

BARRY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 12 JANUARY 2021 AT 7PM

PRESENT: Councillors Hawkins (Chair) plus Councillors Aviet, Charles, Collins, S Hodges, Payne and Perkes.

ALSO PRESENT: David Watkins – Planning Officer
Rebecca Blackwell – Office Team Leader
Councillor Johnson – Observer

PL546. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Bailey

PL547. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE
COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT**

None received

PL548. **WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS (WALES) ACT 2015**

That the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act information be received and noted

PL549. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE'S
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2020**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning Committees meeting held on Tuesday 30 September 2020 be approved and signed as a correct record.

PL550. **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

a) **Planning Application No. 2020/01367/RG3**

Location: Plot C, Atlantic Trading Estate, Barry

Development: Proposed Resource Recovery Facility and associated works

The Planning Officer gave a detailed overview of the proposed development and the points raised in a recent presentation provided by the Vale of Glamorgan Council in relation to the development. The Planning Officer also advised that the plans had not changed since the pre-application was submitted in February 2020. He also advised that members were invited to a site visit of the Cowbridge plant which had not been arranged due to the current Covid restrictions in place.

Members discussed the proposal in depth raising a number of issues such as road safety, traffic on Hayes Road, increase in road activity in particular on Hayes Road, noise levels from the facility, odour from the facility due to storage of waste, close proximity to local residents, potential health issues from gasses within the facility and hours of operation.

Councillor Payne requested to have sight of the Environmental Impact Assessment. The Planning Officer advised that at the presentation, members of the Vale of Glamorgan told members that an Environmental Impact Assessment was not required for the development. Councillor Payne said that she was aware that they had advised that one was not needed but believe that one should be carried out.

Councillor S Hodges raised concerns in relation to the capacity of the facility, noting that they advised that they would be expecting to handle 45,000 tonnes of waste but have the capacity to handle 75,000 tonnes of waste. This prompted Councillor S Hodges to ask if they had the potential to sell space to other authorities.

Councillor Perkes asked if the Vale of Glamorgan had considered any other sites for the proposed waste resource facility. The Planning Officer advised that he was not aware if the Vale of Glamorgan Council had considered any other sites but that the proposed site is in their ownership and could be the reason why it was selected.

Councillor Payne asked if the view of the public had been taken into account in relation to the Public Consultation held by the Vale of Glamorgan Council on the proposals. The Planning Officer advised that he was unaware of what the responses were, if any had been received.

Councillor S Hodges suggested that the Committee stick with the original decision of objection as the plans have not changed since the Pre-Consultation application and increasing it to a strong objection highlighting the points raised.

RESOLVED: Barry Town Council Strongly objects to the proposed Resource Recovery Facility at Atlantic Trading Estate, Barry for the following reasons;

- **Great concerns regarding the expected additional volume of traffic entering and exiting the site via Hayes Road, Barry. This will be an unacceptable highway hazard and be detrimental to the amenity currently enjoyed by the residents of Hayes Road, Barry and local businesses.**

- **Great concerns regarding the expected additional noise generated by the additional traffic volume and onsite operational activities to the detriment of local residents and businesses.**
- **Great concerns regarding the generation of dust generated by the proposed onsite operational activities to the detriment of local residents and businesses.**
- **Great concerns regarding the potential poor quality air quality and noxious odours generated by the onsite operational activities to the detriment of local residents and businesses.**
- **Great concerns regarding the expected additional vibration noise generated by onsite operational activities to the detriment of local residents and businesses.**
- **Great concerns that the Vale of Glamorgan Council have granted planning consent for new residential developments in close proximity of the proposed Resource Recovery Facility, and as such these sites could be adversely affected in terms of loss of residential amenity.**
- **Great concerns regarding the development of the Recycling Centre may well not comply with the terms and guidance advocated within; The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.**
- **Great concerns regarding the excessive opening hours of the Recovery Resource Facility of 06;00 to 21;00 hours Monday through to Friday which would by result adversely affect the amenity of local residents and businesses.**
- **Great concerns regarding the Vale of Glamorgan Council failure to not seek suitable and sustainable alternative sites for the Resource Recovery Facility.**
- **Great concerns that the proposed Resource Recovery Facility has not been subject to an appropriate Environmental Impact Assessment.**

PL551. **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS TABLED**

RESOLVED: None received

PL552. **LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY DECISIONS**

RESOLVED: That the Local Authority Decisions be received and noted.

PL553. **APPLICATIONS DEALT WITH UNDER DELEGATED POWERS-
FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

Members were advised that the Scheme of Delegation applications had been circulated for a number of months, with the scheme proving successful.

The Planning Officer sought member's thoughts in relation to extending the Scheme of Delegation. The previous agreement was made at the last Planning Committee meeting held on 30 September 2020 whereby minute no. PL 454 relates:

RESOLVED: That the Scheme of Delegation will be implemented for the period between October and December 2020 with applications that members require a discussion on will be raised to the Planning Officer with a meeting organised to discuss contentious items.

Members agreed that the Scheme of Delegation had worked well throughout the pandemic and were understanding that Zoom meetings can be troublesome with showing plans.

Councillor Johnson proposed that all reports within the scheme of delegation are circulated to all members of Council so that they are able to see what the Committee are presented with and make any comment as they would in an ordinary Committee meeting. He also advised that the website should show the committees activity as it currently seems as though the Committee have not met since 30 September 2020.

The members agreed the proposal as it shows transparency of the Committee.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That all Scheme of Delegation decisions be displayed on the Councils website after being agreed by Members and decisions sent to the Vale of Glamorgan Council Planning Department.**

**RECOMMENDED TO A MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL ON 22
FEBRUARY 2021**

1. That all members of Council shall receive a copy of the proposed recommendations of the Scheme of Delegation and forward any comments onto the Planning Officer
2. That the Scheme of Delegation shall continue until at least the Annual Meeting scheduled to be held in May 2021.

PL554. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED: That with the Scheme of Delegation continuing, members must raise any contentious issues with the Planning Officer who will then advise if a meeting is necessary to deal with any contentious items.

Meeting closed at 7.50 pm

Signed
(Chairperson)

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