



PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON WEDNESDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER 2021 AT 5:00 PM

PRESENT:

Councillor R. Saralis – Chair
Councillor E.M. Aldworth – Vice-Chair

Councillors:

M. Adams, C. Andrews, J. Bevan, M. Davies, N. Dix, L. Harding, A. Hussey, B. Miles,
J. Ridgewell, J. Taylor

Cabinet Member: Councillor A. Whitcombe (Sustainability, Planning and Fleet)

Together with:

R. Tranter (Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer), M. S. Williams (Corporate Director Economy and Environment), R. Kyte (Head of Regeneration and Planning), R. Thomas (Planning Services Manager), C. Powell (Area Principal Planner), A. Pyne (Principal Planner), J. Waite (Principal Planner), E. Rowley (Area Senior Planner), C. Lamnea (Planning Enforcement and CIL Monitoring Officer), C. Campbell (Transportation Engineering Manager), A. Vick (Senior Engineer), M. Godfrey (Team Leader - Pollution Control and Emergency Planning & Resilience), C. Davis (Environmental Health Officer), R. Barrett (Committee Services Officer), S. Hughes (Committee Services Officer)

RECORDING AND VOTING ARRANGEMENTS

The Chair reminded those present that the meeting was being recorded and would be made available following the meeting via the Council's website – [Click Here to View](#)
Members were advised that voting on decisions would be taken via Microsoft Forms.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors J. Fussell, R.W. Gough, A. Higgs, and J. Simmonds.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor B. Miles declared a personal and prejudicial interest in [Agenda Item No. 3 \(20/0702/FULL\)](#) as a family member works for a quarrying company which could be perceived as a competitor of the applicant. She left the meeting when the application was discussed and took no part in the debate or decision.

Councillor M. Adams declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda Item No. 4 (21/0585/RM) as he lives in close proximity to the application site and could therefore be perceived as being directly impacted by it. He left the meeting when the application was discussed and took no part in the debate or decision.

Councillor J. Ridgewell declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda Item No. 4 (21/0585/RM) as the Applicant's Agent is known to him in that they are both representative on the Fields in Trust Board and have previously worked together. He left the meeting when the application was discussed and took no part in the debate or decision.

During the course of debate on Agenda Item No. 4 (21/0585/RM) and prior to the vote being taken, Councillor N. Dix declared a personal and prejudicial interest as he is employed by the applicant company, and he took no part in the voting or decision.

3. APPLICATION NO. 20/0702/FULL - GELLIARGWELT UCHAF FARM, GELLIGAER ROAD, GELLIGAER, HENGOED, CF82 8FY

Councillor B. Miles declared a personal and prejudicial interest as a family member works for a quarrying company which could be perceived as a competitor of the applicant. She left the meeting when the application was discussed and took no part in the debate or decision.

The Planning Case Officer presented the application, with it confirmed in the accompanying report that the recommendation in respect of the proposal had taken full account of, and was in conformity with, both Future Wales and Planning Policy Wales Edition 11.

It was noted that Welsh Government had issued a Section 77 Call-In Request for the application under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Mr P. Williams and Councillor C. Bezzina spoke on behalf of local residents in objection to the application and Mr M. Roberts (the applicant's agent) spoke in support of the application.

Following consideration of the application it was moved and seconded that the application be deferred for a further report to a future meeting with draft reasons for refusal based on the unacceptable impact on the amenity and wellbeing of local communities as a result of the significant expansion of quarrying operations and extension to the period of quarrying operations at the site, as well as the proximity and cumulative impacts of quarrying (especially in terms of noise, dust and air quality). By way of Microsoft Forms (and in noting there were 9 for, 0 against and 1 abstention) this was agreed by the majority present.

RESOLVED that the application be deferred for a further report to a future meeting with draft reasons for refusal based on the unacceptable impact on the amenity and wellbeing of local communities as a result of the significant expansion of quarrying operations and extension to the period of quarrying operations at the site, as well as the proximity and cumulative impacts of quarrying (especially in terms of noise, dust and air quality).

4. APPLICATION NO. 21/0585/RM - LAND AT FORMER PONTLLANFRAITH HOUSE, BLACKWOOD ROAD, PONTLLANFRAITH

Councillor M. Adams declared a personal and prejudicial interest as he lives in close proximity to the application site and could therefore be perceived as being directly impacted

by it. He left the meeting when the application was discussed and took no part in the debate or decision.

Councillor J. Ridgewell declared a personal and prejudicial interest as the Applicant's Agent is known to him in that they are both representative on the Fields in Trust Board and have previously worked together. He left the meeting when the application was discussed and took no part in the debate or decision.

During the course of debate and prior to the vote being taken, Councillor N. Dix declared a personal and prejudicial interest as he is employed by the applicant company, and he took no part in the voting or decision.

The Planning Case Officer presented the application, with it confirmed in the accompanying report that the recommendation in respect of the proposal had taken full account of, and was in conformity with, both Future Wales and Planning Policy Wales Edition 11.

Following consideration of the application it was moved and seconded that subject to the conditions contained in the Officer's report, together with an amended condition relating to the completion of a detailed programme for the provision of the proposed highways and highway alterations prior to occupation of the development in the interests of highway safety, the recommendation in the Officer's report be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms (and in noting there were 9 for, 0 against and 0 abstentions) this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that:-

- (i) subject to the conditions contained in the Officer's report and the following amended condition the application be GRANTED;

Amended Condition (05)

Unless an endorsed Agreement under Section 38 of the Highways Act 1980 has been completed a detailed programme for the provision of the proposed highways and highway alterations including all stages in the statutory process for approval thereof together with a similarly detailed programme for the construction, completion and future maintenance of the proposed highways shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority **prior to occupation of the development.**

Reason

In the interests of highway safety in accordance with policy CW3 of the adopted Caerphilly County Borough Local Development Plan up to 2021.

The meeting closed at 6.55 p.m.

Approved as a correct record and subject to any amendments or corrections agreed and recorded in the minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2022.

CHAIR