

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BRIDGEND TOWN COUNCIL'S PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**AT CARNEGIE HOUSE**

**On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at 11:30am**

**Present:** Cllr D Unwin, Cllr A Wathan, Cllr T Wood, Cllr Marsh & Cllr S Baldwin

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

**1. To receive apologies for absence**

- Cllr R Porter

**2. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest**

**None**

**3. To receive and confirm the Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee of Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

- Chair requested a correction to spelling on page 6. From Heol Frinees to Heol y Frenhines and from Heol Firinees to Heol y Frenhines. The spelling was corrected.

**RESOLVED:** The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019 were received and confirmed as a true record and duly signed.

**Matters arising:**

The Town Clerk provided an update on the following matters arising:

- Distribution of leaflets in the Town Centre: Town Clerk advised that she had previously emailed the BCBC Group Manager however has since discovered that she is on annual leave and has therefore forwarded the enquiry to the Town Centre Manager and is awaiting a response.
- Park Street air pollution figures and on-going monitoring reports – Town Clerk advised that BCBC had supplied a lengthy report regarding Park Street and the conditions associated with the Sunnyside development.

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr David Unwin would scrutinise the report and advise committee accordingly.

- Town Clerk advised that the Town Centre ASB management meeting planned for 15th August had been rescheduled.

**RESOLVED:** Cllr David Unwin was now able to attend and report back to Council.

- Vinyls for empty shop fronts – Democratic Services Officer advised that she had obtained one estimate, but was again waiting for a response from two other companies.

**RESOLVED:** To await further estimates and to then liaise with CF31 BID and Watts and Morgan to progress this matter.

- Bridgend Town Wheelie Bin Survey – Town Clerk advised that she was still awaiting a response from BCBC Conservation and Cleaner Streets Departments.
- Skip in Market Street – Town Clerk reported that the skip had been removed.
- Murals of Historic Value v Commercial advertising – The Town Clerk had received a response from BCBC.

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor Unwin scrutinise the response and report back to Council

- Parking on the pavement on Rhiw Hill: The Town Clerk advised that she had written to BCBC regarding parking on the pavements at Rhiw Hill when the parking bays are full and had enquired about the possibility of a sign being erected to remind people that they should not park on the pavement. BCBC had replied advising that this was a police matter and that there was no official sign that could be installed. The BCBC Highways Network Manager has referred comments to the Parking section of BCBC to enquire if there have been any parking infringements that they can action against.
- Pothole at Jenkin Street: the Town Clerk advised that she had received a reply from BCBC Highways Department and the location had been inspected and the need for works identified. Cllr Baldwin informed members that £5 million had been allocated for this year by BCBC.
- McArther Glen – original planning concept: Town Clerk advised that no reply had been received from the BCBC Planning Department regarding the questions raised.

**RESOLVED:** that the Town Clerk will write again to the Head of Planning and that Cllr Baldwin will intervene directly.

- Freedom of Information questions reference Sunnyside Wellness Village and the parking in disabled bays by Police or parking enforcement officers. The Town Clerk advised that no reply had been received from the legal department at BCBC reference questions raised.

HMS Urge Mural: The Town Clerk advised that The Mural had been completed.

- Cllr Unwin noted that there may be occasions when the water line is above the mural. Cllr Unwin suggested that a small information plaque (A4 size) could be installed on the railings of the walkway explaining why the mural is relevant to Bridgend. Cllr Wood seconded the suggestion and noted that planning permission may be required. Cllr wood also noted that there had been a positive response to the mural on social media and that the historical aspect was well received.

**RESOLVED:** That the Town Clerk investigate the cost and siting of an information panel.

**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**

Clerk advised there had been no pre-planning applications received.

**7. Planning Reports/Correspondence (if any)**

**a. Bryn Castell Development**

Chair presented a report to Members (see report attached). Chair highlighted to members the key points:

1. Why did BTC not get the opportunity to make representations at the development control meeting when it was requested?
2. Entry and Exit access. That BTC had not been kept informed of changes to entrance way, changes to inclusion of play areas and trees.
3. Noted changes: while some have been taken on board by BCBC, no one has responded to BTC to confirm these.

After discussion members concluded that BTC have been ignored, and that all the above points were valid. Members also observed that BTC could be seen as not taking any action on this development. Cllr Baldwin informed Members that condition were imposed in application – including a pavement on Llangwydd road Cllr Baldwin also informed the meeting that there was no affordable housing on this development – the developer will contribute for social housing elsewhere. Members were informed that £1.4 million for affordable housing and additional educational facilities were awarded from section 106 monies.

**RESOLVED:** That The Town Clerk writes to BCBC Planning Department to express concern that BTC have not been fully consulted on specific points raised above in this application, and also why there was no consultation regarding section 106.

**b. Tennis Club**

Chair submitted a report (see report attached). Members discussed issues raised and agreed that the Tennis Club Chairman be invited to attend a future meeting.

**RESOLVED:** That the Town Clerk invite Dr Wilkins, Chair of the Tennis Club, to attend the next planning meeting on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 11.30 am.

**C. Tondu Road Tree Felling**

Chair submitted a report (see report attached). Members discussed the impact of losing trees at the entrance to the town, why BTC had not been informed, and for what purpose the trees being felled. Cllr wood questioned the safety aspect of stability.

**RESOLVED:** the Town Clerk write to BCBC raising the above points.

Meeting closed at 12.25 pm.

**Signed: (Chair of Planning Committee)**

**Date:**