

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BRIDGEND TOWN COUNCIL'S PLANNING COMMITTEE

AT CARNEGIE HOUSE

On Wednesday 6th February 2019 at 11:30am

Present: Cllr D Unwin (Chairman), Cllr A Wathan & Cllr T Wood

In Attendance: Mrs L Edwards (Town Clerk)

1. To receive apologies for absence

- Apologies: Cllr P Warren, Cllr A Morelli, Cllr R Porter and Cllr K Boucher

2. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest

- There were no declarations of interest

3. To receive and confirm the Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee of Friday 11th January 2019

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 11th January 2019 were received and confirmed as a true record and duly signed.

Matters arising:

- Page 2 - CCTV Coverage in the Town Centre: Clerk advised that no response had been received.
- Page 2 - Heritage Walkway Project: Clerk advised that all information requested from the LPA had been submitted and that BTC are now awaiting the outcome of the planning application.
- Page 2 – Street Traders (Chuggers) approaching Members of the Public: Clerk advised that no response has been received.
- Page 2 –Traffic lights on Cowbridge Road: Town Clerk advised that a letter had been sent to BCBC and she is awaiting a response.

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 and Appendix A in response to Planning Application P/19/13/OUT
- 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. County Determinations:

- There were no County Determinations received.
- Town Clerk advised that some time ago, BCBC had changed their procedures for notifying the Town Council regarding County Determinations. It was noted that BTC are no longer notified of the outcome of each application it has commented on and that instead, County Determinations are uploaded to the BCBC website.
- It was suggested that the Town Clerk could be asked to monitor those application that BTC object to if required.

8. Planning Correspondence.

1. Report from Cllr D Unwin: Forward Planning Tree Planting and Landscaping Policy for Bridgend Town area

- Chair presented a report to Members regarding forward planning tree planting and landscaping policy for Bridgend Town area. He commented that the matter had been raised at the January Town Council meeting and highlighted that the Planning Committee often consider the impact on nature and biodiversity for planning applications, therefore it is important that Bridgend Town Council have a policy.

RESOLVED: To accept the report 'Forward Planning Tree Planting and Landscaping Policy for Bridgend Town area' and include it with the minutes of the meeting for approval at full Council.

2. Email from C. Flower, BCBC: Bridgend railway Station

- Chair explained that an email had been received from BCBC Planning Department to advise that Application P/18/578/LIS for interpretation panels at Bridgend Railway Station had been recorded as invalid on the planning register, due to a certificate not being completed and the amount of time that had elapsed.
- Chair explained that a problem had arisen because a certificate needs to be signed by the lease holder of the railway station in order to authorise the use of the platform for the interpretation panels. Chair explained that due to the transfer of the lease from Arriva Trains Wales to Transport for Wales, it had proven very difficult to find a representative willing to sign the certificate.

3. Email from S. Tomlinson, BCBC: Red Telephone Boxes

- Town Clerk explained that two BTC red telephone kiosks on Court Road are being misused by drug users and there have been several incidents of needles and human excrement in the kiosks. She explained that the kiosks are Listed Structures therefore she had contacted BCBC Conservation Department to enquire if the Town Council could consider either permanently locking the kiosks or re-locate them.
- Town Clerk advised that she had received a response advising that the kiosks could not be re-located however as they are decommissioned and in BTC ownership, they can be locked.
- Town Clerk highlighted that the Regeneration Committee have already discussed using the kiosks for an Art Project however this project has not started yet.
- Members discussed the matter and agreed that the kiosks should be locked as soon as possible to reduce and health and safety issues and liability for the Town Council.
- Chair suggested that signode steel strapping could be used to secure the kiosks as a temporary measure.

RESOLVED: Town Clerk to arrange for steel straps to be secured around the two red telephone kiosks on Court Road to prevent misuse until a permanent solution is agreed.

Meeting closed at: 12:30pm.

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

Date:.....