

## **Minutes of a Meeting of Ciliau Aeron Community Council held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7.00 pm at the Cilcennin Village Hall**

**Present:** Councillor John Lumley (Chairman), Councillors Nigel Davies, Robert Davies, Dai Evans, Gwyndaf Morgan, Alwen Thomas, Iwan Thomas and Ray Williams.

County Councillor Marc Davies.  
Denfer Morgan (Clerk).

### **291 Apologies**

Councillors Helen Evans and Arwel Jones apologised for their inability to attend the meeting.

### **292 Disclosure of Interests and Procedure**

Councillors Robert Davies, John Lumley and Gwyndaf Morgan disclosed a personal and prejudicial interest in planning application A190813 referred to in minute 294 below and they left the room and took no further part in the discussion or voting thereon.

The item was chaired by the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Iwan Thomas.

### **293 Minutes of the Last Meeting**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

### **294 Planning Application A190813 - Avicenna, Bidaren, Cilcennin. Erection of a packing and distribution building.**

Further consideration was given to the new planning application following an informal session held before the commencement of the meeting which had offered local residents an opportunity to express their views on the application.

The matters raised by the residents were discussed in detail, namely:

- the narrow rural County Road, which has no footpath, was used by pedestrians on a regular basis by children catching the school bus, children attending the Naturesbase centre (some 2,000 child journeys a year), children playing on the road, and by horseriders and walkers
- the road is unsuitable for use by heavy lorries which could serve the proposed development
- the application form appears to indicate that the proposal is for a light industrial use and not packing and this is not suitable for a rural setting

and once approval was given, any other development in that use class could be located there

- the transport impact assessment was based solely on evidence provided by the applicant and did not appear to be based on the conclusions of an objective study.

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** as follows:

- To question whether the development - described as light industrial use (Use Class B1(c)) and not storage and distribution (Use Class B3) on page 6 of the application form - should be located in a rural setting. The Council is concerned that giving planning permission for an Use Class B1(c) development would enable any such development falling within that Use Class to be located at this site in future.
- To express concern about the increased vehicle journeys on the narrow the county road which leads to the proposed development and which has no footpath. The Council questions the validity of the Transport Impact Assessment (TIA) as it appears to be based on information provided by the developer and not on evidence produced following a robust and comprehensive analysis of the regular usage of the road by pedestrians, especially children. This is of concern inasmuch as the recommendation of the County Highways and Environments Services, as described under 'Other Obs.', is based entirely on the conclusions of this TIA. The TIA also fails to include the use of the road by groups of children using the nearby Naturesbase facility which, according to the representations submitted by the owner of the business, entails weekly use of the road which amounts to approximately 2,400 journeys made on foot in any year.
- To express concern about the land drainage aspect of the proposed site and the design and appearance of the proposed building.

**295 Planning Application A200071 - Blaenberllan, Cilcennin. Erection Above Ground Circular Nutrient Storage Tank.**

Consideration was given to the above-mentioned planning application.

**Decision:** No objection.

**296 Finance Matters**

It was **PRESOLVED** to agree to the offer of Elfed Jenkins to support the website for a further two years and to pay the invoice received from him, being the fee in the sum of £220.

## **297 Section 137 Expenditure**

It was noted that the Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2019-20 (£8.12 per elector (406)), being £3,296.72.

## **298 Applications for Financial Assistance**

It was **RESOLVED** to defer consideration of the applications received until the next meeting.

## **299 U5182 Ciliau Aeron**

Consideration was given to the response of the County Council Technical services in respect of the concern expressed about the heavy lorries using this road and the need for them to reverse back onto the A482 when meeting a vehicle coming from the other direction.

It was **RESOLVED** that confirmation was needed as to whether the problem continued to exist before deciding on any further action being taken and Councillor Nigel Davies agreed to have a word with the residents in question.

## **300 Any Other Relevant Matter**

After being raised by Councillors, the following was agreed:

- a) Churchyard: It was **RESOLVED** to request the Clerk to draft a letter which could be sent in conjunction with the Church and the Chapel to the Church Authorities expressing increasing concerns that the Churchyard was filling up quickly and to re-iterate the Council's offer to meet the cost of purchasing the parcel of land immediately below in order to extend the cemetery and to be responsible for its future maintenance.
- b) At the request of Councillor Iwan Thomas, it was **RESOLVED** to write to the County Council expressing the Council's concern about dog fouling in the community.
- c) Councillor John Lumley referred to the review being undertaken by Welsh Government of speed limits throughout the County which was in progress.

The meeting ended at 8:30pm