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County Borough Council

MINUTES OF MEETING

PLANNING AND REGULATORY FACT FINDING VISITS MEETING

THURSDAY, 6TH DECEMBER, 2018
PONT-Y-CAPEL ROAD, CEFN COED, MERTHYR
TYDFIL

PRESENT: Councillors: H Barrett (Chair)
C Tovey (Vice-Chair)

Councillors: J Amos, D Chaplin, C T Jones, J Thomas and
S Thomas

Officers:

J Jones (Head of Planning and Countryside), G Morgan
(Solicitor), H Roberts (Group Leader Development Control),
G Coughlan (Senior Assistant Engineer) and M Stark (Traffic
Engineer)

M Phillips (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
1	Apologies for absence	Apologies for absence were received from: Councillor M Colbran, Councillor E Galsworthy, Councillor Kevin Gibbs and Councillor Gareth Lewis
2	Declarations of Interest	Councillor C Tovey declared his interest in the Item as he is the Local Authority Governor at Ysgol-Y-Graig School. As a Local Authority representative he currently has dispensation to speak and vote. Councillor H Barrett declared his interest in the Item as a Governor at Ysgol-Y-Graig and currently has dispensation to speak and vote.

3	<p>P/18/0311 - Former Vaynor and Penderyn School Site and Godre'r Coed Playing Field Site, Cefn Coed, Merthyr Tydfil</p>	<p>The Chair formally opened the meeting and the Planning Officer introduced the application to the committee and produced a map to allow Councillors the opportunity to decide on what areas of interest they wished to visit.</p> <p>The following places of interest were visited by the committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed Main School Entrance (Pontycapel Road) • Hard Play Area and Parking Facilities (Godre'r Coed Playing Field) • Cyfartha Gardens Entrance to Parking Facilities • Old Church Street leading to the Holford Street Entrance • South Terrace Entrance and the 6 Arm Priority Junction <p>Clarification was sort on the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access points for children and vehicles • Access to the Hard Play Area from the School • Traffic Assessment of the Main School Entrance (Pontycapel Road) • The Road Safety Audit and Conditions • Increase in traffic due to the dualling of the A465 • Number of parking spaces available to parents and teachers • Removal of a wall and levelling work at the park and stride and hard play area • Access to the drop off and stride point • Safe crossing points for pupils • Collision summary • Widening of access road to parent and teacher parking via Cyfarthfa Gardens <p>The following questions were raised by the Committee Members and answered in detail by the Town Planning, Highways and Engineering Officers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who undertook the transport assessment • Was Lisa Clement-Williams involved in the transport assessment process in relation to the safe route to school initiative • There is a distinct lack of pavements in the surrounding area - does this application comply with the safe walking routes to school initiative
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4	Any other business deemed urgent by the Chair	The Chair thanked the Officers and Councillors for their attendance and advised that there was no other business deemed urgent and closed the meeting.