



PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, YSTRAD MYNACH ON WEDNESDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER 2018 AT 5:00PM

PRESENT:

Councillor M. Adams - Chair
Councillor A. Whitcombe - Vice-Chair

Councillors:

Mrs E.M. Aldworth, C. Andrews, M. Davies, J.E. Fussell, R.W. Gough, D. Hardacre, A.G. Higgs, A. Hussey, B. Miles, Mrs G.D. Oliver, J. Simmonds, J. Taylor, R. Whiting and T.J. Williams.

Together with:

T. Stephens (Development Control Manager), R. Crane (Solicitor), M. Noakes (Senior Engineer, Highway Planning), M. Godfrey (Senior Environmental Health Officer), C. Boardman (Principal Planner), C. Powell (Principal Planner), C. Campbell (Manager, Transport Engineering) M. Davies (Team Leader South) and K. Houghton (Committee Services Officer).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors A. Angel, J. Bevan and J. Ridgewell.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest received at the commencement or during the course of the meeting.

3. MINUTES – 10TH OCTOBER 2018

Councillor R. Whiting requested a correction to the minutes in that he declared a personal and prejudicial interest in relation to Agenda Item 5 (18/0793/RM) at that meeting but this had not been recorded in the minutes. The interest being that he is an acquaintance of the owner of a separate plot on the same land as the application; as such any decision on that item may have an affect on their plot. It was confirmed that he left the Chamber for that item and had taken no part in the discussion.

The Chair put forward a correction to the minutes. In that it had been moved and seconded at the 10th October 2018 meeting that Councillor A. Whitcombe be appointed as Vice-Chair of Planning Committee for the next three meetings until such time as the formal nomination of a

Vice-Chair to Planning Committee could be made at Council. It was confirmed that a vote by show of hands had been taken and this had been approved by the majority present.

It was moved and seconded that, subject to the aforementioned corrections, the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th October 2018 be agreed as a correct record and by a show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that subject to the aforementioned corrections, the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 10th October 2018 (minute nos. 1-11) be approved and signed as a correct record.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS UNDER THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT - NORTH AREA.

4. PREFACE ITEM CODE NO. 17/0681/OUT – LAND AT GRID REF: 316731 198680, BEAUMARIS WAY, CEFN FFOREST.

Following consideration of the application it was moved and seconded that the application be refused for the reason as set out in the Officer's preface report and by a show of hands and in noting there was 2 against and 1 abstention, this was agreed by the majority present.

RESOLVED that the application be refused as the development is contrary to Policy SP5 and Policy CW15 of the Caerphilly County Borough Local Development Plan up to 2021 – Adopted November 2010 in the site lies beyond the identified settlement boundary.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS UNDER THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT - SOUTH AREA.

5. CODE NO. 18/0865/RET – 66 BLUEBELL VIEW, LLANBRADACH, CF83 3GU

Following consideration of the application it was moved and seconded that the recommendation contained in the Officer's report be approved and by a show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that this application be granted.

6. CODE NO. 18/0714/OUT – LAND WITHIN THE CURTILAGE OF DELAMERE GARTH PLACE TO RHYDRI PRIMARY SCHOOL, RUDRY, CF83 3DF

Following consideration of the application it was moved and seconded that the recommendation contained in the Officer's report be approved and by a show of hands and in noting there was 0 against and 1 abstention, this was agreed by the majority present.

RESOLVED that: -

- (i) Subject to the conditions contained within the Officer's report this application be granted.
- (ii) The applicant be advised of the following policies of the Caerphilly County Borough Local Development Plan up to 2021 – Adopted November 2010 are relevant to the conditions of this permission: CW2, CW3 and CW4.
- (iii) The applicant be advised of the comments attached to the Officer's report, from

7. ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT (PLANNING 2018)

The Area Development Manager presented the report which advised Members of the Annual Performance Report (APR) which is forwarded to the Welsh Government at the end of October each year. The report sets out the historic, geographic, economic and demographic context of the planning service provided by the Council and provides the results of a customer survey, along with performance statistics for the financial year 2017-18.

The Area Development Manager highlighted performance statistics, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the Officer's report, relating to plan making, efficiency, quality, engagement and enforcement. He summarised performance overall as being good with scope for further improvement.

Members noted from the report that although the Right to Speak at Planning Committee scheme was not a statutory requirement, it was used by Welsh Government as a measure in judging local authority performance. Clarification was sought on the characteristics of a good planning service and the indicator relating to Elected Member engagement and involvement throughout the process. A Member queried how that could be improved against the all Wales percentage. The Officer advised that this would be the subject of additional research with other Local Authorities in order to identify best practice and help drive improvement forward.

Having discussed and fully considered the Officer's report, Members congratulated the Planning Services on their hard work and noted its contents.

8-11. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

The following items were received and noted: -

- (1) Applications determined by delegated powers.

A member raised concerns regarding application 18/0810/NMA, in that it did not come back to the Planning Committee for approval of the amendments to the planning consent. The Committee was informed that permission was granted on reserve matters under delegated powers in consultation with ward members and in instances where amendments were deemed minor then the application would not warrant being dealt with by Committee. It was further highlighted to Members that with regards to application 18/0810/NMA, the change was related to the re-orientation of the MUGA and deemed minor.

- (2) Applications which are out of time/not dealt with within 8 weeks of date of registration.

A Member highlighted three applications as detailed in the Officer's report that date back to 2016 and 2013. He requested reasons for why these applications remained listed. The Area Development Manager agreed that he would email the reasons to the Member.

- (3) Applications awaiting completion of a Section 106 Agreement.

- (4) Appeals outstanding and decided.

The meeting closed at 18.17pm.

Approved as a correct record and subject to any amendments or corrections agreed and recorded in the minutes of the meeting held on 5th December 2018, they were signed by the Chair.

CHAIR