

BARRY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2011 COMMENCING AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Councillor K Lewis (Chairperson), C Curtis, S Hodges, K Kuhnell, B I Shaw, T C Stenstrom, E T Williams.

ALSO PRESENT: Clive Farrant – Planning Advisor
Becky Palmer – Administrator

PL794. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor S C Egan, K Kemp, O Cash & L M Payne

PL795. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT**

A Declaration was received from Councillor Kuhnell with regards to Disabled Persons Parking Place Order in Station Street, Barry.

PL796. **TO DISCUSS THE STOPPING OF HIGHWAYS (LANE AT MERTHYR STREEY, BARRY, VALE OF GLAMORGAN) ORDER 2011**

The Planning Advisor opened the discussion by outlining to the Committee the contents of the report he had prepared and distributed prior to the meeting. The report sought to define for Members the differences between the previous highway extinguishment proposals and the current stopping up order, to provide a review of the site history and to outline what would happen if the Council were to make objections to the Order. The report also contained three potential objections that the Council might use if they wished to make objections to the Order.

Councillor Lewis distributed photographs of the area and detailed drawings that had been prepared for the meeting. He advised that the rear parking for the shops is on private land and that if delivery lorries are to use this land to turn they would be crossing private property not highway land. He also considered it would be impossible to change the access arrangements from the current 45° angle to a 90° turn as described by the applicant. He also noted that there are no dedicated delivery areas set out within the Order plans. These statements were reinforced by Councillor Shaw. Councillor Lewis was also concerned that the submitted plans are unhelpful as they do not show dedicated rear parking for the businesses in Holton Road. The Committee expressed concern that there is likely to be a loss of private parking from the rear of the shops in Holton Road to provide a turning circle for lorries at the top of the new proposed road.

Councillor Stenstrom commented that the Vale of Glamorgan Council's policy to pedestrianise Holton Road had led to a limitation on the service delivery parking within the main street. He considered that the pedestrianisation combined with the current proposal would be detrimental to the operational management of the Holton Road businesses. Councillor Hodges observed that future residents of the new development may become annoyed after a few months/years with delivery trucks passing next to the flats causing disruption first thing in the morning. Councillor Stenstrom agreed and added that residents at the bottom of Evans Street have complained about the deliveries to Wilkinson's and Tesco's.

Members expressed concerns about the impact of the proposals on the existing businesses in Merthyr Street as a result of the turning areas required within the street to gain access into the new road. They also expressed concern that the proposal would result in a loss of dedicated parking for Merthyr Street residents.

It was agreed that the subject to minor amendment to the second objection (to include reference to the existing service difficulties of the Holton Road properties as a result of the pedestrianisation of the main frontage) they be submitted to the Welsh Government before the closing date for objections (1st December 2011). Councillor Stenstrom suggested that local residents and local businesses should be contacted to make them aware that the Town Council will be objecting to the road alterations and to inform them of the objections that will be forwarded to the Welsh Government regarding the proposed Order. It was agreed that ward Councillors B Shaw and K Kuhnell would inform the residents and local business of the objections the Council will be submitting to the Welsh Government and to offer assistance to those who may wish to object before the closing date.

RESOLVED: that

1. The Planning Advisor immediately amends the objections in accordance with Planning Committee's requirements and forward them to Members of the Committee;
2. Councillors Shaw and Kuhnell to contact local businesses and residents to inform them about the Town Council's objections and to offer assistance to those who may wish to make objection to the proposed Stopping Up Order.

PL797.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM – THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (STATION STREET, BARRY) (DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACE) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 2011

Prior to this item being discussed Councillor Kuhnell declared a personal interest as the area is immediately outside his home. Councillor Kuhnell left the room while the matter was considered. The proposal Order was then considered.

RESOLVED: that there is no objection to the order.

The meeting ended at 7.40pm

Signed Dated
(Chairperson)