

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

**AT CARNEGIE HOUSE**

**On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 11:30am**

**Present:** Cllr D Unwin, Cllr T Wood, Cllr E Hughes

**Absent:** Cllr G Sassoon-Hales

**1. Apologies for absence:**

- Cllr R Porter (away)

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

- No interests were declared.

**3. Minutes of the last meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018:**

**RESOLVED:** The minutes were received and confirmed as a true record and duly signed.

- Chair commented on a matter arising from the minutes. He referred to an objection that had been resolved in respect of application P/18/60/FUL on the grounds of highways access and concerns for pedestrian safety. Chair explained that BCBC Transportation Policy and Development Section had since issued a memorandum expressing similar concerns regarding the application and had highlighted the fact that conditions imposed on a previous planning application for the site had not been discharged. It was noted that no decision had been made to date.

**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.
- Chair provided copies of photographs that showed the extent of works already carried out to trees in relation to application T/18/8/TPO. Chair stated that the area had been totally devastated by the works and local residents are understandably upset. He highlighted that some of the trees that have been cut down are not near properties and therefore would not have caused an issue in relation to overhanging.
- Members questioned whether any of the trees are protected by a preservation order and expressed concerns regarding the impact of the work on wildlife in the area.

- Chair stated that this should not be allowed to happen. He explained that he had drafted letters to Wales and West Housing and the BCBC Corporate Director of Communities to express concerns regarding this matter and suggested that compensation should be sought for the local community. Chair presented the draft letters to the Planning Committee for comment.
- Members reviewed the letters and agreed that they should be sent on behalf of the BTC Planning Committee.

**RESOLVED:** Town Clerk to write to Wales and West Housing and BCBC Corporate Director of Communities to express concern regarding work already carried out on site in respect of application T/18/8/TPO.

**6. Pre-Planning Application Consultations:**

- There were no applications received.

**7. County Determinations:**

- There were no County Determinations received.

**8. Planning Correspondence and other matters**

8.1 Chair advised Members of Appeal Decision from The Planning Inspectorate re- 81 Ewenny Road, Bridgend, CF31 3LD (App. Ref: APP/F6915/D/17/3190308). The appeal is allowed and Planning Permission is granted. This was noted by Members.

8.2 Chair availed Members of correspondence from Mr A Nelson on behalf of the Coed Parc Action Group regarding a response to a planning decision for the proposed development. Chair offered to draft a response to the letter and present it to Council at the full Town Council meeting on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March for consideration. This was agreed by Members.

8.3 Chair advised that the Town Clerk had contacted the BCBC Planning Department for pre-application advice regarding the installation of Silent Soldier figures in the town centre to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the First World War. He read out a response from the BCBC Planning Department that explained that planning permission is not required to display 3 silent soldier figures, however it was noted that Listed Building Consent will be required for display on the railings of the Randell Memorial and this is not likely to be acceptable.

**RESOLVED:** To reduce the number of Silent Soldiers to two locations; one near the Job Centre and one at the end of Nolton Street. The Town Clerk is instructed to order the figures as soon as possible.

8.4 Members were presented with an update report for the Heritage Walkway Project. It was suggested that this report should be included with the minutes of the Planning Committee and presented to full Town Council for information at the Council meeting on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

8.5 Chair advised that he and the Town Clerk had recently met with the architect responsible for the refurbishment of Bridgend Railway Station in relation to noticeboards that have been proposed as part of the BTC Great Western Railways Project. Chair explained that the architect had met with the Station Manager and had agreed two suitable locations for the noticeboards; two single sided A1 noticeboards within the concourse of the station and several further single sided noticeboards in the area adjacent to the café/stairs on Platform One. Members discussed the suitability of these locations and agreed that the project should proceed on this basis.

**RESOLVED:** To proceed with the Great Western Railways Project to install noticeboards at Bridgend Railway Station at the locations recommended. Town Clerk is instructed to contact BCBC Conservation Department to enquire whether Listed Building Consent will be required for noticeboards on Platform One.

Meeting closed at: 12 Noon pm

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

**Date:.....**