

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING, TAXI LICENSING & RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE HELD AT BY TEAMS ON THURSDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2022

PRESENT

County Councillor K Lewis (Chair)

County Councillors A Davies, D Edwards, P James, A Jones, G E Jones, C Kenyon-Wade, I McIntosh, G Morgan, R G Thomas, E Vaughan and D H Williams

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors G D Jones, T Colbert, L George, H Hulme, G Pugh, E Roderick and J Wilkinson.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Chair was authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2022.

Planning

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- (a) County Councillor A Davies declared a prejudicial interest in application 21/2085/FUL
- (b) The Committee noted that no Member requested that a record be made of their membership of a Community Council where discussion had taken place of matters for the consideration of this Committee.
- (c) The Committee noted that no Member (who is a member of the Committee) would be acting as 'local representative' in respect of any application on the agenda.
- (d) The Committee noted that no Member (who is not a member of the Committee) would be speaking as the 'local representative' in respect of any application on the agenda.

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Property, Planning and Public Protection (copies filed with the signed minutes).

4.1 Updates

The Members confirmed that they had received and had time to read the update circulated the previous day and prior to the meeting.

4.2 21/2085/FUL Rhydoldog, Cwmdauddwr, Rhayader, Powys, LD6 5HB

Grid Ref: E: 294204 N: 267941

Valid Date:	30.11.21
Community Council:	Rhayader Town Council
Applicant:	Miss Charlotte Church
Location:	Rhydoldog, Cwmdauddwr, Rhayader, Powys, LD6 5HB
Proposal:	Change of use of dwelling (C3) to a D1 (wellbeing and healing retreat), conversion of part of barn to artist's studio and store, installation of solar arrays and all associated works
Application Type:	Full Application

County Councillor Angela Davies left the meeting before consideration of this item having declared a prejudicial interest.

The Committee was advised that Rhayader Town Council had confirmed that their opposition to the application still stood. The Highways network manager advised that highways issues raised could not be sustained at appeal as the number of vehicle movements would not increase significantly and that road signs, additional road markings and passing places would address any issues. Officers also confirmed that a maintenance and management plan for the approved foul water drainage system would have to be submitted and approved.

It was moved and duly seconded that the Committee be minded to approve the application and that the final decision be delegated to the Professional Lead - Planning in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee subject to confirmation from NRW of their agreement with the Appropriate Assessment.

RESOLVED:	Reason for decision:
That the Committee approve the application and that the approval is delegated to the Professional Lead - Planning in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee subject to confirmation from NRW of their agreement with the Appropriate Assessment.	As officer's recommendation as set out in the update report which is filed with the signed minutes.

County Councillor Angela Davies returned to the meeting.

5.	DECISIONS OF THE HEAD OF PROPERTY, PLANNING AND PUBLIC PROTECTION ON DELEGATED APPLICATIONS
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The Committee received for information a list of decisions made by the Head of Property, Planning and Public Protection during the period between 13 October 2022 and 22 November 2022.

6. APPEAL DECISIONS

The Committee received a copy of the Planning Inspectorate's letters regarding the following appeals:

- application 21/1055/CLP - Llanerchydol Hall, Welshpool, Powys, SY21 9PQ - the Committee noted that the Inspector had dismissed the appeal. The Committee was advised that notice had been received that the Inspector's decision may be judicially reviewed.
- application 21/2137/HH Winswood, Lower Gwestydd Lane, Aberbechan, Newtown SY16 3AY - the Committee noted that the Inspector had upheld the appeal
- application 22/1463/FU Pen-Y-Derw, Forden, Welshpool SY21 8NH - the Committee noted that the Inspector had dismissed the appeal.

Rights of Way

7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest reported.

8. PUBLIC PATH ORDERS: WORKING PRACTICE AND CHARGES

Members of the Committee were asked for their views on a proposed change to the working practices and charges for Public Path Orders. The changes were needed to address the backlog of applications and enable the council to recover costs incurred in providing this discretionary service. The decision would be taken by the Portfolio Holder for a Greener Powys.

The Chair of the Committee agreed that he would write to the relevant Welsh Government Minister on behalf of the Committee to draw attention to the need for more resources for this service.

Resolved that the new method of dealing with public path orders as outlined in the report, as a basis for a decision report to the Portfolio Holder for a Greener Powys be supported.

Taxi and other licensing

9. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest reported.

10.	MINUTES OF TAXI LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEES
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The Chair presiding at the Taxi Review Panel held on 19 October 2022 was authorised to sign the minutes as a correct record.

County Councillor K Lewis (Chair)