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LLANBLETHIAN TOWN COUNCIL
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**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19 December 2023 at
7:00pm in the Council Chamber and remotely by Microsoft Teams.**

PRESENT in the: COUNCIL CHAMBER: The Mayor Cllr Malcolm Wilson, The Deputy Mayor Cllr Heather Weddell, Cllr John Andrew, Cllr Alec Trousdell, Cllr Cecilia Hannigan-Davies, Cllr Peter Carter, Cllr Rowena Harbour, Cllr Gwen Baty, Cllr Geraint Baty, Cllr Charles Champion, Cllr Biga John, Town Clerk Cathy Kennedy, Town Hall/Finance Officer Clair Davis, PC Stuart Elson (arrived at 7.15pm).

PRESENT remotely by MICROSOFT TEAMS: Four members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were noted from Cllrs Lianne Evans, Ian Watkins, Dave Breen and Terry Williams.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest from members.

3. COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Initially, there were three candidates for co-option, however, one was later determined to be ineligible, and another withdrew his application just before the meeting commenced. The remaining candidate utilised her allocated five minutes to address members about her reasons for seeking to join the council. Following her speech, the Mayor proposed the following motion: "By virtue of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public are excluded from the discussion of item 21 on the basis that disclosure thereof would be prejudicial." The motion was approved, and a discussion without prejudice ensued regarding the suitability of the candidate.

RESOLVED

a) By virtue of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public are excluded from discussion of item 21 on the basis that disclosure thereof would be prejudicial

b) To coopt Biga John to represent the ward of Llanblethian East for Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council.

4. COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT

The community police report was received.

5. VALE COUNCILLOR REPORT

The Vale Councillor report was received.

6. QUESTIONS TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

7. MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting held on the 21 November 2023 were reviewed by members.

RESOLVED

The minutes from the meeting held on the 21 November 2023 were approved pending minor grammatical amendments.

8. ACTION PLAN/MATTERS ARISING

The action plan was noted.

9. FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report was considered and it was suggested that in a future council meeting, members receive a comprehensive introduction to the new management report. Not everyone possesses an accounting background, and some are encountering difficulty in understanding the new format.

RESOLVED

The Financial Report was approved.

10. COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS

The resolutions of the town hall and the finance and governance committee meetings held on the 5 December 2023 were noted.

11. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor noted the salient points of his report.

12. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Chief Executive/Town Clerk report was noted.

13. MEMBER'S REPORT

There were no members reports received.

14. PLANNING MATTERS

The following item was discussed; however, it was noted that it should have been included under correspondence rather than planning:

a) Re: ASDA Express PFS Downs, Cowbridge Bypass, Stalling Down, Cowbridge CF71 7DT – New Premises Licence Application

I am writing to advise you that an application for a Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003 was received by this office on 8 December 2023 in respect for the above premises.

The applicant describes the premises as: Convenience Store/Petrol Filling Station

The application seeks:

The sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises: Monday to Sunday: 24 hours a day

The Provision of Late Night Refreshment: Monday to Sunday: 23:00 to 05:00 hours

Representations may be made in respect of this application by 5 January 2024.

RESOLVED

To object to this application on the basis that the request for a 24-hour alcohol license, has the potential to foster antisocial behaviour. Also "The provision of late late-night refreshment" is too vague. More details are required.

Planning Applications since the last meeting were discussed and Resolutions were approved as follows:

b) 2023/01092/FUL (HM) Thorn Cottage, Westgate, Cowbridge, Proposed driveway alterations, comprising insertion of new rails above existing boundary walls and new gated access, all with associated external works. <https://vogonline.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/2023/01092/FUL?cuuid=0E2D1BA2-8C0B-490D-85E8-6BE8083EB632>

During the discussion among members, attention was brought to the matter of the driveway being adjacent to an unadopted highway, and the following resolution was reached:

RESOLVED

No objection.

c) 2023/01183/FUL (WG) 51, Broadway, Llanblethian, Cowbridge, CF71 7EX

Proposed single car garage with new access onto adopted highway. Proposed two storey rear extension and new porch and bay window to front elevation

<https://vogonline.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/2023/01183/FUL?cuuid=09B5E38C-F4E6-45E8-8B5F-B0172AF33A72>

RESOLVED

No Objection but creation of new access will involve felling of at least 1 mature tree and the new access appears to go on to an unadopted highway,

d) Application No. 2023/01195/FUL (TN) 14, Court Close, Aberthin Single storey outbuilding with flat roof <https://vogonline.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/2023/01195/FUL?cuuid=B6002C23-483D-464B-9958-C13B8CF3053D>

RESOLVED

No objection, but noted that the accompanying drawings are inadequate.

e) 2023/01189/FUL (GW) 1, The Verlands, Cowbridge Construction on new 2 bedroom dwelling

<https://vogonline.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/2023/01189/FUL?cuuid=ADAE203C-F300-4CF4-AE6F-4ECFD804BCE3>

It was noted that this is the 3rd attempt to secure planning permission for a house on this site.

2021/01287/FUL Construction of new 3 bedroom dwelling, Decision: Withdrawn 20th April 2022. Significant concerns were raised regarding the development appearing as cramped prior it being withdrawn.

2022/00908/FUL Received on 23 August 2022 Construction of new 3-bedroom dwelling. Refused for a variety of reasons following objections from Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council, Vale Highways and 6 neighbours.

RESOLVED

To Strongly Object. One of the reasons for refusal of the previous application was that it "would represent a cramped form of development that would have an unacceptable impact on the street scene and character of the area." Despite the design changes that remains the case.

f) **2023/00363/FUL (GW) Pen Y Bryn, Pen y Lan Road, Aberthin** Proposed orangery
<https://vonline.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/2023/00363/FUL?cuuid=443FE58A-E4A2-4456-BBBF-C11D28F611B7>

RESOLVED

No objection

15. PLACE PLANNING

An update was received.

16. EVAN JENKINS

It was reported that the charity currently has three vacant trustee positions, and potential candidates do not necessarily have to be town councillors but must receive approval from the council.

RESOLVED

The following individuals were approved to represent the charity as trustees:

Mrs Marian Arnold, Cllr Gwen Bay and Cllr Gus Baty.

17. SHARED PROSPERITY FUND

There was a suggestion that council officers attend meetings related to the SPF fund. Members agreed that it could be an option but expressed concerns about the potential time commitment. Cllr Wilson volunteered to gather additional information and present it at the January meeting for consideration on whether an officer should attend.

18. CORRESPONDENCE

The acknowledgment of a thank-you letter from Dementia Friendly for the grant funding was duly recorded.

19. DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING

There were no documents for sealing.

20. STAFFING MATTERS

The following resolution was approved;

By virtue of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public are excluded from discussion of item 21 on the basis that disclosure thereof would be prejudicial.

21. STAFFING REPORT

The staffing report was received.

22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for the 23 January 2024.