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## MINUTES OF MEETING

# PLANNING AND REGULATORY FACT FINDING VISITS MEETING

FRIDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY, 2016

**P/15/0254 (Land to the South West (0.1km) of Bryn Rhedyn and to the North (0.15km) of Nant Y Fedw Farm, Bedlinog)**

**PRESENT:** Councillor C T Jones (In the Chair)

Councillors B E Mansbridge, T Chaplin, A Jones, W R Smith, S Slater and L E Smart

Councillor Gareth Jones (Ward Councillor)

David Cross (Principal Planning Officer), Tom Bramley (Landscape Architect) and Geraint Morgan (Solicitor)

Matthew Phillips (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
1	Apologies for absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Howard Barrett, Councillor Gareth Lewis and Councillor Simon Williams.
2	Declarations of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.
3	P/15/0254 - Land to the South West (0.1Km) of Bryn Rhedyn and to the North (0.15Km) of Nant Y Fedw Farm, Bedlinog	<b>Proposed Development</b> Construction of solar photovoltaic farm with associated infrastructure, including access tracks, inverter stations, duo cabinet sub stations, storage room, temporary compound, fencing, security cameras and landscaping.

		<p>The Councils Design, Heritage and Conservation Officer was unable to attend due to sickness.</p> <p>The Committee met at Bedlinog Square and were joined by Elected Members from the Bedlinog Ward and a number of local residents.</p> <p>The Planning Officer then led the Committee in detail through the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application Site</li> <li>• Proposed Development</li> <li>• Planning History</li> <li>• Consultation</li> <li>• Publicity</li> <li>• Policy Context</li> <li>• Planning Considerations</li> <li>• Recommendation</li> </ul> <p>The Town Planning Division's Landscape Architect addressed the committee in relation to the proposed development.</p> <p>Questions were raised in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where would the site access be situated?</li> <li>• Is the vantage point from Bedlinog Square still an issue?</li> <li>• Would there be an issue with glint and glare from the panels?</li> <li>• How high are the panels above the ground?</li> <li>• Would the 8 week development of the site be a noise nuisance to the community of Bedlinog?</li> <li>• Would the hedgerows planted on the site be effective?</li> <li>• Would the development be visible from the Taf Bargoed Millennium Park?</li> </ul> <p>The Planning Committee then travelled to a number of vantage points within Bedlinog to get a better perspective of the proposed development.</p> <p>Councillor Allan Jones left the meeting at 12.28pm.</p>
4	Any other business as deemed urgent by the Chair	The Chair advised that there was no business deemed urgent and closed the meeting by thanking everybody for their attendance.