

**COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT**

**REPORT TO: THE PRESIDING MEMBER AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

**SUBJECT PLANNING COMMITTEE – 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2024**

**REPORT OF: DEMOCRATIC & COMMITTEE SUPPORT OFFICER**

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**PRESENT:** COUNCILLOR LISA WINNETT (Chair)

Councillors P. Baldwin (Vice-Chair)

W. Hodgins

J. Holt

G. Humphreys

E. Jones

J. Millard

L. Parsons

C. Smith

D. Wilkshire

**WITH:** Service Manager Development & Estates  
Team Manager Development Management  
Team Leader Development Management  
Team Leader Built Environment  
Planning Officer  
Enforcement Officer  
Solicitor  
Press & Public Relations Officer

**AND:** **Public Speaker**  
Stephen Giffard - Applicant (speaking in support of  
Application No. C/2024/0036)

**DECISIONS UNDER DELEGATED POWERS**

<b><u>ITEM</u></b>	<b><u>SUBJECT</u></b>
<b>No. 1</b>	<b><u>SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION</u></b>  It was noted that no requests had been received for the simultaneous translation service.

<p><b>No. 2</b></p>	<p><b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M. Day and J. Thomas.</p>
<p><b>No. 3</b></p>	<p><b><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</u></b></p> <p>The following declaration of interests was raised:-</p> <p><u>Councillor L. Winnett (Chair)</u>  Item No. 5 - Planning Applications Report - Application No. C/2022/0151 - Silent Valley Waste, Beechwood House, Cwm, Ebbw Vale</p> <p>It was reported that Councillor Winnett would not take part in any discussion or vote.</p>
<p><b>No. 4</b></p>	<p><b><u>AREAS FOR MEMBER BRIEFINGS AND TRAINING</u></b></p> <p>It was reported that Member Briefing/Training Sessions had been arranged for the following dates:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – Section 106 Obligations</li> <li>• 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – Public Rights of Way Orders</li> <li>• 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – Enforcement Training</li> <li>• 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – Material Planning Considerations</li> </ul>
<p><b>No. 5</b></p>	<p><b><u>PLANNING APPLICATIONS REPORT</u></b></p> <p>The Chair declared an interest in the following application and took no part in the discussion or vote. The Vice Chair, Councillor Peter Baldwin, took the Chair for this application only.</p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Team Manager Development Management, whereupon:-</p> <p><b><u>Application No. C/2022/0151</u></b>  <b><u>Silent Valley Waste, Beechwood House, Cwm, Ebbw Vale</u></b>  <b><u>Erection of a wind turbine and associated works</u></b></p> <p>Upon a vote being taken, it was unanimously</p> <p>RESOLVED that planning permission be <b><u>GRANTED</u></b>, subject to the conditions detailed in the report and delegated powers be granted to</p>

	<p>Planning Officers for a slight variation of wording of conditions 22, 28 and 32 detailed in the report.</p> <p>Councillor G. Humphreys did not take part in the vote.</p> <p><b><u>Application No. C/2024/0036</u></b>  <b><u>Methodist Church, Powell Street, Abertillery NP13 1EG</u></b>  <b><u>Proposed change of use of former Methodist Church to Martial Arts/Gymnasium and dwellinghouse including mezzanine floor and external alterations including decking</u></b></p> <p>Upon a vote being taken, it was unanimously</p> <p>RESOLVED that planning permission be <b><u>GRANTED</u></b>, subject to the conditions detailed in the report.</p> <p>Councillor J. Holt did not take part in the vote.</p>
<p><b>No. 6</b></p>	<p><b><u>APPEALS, CONSULTATIONS AND DNS UPDATE: SEPTEMBER 2024</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Service Manager Development &amp; Estates.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted and the information contained therein be noted.</p>
<p><b>No. 7</b></p>	<p><b><u>QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE INFORMATION</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Service Manager Development &amp; Estates.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted and the information contained therein be noted.</p>
<p><b>No. 8</b></p>	<p><b><u>LIST OF APPLICATIONS DECIDED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS BETWEEN 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2024 AND 20<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2024</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Business Support Officer.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted and the information contained therein be noted.</p>

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**No. 9**

**APPEAL UPDATE REPORT – BRYNAWEL, 71 PARK HILL,  
TREDEGAR**

Consideration was given to the report of the Enforcement Officer.

RESOLVED that the report be accepted and that Members note the appeal decision by PEDW.

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**No. 10**

**ENFORCEMENT CLOSED CASES BETWEEN  
5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024 AND 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2024**

Having regard to the views expressed by the Proper Officer regarding the public interest test, that on balance the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information and that the report should be exempt.

RESOLVED that the public be excluded whilst this item of business is transacted as it is likely there would be a disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 12, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

Consideration was given to the report of the Service Manager Development & Estates.

RESOLVED that the report which contained information relating to a particular individual be accepted and the information contained therein be noted.

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