



MINUTES OF MEETING

PLANNING, REGULATORY AND LICENSING MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 19TH OCTOBER, 2022

PRESENT: Councillor C Tovey (In the Chair)

Councillors S Thomas, B Carter, M Colbran, E Galsworthy, K Gibbs, C T Jones, M Jones, D Sammon and J Thomas

Officers:

J Jones (Chief Officer Neighbourhood Services), G Morgan (Solicitor), H Roberts (Group Leader Development Control), D Cross (Principal Planning Officer), S Walker (Chief Education Officer) J Baber (Senior Licensing Officer), S Jones (Senior Solicitor), C Morris (Highways and Engineering) and M Stark (Highways and Engineering)

Mair Morgan (Democratic Services Officer), Matthew Phillips (Democratic Services Officer) and Michelle Edmunds (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
301	Apologies for absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Davies.
302	Declarations of Interest	Councillor J Thomas Declared his Interest in Items 12 and 14 – Request to increase the age limit for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles and Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence as he is an Ex Proprietor and Taxi Licence Holder. Councillor C Tovey Declared his Interest in Item 5 –

		P/22/0029 – 7 Somerset Close, Cefn Coed, Merthyr Tydfil.
303	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 24 August 2022 of Planning and Regulatory Fact Finding Visits	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Planning and Regulatory Fact Finding Visit held 24 August 2002 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
304	P/21/0358 - Land Off Elm Tree Grove, Twynyrodyn, Merthyr Tydfil	<p><i>Residential Development and Associated Engineering Access and Landscaping Works</i></p> <p>The Planning Officer led the Committee through the application with the assistance of a Power Point Presentation.</p> <p>The following questions were then raised by the Committee and were responded to in detail by the appropriate Officer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has any consideration been given to an exit / entrance onto the A460 Slip Road • Concerns regarding Air Pollution • Traffic during Construction – Large vehicles causing a problem • Nasty Junction • Other applications in the pipeline – Potential for the extension of Ffos y Fran – Issues of dust with this development in conjunction with other potential developments and potential Coal Mining • Volume of Traffic – Construction traffic – Question in relation to dust and pollution • Time frame for the proposal to change the junction - Spending cuts in Westminster – Concerns if can not get funding • Are the Schools in the area at full capacity – Has there been a change due to classroom capacity • Recorded Mine entries – How exactly is the developer going to deal with all these Mines littered across the site - Will there be a lot more drilling taking place – If deep down how to get at them – How many are there • Ground contamination – Nickel across the site – Soil deposits - How will this be done to make the site safe • Tonnes of Shale – How many Raft foundations will be required • Drainage report – Culvert running North to South – Should the conditions be already known • How are large vehicles going to avoid the area – Weight limit on Twynyrodyn Hill • What were the concerns of the South Wales Police • Parking along Elm Tree Grove – Has there been any preliminary investigation work • Play areas – A road in between the two areas – How do the Officer foresee this working and is it a safe route for Children between the two parks <p>Further comments were also made by the Committee on the application.</p>

		<p>Councillor E C Galsworthy entered the Meeting at 5.30 pm and therefore did not vote on the application.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>In accordance with the recommendation of the Head of Town Planning and Countryside the application be Approved subject to the Conditions as outlined in the report.</p>
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Chair

Councillor S Thomas took the Chair for the next Item

305	P/22/0029 - 7 Somerset Close, Cefn Coed, Merthyr Tydfil, CF48 2NY	<p><i>Proposed Side Extension and New Roof with Dormers</i></p> <p>Councillor C Tovey having Declared his Interest in this item left the Meeting for the consideration of this item.</p> <p>The Planning Officer led the Committee through the application with the assistance of a Power Point Presentation.</p> <p>The following questions were raised by the Committee and were responded to by the Planning Officer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost of Pre Planning Application • Explanation requested of the proposal being shown <p>Further comments were then made by the Committee and it was</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>In accordance with the recommendation of the Head of Town Planning and Countryside that the application be Refused for the Reasons as outlined in the report.</p>
306	P/22/0189 - 2 Brynhyfryd Villas, Cardiff Road, Troedyrhiw, Merthyr Tydfil, CF48 4LG	<p><i>Detached Garage</i></p> <p>The Planning Officer led the Committee through the application with the assistance of a Power Point Presentation.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>In accordance with the recommendation of the Head of Town Planning and Countryside the application be Approved subject to the Conditions as outlined in the report</p>
307	P/22/0235 - 77 Heolgerrig, Heolgerrig, Merthyr TYdfil, CF48 1SB	<p><i>Single Storey Rear Extension and Landscaping Works including Re-profiling</i></p> <p>The Planning Officer led the Committee through the application with the assistance of a Power Point</p>

		<p>Presentation.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>In accordance with the recommendation of the Head of Town Planning and Countryside the application be Approved subject to the Conditions as outlined in the report.</p>
308	Appeal Received P/20/0305	<p><i>Proposed Dwelling – Ael y Bryn North</i></p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Appeal be received.</p>
309	Appeal Received P/21/0170	<p><i>Demolition of Industrial Building and Erection of 14 Dwellings and 6 apartments – Bryntaf Garage, Aberfan</i></p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Appeal be received.</p>
310	Appeal received P/21/0378	<p><i>Erection of 2m high Timber Fence – Plot 1, The Paddock, Penyard</i></p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Appeal be received.</p>
311	Delegated Report	<p><i>1st August 2022 to 30th September 2022</i></p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Delegated Decision report be received.</p>
312	Request to Increase the age limit for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles	<p>Councillor J Thomas having Declared his Interest in this item together with Item 12 on the agenda left the Meeting for the consideration of these items.</p> <p>Jo Baber then led the Committee in detail through the 'Request to increase the age limit for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles' report.</p> <p>Questions were then raised on the report by the Committee with an amendment being proposed to the recommendation.</p> <p>The amendment proposed that:</p> <p>Members increase the age limit for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Vehicles which seat up to Four Passengers from the current Four Year age limit to Six years old (b) Vehicles which seat Six to Eight Passengers from the current Four year age limit to Eight years old (c) Vehicles which provide Wheelchair access from the current Four year age limit to Ten years old

		<p>Debate then ensued on the amendment proposed with suggestions being made by the Committee regarding the age limits and by agreement with the proposer of the amendment it was</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Vehicles which seat up to Four Passengers from the current Four Year age limit to Six years old (b) Vehicles which seat Six to Eight Passengers from the current Four year age limit to Six years old (c) Vehicles which provide Wheelchair access from the current Four year age limit to Eight years old
313	Any Other Business Deemed Urgent by the Chair	The Chair advised that there was no other business deemed urgent.

Exempt

Resolved that:

The public be excluded from the Meeting on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined under Part 4 of Schedule 12A Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

314	Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence	Simon Jones referred the Committee to the 'Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence' report and advised that in light of the decision taken by the Committee under Item 12 on the agenda – Request to Increase the age Limit for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles there was no need for a decision on this item.
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