

# RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL Planning and Development Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Development Committee held on Thursday, 7 March 2024 at 3.00 pm at Council Chamber, 2 Llys Cadwyn, Taff Street, Pontypridd, CF37 4TH.

This meeting was live streamed, details of which can be accessed here.

## County Borough Councillors – The following Planning and Development Committee Members were present in the Council Chamber: -

Councillor S Rees (Chair)

Councillor W Lewis Councillor S Emanuel
Councillor D Grehan
Councillor M Powell
Councillor L A Tomkinson

## The following Planning and Development Committee Members were present online: -

Councillor J Bonetto Councillor A Dennis
Councillor G Hughes
Councillor J Smith

#### County Borough Councillors in attendance: -

Councillor M Norris Councillor J Barton Councillor R Bevan Councillor R Yeo

#### Officers in attendance: -

Mr J Bailey, Head of Planning
Mr C Jones, Head of Major Development and Investment
Ms L Coughlan, Solicitor

#### 218 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, there were no declarations made pertaining to the agenda.

## 219 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT 1998 AND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL DECISIONS

It was **RESOLVED** to note that when Committee Members determine the development control matters before them, they should have regard to the Development Plan and, so far as material to applications, to any other material considerations and when taking decisions, Members have to ensure they do not act in a manner that is incompatible with the convention on Human Rights as incorporated into legislation by the Human Rights Act 1998.

### 220 WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS (WALES) ACT 2015

It was **RESOLVED** to note that the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 imposes a duty on public bodies to carry out sustainable development in accordance with the sustainable development principle and to act in a manner which seeks to ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

#### 221 MINUTES 08.02.24

It was **RESOLVED** to approve as an accurate record, the minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Development Committee held on the 08.02.24.

#### 222 CHANGE TO THE AGENDA

The Committee agreed that the agenda would be considered out of sequence and as detailed in the minutes set out hereunder.

#### 223 APPLICATION NO: 23/1169

Detached dwelling and upgrade works to access lane. (Coal Mining Risk Assessment received 21/11/23) (amended red line boundary and plans received 15/12/23) LAND TO THE REAR OF MILDRED STREET, BEDDAU

Members **RESOLVED** to defer the Application for a Site Inspection to be undertaken by the Planning and Development Committee to view the potential widening of highways access.

In view of the above decision, the Chair informed the persons present to address the Committee on the application that if they wished to speak when the matter was next reported to Committee, they would have to submit requests to do so.

#### 224 APPLICATION NO: 23/1125

Reinstatement of existing living accommodation to first floor, upgrade, alteration and extension of building (Amended plans and description received 14/11/2023) (Amended plans received 05/12/2023 and 16/02/2024) OLD YNYSYBWL INN, MILL ROAD, YNYS-Y-BWL, PONTYPRIDD, CF37 3LS

The Head of Major Development and Investment outlined the content of a 'late'

letter received from a neighbour in objection of the application.

The Head of Major Development and Investment presented the application to Committee and following consideration it was **RESOLVED** to approve the application in accordance with the recommendation of the Director, Prosperity and Development and to the amendment of Condition 2 to require the permanent retention of the screen, as approved, thereafter and to an additional Condition No.3 restricting use of the balcony area to residential only and not for use in connection with the public house.

(**Note:** County Borough Councillor A Dennis joined the meeting during this item and therefore abstained from the vote.)

#### 225 APPLICATION NO: 23/1244

Development of 18 affordable dwellings, car parking, landscaping, sustainable drainage and associated works (Revised plans, to include solar panels on dwellings, received 13th December 2023. Revised Site Layout Plan, Soft Landscaping Details and Green Infrastructure Statement, Landscape Specification and Management Plan received 14th February 2023) LAND TO THE EAST OF EAST STREET, TYLORSTOWN, FERNDALE

Non-Committee, Local Member County Borough Councillor R Bevan spoke on the application and put forward his support in respect of the proposed Development whilst also outlining some concerns regarding the development.

The Head of Planning presented the application to Committee and following consideration it was **RESOLVED** to approve the application in accordance with the recommendation of the Director, Prosperity and Development subject to the completion of a section 106 agreement requiring:

i) To ensure that the dwellings are established and maintained as affordable units, for the continued purpose of meeting identified local housing needs. Additionally, the reduced off-street parking provision, compared with the Council's SPG for Access, Circulation and Parking, has been considered acceptable on the basis that residents of social housing demonstrate lower levels of car ownership. ii) to secure an off-site recreation contribution of £18,000 (£1,000 per dwelling) to the upgrading of the existing play area at Edmondes Street, in accordance with the Council's SPG for Planning Obligations.

(**Note:** County Borough Councillor A Dennis left the meeting during this item due to technical difficulties and therefore did not take part in the vote or in any other items of business for this meeting.)

### 226 APPLICATION NO: 23/1277

Discharge of conditions 7 (Traffic management) and 8 (full drainage) of previously approved 23/0575/15 (Variation of condition 1 of application 18/0617/15 (original application: 13/0758/10 - Residential development, construction of 3 no. 3 bedroom linked housing units) LAND ADJ TO 15 GROVER STREET, GRAIG, PONTYPRIDD

The Head of Planning presented the application to Committee and following consideration it was **RESOLVED** to defer the determination of the application to a future meeting of the Planning & Development Committee to allow Planning Officers further time to consider the contents of a late letter of objection that had been received from Dwr Cymru / Welsh Water.

#### 227 APPLICATION NO: 23/1318

Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed change of use of a dwelling C3(a) to a Children's Residential Home C2 for up to 2 children. 142 KENRY STREET, TONYPANDY, CF40 1DD

The Head of Major Development and Investment presented the application which was originally reported to Committee on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 where Members were minded to refuse the grant of a certificate of lawfulness, contrary to the officer recommendation of the Director, Prosperity and Development.

Members gave consideration to the further report, highlighting the potential strengths and weaknesses of refusing contrary to officer recommendation and following discussions, it was **RESOLVED** to refuse the certificate of lawfulness contrary to the recommendation of the Director, Prosperity and Development for the reasons set out in pages 4 and 5 of the further report.

#### 228 APPLICATION NO: 23/1335/09

Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed change of use of a dwelling C3(a) to a Children's Residential Home C2 for up to 2 children, along with 2 no. support staff 24 hours a day, operating in shifts, and a registered manager. 134 TURBERVILLE ROAD, PORTH, CF39 0ND

The Head of Major Development and Investment presented the application to Committee and following consideration Members were minded to refuse the grant of a certificate of lawfulness as Members were of the view that the change proposed would amount to a material change of use and that the nature of the proposed operation would result in additional comings and goings to the property, and a level of activity and disturbance over and above that which would be considered characteristic of a dwelling of this kind; thus, the change of use would be a material one.

Therefore, the matter would be deferred to the next appropriate meeting of the Planning & Development Committee for a report of the Director, Prosperity & Development, if necessary in consultation with the Director, Legal Services, highlighting the potential strengths and weaknesses of making a decision contrary to the recommendation of an officer or any proposed or possible planning reason for such a decision prior to determining a matter.

# 229 INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS, PERTAINING TO ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

Members **RESOLVED** to receive the report of the Service Director, Planning in relation to Planning and Enforcement Appeal Decisions received, Delegated Decisions Approvals and Refusals with reasons, Overview of Enforcement Cases and Enforcement Delegated Decisions received for the period 12/02/2024 – 23/02/2024.

This meeting closed at 4.00 pm

Councillor S Rees Chair.