

# BEGUILDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008 AT BEGUILDY SCHOOL

**Present:** Cllrs. C. Thomas (Chair), W. O'Leary (Vice-Chair), K. Jones, Ms. A. Hoyle, Ms. A. Jones, A. Tippett, E. Harris, M. Morgan and P. Swancott.

**Apologies:** None

**In Attendance:** Mrs T. Price (Clerk), County Councillor J. Brunt, members of the public.

**Declarations of Interest.** Members were requested to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests they may have in matters to be considered at this meeting in accordance with the terms of the Model Code of Conduct Order 2001 issues under Section 51 Local Government Act 2002.

*Personal Only*

None

*Personal and Prejudicial*

Cllr. Morgan Temporary Mast, Garreg Lwyd Hill, between Llanbadarn Fynydd and Felindre  
Cllr. Swancott Free Range Poultry Unit, Nr. Pound Farm, Dutlas

The meeting commenced with ten minutes for the public to address Members with their views. Mr. G. Duthie read out a detailed question to Members, which he then handed to the Clerk.

In response to a question the Clerk confirmed that Members would be made aware of all letters of objection received about planning applications and that they would be made aware of the numbers of letters for and against any particular issue.

In general the members of the public present were concerned primarily with the application for a development near Brookhouse Bridge and raised a number of issues including access difficulties, visual effect, the risks involved to the River Teme's fish stock as the site was in a flood plain and the environmental effect generally.

### **MIN 4797 PLANNING**

1) **P2008 1327** Reserved Matters, erection of a 12000 bird free range egg laying unit and new vehicular access, **Land to South East of Pound Farm, Dutlas**

Cllr. Swancott left the table at this point due to having declared an interest.

Members examined the plans recently submitted and compared them with the outline plans submitted earlier in the year. Cty. Cllr. Brunt was able to confirm that he believed that these plans were the detailed versions of the earlier outline ones submitted. Cllr. O'Leary examined the supporting documentation. It was agreed that the Council had no objection to the plans and all agreed that the Clerk reply giving their approval.

Cllr. Swancott now rejoined Members at the table.

2) **P2008 1307** Full, erection of temporary wind monitoring mast for a period of up to twenty four months, **Garreg Lwyd Hill, between Llanbadarn Fynydd and Felindre**

At this point Cllr. Morgan left the table due to having declared an interest.

Cllr. Thomas returned briefly to the questions raised by Mr. Duthie earlier and asked the Clerk to place the item on the next Council Agenda.

Members examined the plans in great detail, paying particular reference to the location of the new mast in relation to the existing one. Cllr. Thomas read the letter to the Council which had been received from RES and which had been included on the September 9<sup>th</sup> Agenda. Concern was expressed on the reasons for needing an additional mast at this time. Following these discussions a vote was taken and with five votes for and three against it was decided to make no objection.

Cllr. Morgan now rejoined Members at the table.

3) **1/08/21047/F** Full, change of use of land from agricultural to commercial use and horse paddocks, use of land for siting of 6 log cabins for holiday letting and an agricultural building, construction of a fishing lake and breeding pool, use of land for siting of mobile home for managers accommodation and formation of vehicular access and construction of a driveway. **Land at Brookhouse Bridge, Beguildy.** Comments requested by South Shropshire District Council.

Cllr. Thomas informed Members that he had received many views on the proposed development, many of which were objections but also some in support. He stressed that not everyone was against the application.

Many Members commented that work had already started and that this was in direct contravention of planning law. Cllr. Harris added that the Council was supposed to make comments on proposed developments not those already begun.

Eight letters of objection had been handed in at the meeting and these were handed around for Members to read.

A number of issues were raised including the access difficulties, increased traffic flow, the effect on the river and the possible flooding risk, the visual effect and environmental impact generally, the need for consultation with the rivers authority, the poor design of the cabins and the use of conifers instead of broad leaved trees. Members were aware that local knowledge confirmed that the site had flooded in the past and were concerned that this could result in fish escaping from the lake and getting into the river. They asked that the Clerk request an environmental impact study be carried out .

In conclusion it was agreed that the Clerk write listing the various objections to the application and enclosing copies of the letters handed in at the meeting. She was to state that the Council supported the views expressed in these letters. In addition she was asked to thank South Shropshire Council for consulting Beguildy Community Council on the application and to ask that this co-operation continue in future.

The Clerk agreed to send a copy of her letter to Powys County Council for information.

#### **MIN 4798      PAYMENT - MEMBERSHIP OF ONE VOICE WALES AND CONFERENCE FEE**

The Clerk informed Members that the existing membership had lapsed and that the renewal fee was £76. This would have the effect of reducing the fee required for Cllr. O'Leary to attend the conference from £100 to £70. Members agreed to renew membership at £76 and to pay the conference fee of £70, a **total payment of £146.00.**

**MIN 4799      URGENT BUSINESS FOR INFORMATION**

1)      Former Vicar of Beguildy – Cllr. Thomas confirmed that he had spoken to the police who had been able to reassure him on matters concerning the recent convictions. Members were concerned on the effect on the community generally and heard that a letter from the Bishop was to be included in the next parish magazine. Earlier that day he had been approached, as Chairman of the Council, by the press for comment on the situation. On balance it was agreed that the Community Council make no comment.

2)      Return of Letter of Thanks by Former Clerk – Cllr. Thomas was advised by the Clerk that this item could not be properly considered an item of urgent business and should be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting but continued to read the letter from Mr. Lloyd. After some lengthy debate Members were unable to agree to apologise to Mr. Lloyd and therefore Cllr. Thomas tendered his formal resignation as Chairman of the Council.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.25 pm.