

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING, TAXI LICENSING & RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE HELD AT HYBRID MEETING - ZOOM - COUNTY HALL ON THURSDAY, 12 JANUARY 2023

PRESENT

County Councillor K Lewis (Chair)

County Councillors G D Jones, T Colbert, A Davies, D Edwards, L George, H Hulme, P James, A Jones, G E Jones, C Kenyon-Wade, I McIntosh, G Morgan, G Pugh, R G Thomas, E Vaughan, J Wilkinson and D H Williams

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor E Roderick.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Chair was authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2022.

Planning

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

(a) County Councillor A Davies declared a prejudicial interest in application 22/1355/FUL because the applicant is her husband.

County Councillor G Pugh declared a prejudicial interest in application 22/1528/FUL because he was the applicant.

(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

There were no updates.

4.2 22/1906/FUL Land at Former Travis Perkins Site, New Road, Newtown, Powys, SY16 1AS

Grid Ref: E: 310878 N: 291321

Valid Date: 10.11.22

Community Council: Newtown and Llanllwchaiarn Community Council

Applicant: Harry Bowen

Location: Land at Former Travis Perkins Site, New Road, Newtown, Powys, SY16 1AS

Proposal: Erection of block of 8 no. apartments and all associated works

Application Type: Full application

The Highways Officer confirmed that the parking allocations previously agreed remained appropriate for this revised application.

It was moved and duly seconded to approve the application as recommended by the officer.

RESOLVED:	Reason for decision:
that the application be granted consent, subject to the conditions set out in the report which is filed with the signed minutes.	As officer's recommendation as set out in the report which is filed with the signed minutes.

County Councillor A Davies having declared a prejudicial interest left the meeting for the next item.

4.3 22/1355/FUL Cae Henfron, Rhayader, Powys, LD6 5BL

Grid Ref: E: 297684 N: 267695

Valid Date: 09.08.2022

Community Council: Nantmel Community Council

Applicant: Mr Tony Davies

Location: Cae Henfron, Rhayader, Powys, LD6 5BL

Proposal: Provision of a solar array and associated works

Application Type: Full application

The Solicitor advised that as this was an application from a relative of a councillor, he had reviewed the file and confirmed that it had been processed normally.

It was moved and duly seconded to approve the application as recommended by the officer.

RESOLVED:	Reason for decision:
that the application be granted consent, subject to the conditions set out in the report which is filed with the signed minutes.	As officer's recommendation as set out in the report which is filed with the signed minutes.

County Councillor A Davies returned to the meeting.

County Councillor G Pugh having declared a prejudicial interest left the meeting for the next item.

4.4 22/1528/FUL Bryn Derwen Motte, Abermule, Montgomery, SY15 6JP

Grid Ref: E: 316318 N: 295231

Valid Date: 09.09.22

Community Council: Abermule and Llandyssil Community Council

Applicant: Mr Gareth Pugh

Location: Bryn Derwen Motte, Abermule, Montgomery, SY15 6JP

Proposal: Relocation of access to field and erection of a fence

Application Type: Full application

The Solicitor advised that as this was an application from a councillor, he had reviewed the file and confirmed that the application had been processed normally.

In response to a question the Planning Officer advised that the whole hedgerow would be replaced by a fence. Concerns were raised about this, but it was noted that six oak trees would be planted to achieve biodiversity enhancement .

It was moved and duly seconded to approve the application as recommended by the officer.

RESOLVED:	Reason for decision:
that the application be granted consent, subject to the conditions set out in the report which is filed with the signed minutes.	As officer's recommendation as set out in the report which is filed with the signed minutes.

County Councillor G Pugh 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 23 November 2022 and 4 January 2023.

Rights of Way

6.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
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There were no declarations of interest.

7.	TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990, SECTION 257 PUBLIC PATH ORDER PROPOSAL
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The Committee considered the Proposal to divert public footpaths RB1387 (part), RB1391 & RB1392 (part), land at Gore Quarry, Walton, Presteigne, LD8 2PL (Community of Old Radnor).

In response to questions the Assistant Commons Registration and Definitive Map Officer advised that any new gates etc would be at the cost of the landowner and waymarkers would be provided by the Council on confirmation of the Order.

It was moved and duly seconded to approve the officer's recommendation.

Resolved

- 1. That an Order be made to divert part of public footpaths RB1387, RB1391 & RB1392 on land at Gore Quarry, Walton, Presteigne, as shown on the plan at appendix C.**
- 2. That if the Order is made and opposed, unless significant new information comes to light, it is submitted to PEDW for determination.**
- 3. That the Council takes a neutral stance with respect to confirmation of the Order, if it is submitted to PEDW for determination.**

Taxi and other licensing

8.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
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County Councillor D Edwards declared a prejudicial interest in the next item as she worked for a private hire company and left the meeting for this item.

9.	TAXI LICENSING FEES 2023/24
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The Committee considered the report regarding the Taxi Licensing fees for 2023/24.

In response to questions the Senior Licensing Officer advised that she had not undertaken a comparison of costs with other authorities, but the authority is able to recover the costs in connection with administering, controlling, and supervising the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing regime. The fees proposed reflect cost recovery.

It was moved and duly seconded to approve the officer's recommendation.

RESOLVED

That taxi fees for 2023/24 are approved to go out for consultation in the local press in line with statutory requirements and if not objected to will be in place for 1st April 2023. Any objections to the fees will be referred back to this committee for consideration.

County Councillor D Edwards returned to the meeting.

10. ANIMAL ESTABLISHMENT LICENSING FEES REVIEW

The Animal Health Team Manager advised the Committee that final comments had not been received on the report on Animal Establishment Licensing Fees Reviews in time for it to be forwarded to the Committee for consideration. The Committee agreed that the report would be considered at the next meeting.

11. MINUTES OF TAXI LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEES

The Chair presiding at the Taxi Review Panel held on 7 December 2022 was authorised to sign the minutes as a correct record.

County Councillor K Lewis (Chair)