal flyposting in Bridgend Town Centre. (Cllr D Unwin)

- Chair presented a report for consideration by Members. He explained that the matter of illegal fly posting had been raised previously in committee and that action had been taken to remove such posters by the BTC Outdoor Team. The Chair referred to a public notice issued by The Vale Council that enforcement action was being taken under section 132 of the Highways Act and proposed that BCBC should also consider this action.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk write to BCBC to ask their view on flyposting, and if any enforcement action would be taken in line with The Vale Council's stance.

b. To discuss offensive and obscene window displays in relation to planning licensing and regulation. (Cllr D Unwin)

- Chair presented a verbal report, drawing Members attention to the front window of town centre premises which displayed material of a blasphemous, obscene and offensive nature. The Chair reassured Members that his views were unbiased regarding religion and that he believed in a free society.
- The Mayor suggested that the matter should be referred to the police as a hate crime.
- The Town Clerk advised Members that the Chief Inspector of South Wales Police would now be attending full council on 16th March 2020.
- Cllr T Wood proposed that both BCBC Planning/Licensing and the Police be notified.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk write to BCBC and South Wales Police to inform them of the display of obscene material in Bridgend Town Centre.

c. To discuss concerns regarding the lack of CCTV in Dunraven Place and consider how security can be improved at this entrance to Bridgend Town centre (Cllr T Wood)

- Cllr T Wood noted that all entrances and exits to the town centre should be covered by CCTV.
- The Town Clerk advised Members that poor signal and budget were contributory factors.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk write to the Head of Operations Community Services at BCBC for more information.

d. To discuss the current status of air pollution monitoring in Park Street

- The Chair read an email from the Specialist Services Officer, Shared Regulatory Services which outlined that a decision had yet to be made regarding mitigation measures.
- Cllr T Wood referred the committee to a BCBC report from 1st January 2019 stating that the deadline for action was 18 months.

7.1 The Chair advised Members that a response to the consultation issued by Welsh Government to amend existing fee levels for planning and related applications deferred to this meeting be noted as the committee were not obliged to comment.

7.2 The Chair noted that an application had been made by Eden Wine Bar for change of opening hours and additional uses. The committee noted that they were not invited to comment.

Meeting closed at 10.30 am

Signed: (Chair of Planning Committee)

Date: