

LYDNEY TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING – 30 January 2017 - 28

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PLANNING AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING held in the Council Chamber, Claremont House, Lydney on Monday 30 January 2017 at 5.33 pm.

Present: Cllrs A Preest (Chairman), B Berryman, J Greenwood, B Pearman and D Pugh

In Attendance: Eight members of the public
Mrs J Smailes – Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Miss K Hammond – Admin Assistant (AA)

Cllr Preest informed all present that no practice fire evacuation had been scheduled for the duration of the meeting. All attendees were then informed of the locations of the nearest fire exits.

1. **APOLOGIES**
Apologies for absence were received and noted from Cllrs Christodoulides, Legg and Street.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
Cllr Preest – Item 4 – Forest of Dean District Council’s Allocation Plan
3. **OPEN FORUM**
Mr J Bevan, Highfield Lane, Lydney – Sought clarification regarding the two applications for Lydney Baptist Chapel (P1709/16/LBC and P1708/16/FUL) querying the difference between listed building consent and change of use and asked whether, if the application was granted, the building would continue to be a place of worship. Cllr Pearman referred Mr Bevan to the details of the application which showed that the two applications were one of the same and of which also advised that the building would remain that of an ‘ecclesiastical building’ but the planning application required listed building consent for change of use to include a “mixed site” comprising of residential development and an ecclesiastic building with alterations to the church, erection of four houses and creation of three apartments.

PLANNING ISSUES

4. **FOREST OF DEAN DISTRICT COUNCIL’S ALLOCATION PLAN**
Having declared an interest in this matter, Cllr Preest did not take part in the discussion. Cllr Pearman chaired the meeting from this point.

Prior to the meeting Members had been provided with a copy of the Forest of Dean District Council’s Allocation Plan (*Allocations Plan Further Changes December 2016*) which included the proposed modifications and were asked to formulate a ‘corporate’ response in relation to this document. Cllr Pearman re-iterated to Members that this was not a ‘planning application’ but it was rather a ‘response’ to the Allocation document as a whole and that the response would then be submitted to the Planning Inspector for consideration. Furthermore, Members were reminded that they were entitled to comment on the proposed modifications to the Allocations Plan in a personal capacity, if they so desired.

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During discussion Cllr Pearman and Cllr Pugh expressed their dismay at the time it had taken Forest of Dean District Council's Planning Department to create the Allocation Plan, the general consensus being that the document still did not meet requirements, with the Plan appearing very vague in description.

Following a further short discussion it was **proposed by Cllr Pearman** that Lydney Town Council's Corporate Response would be that '*Lydney Town Council cannot support Forest of Dean District Council's Allocations Document in its current form because it believes that it still fails to demonstrate a deliverable 5 year land supply*'. Vote carried with 1 abstention.

Action by – the CEO

Cllr Pearman relinquished the role of Chairman; Cllr Preest resumed the role of Chairman.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P1709/16/LBC – B & R Developments Ltd, Lydney Baptist Chapel, High Street, Lydney Listed Building Consent for the change of use from an ecclesiastical building to a mixed use site comprising of residential development and an ecclesiastic building. Alterations to church, erection of four houses and creation of three apartments.

And also application

P1708/16/FUL - B & R Developments Ltd, Lydney Baptist Chapel, High Street, Lydney Change of use from an ecclesiastical building to a mixed use site comprising of residential development and an ecclesiastic building. Alterations to church, erection of four houses and creation of three apartments.

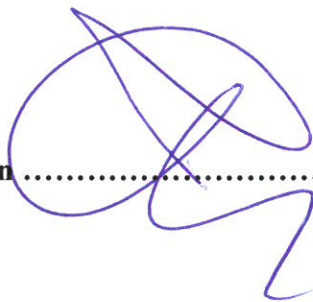
No objection - Subject to Highways consideration re. lack of parking provision/requirement for on-going use as place of worship

6. MEETING DATES

It was noted that the next Planning & Highways Committee meeting would take place on Monday 13 February 2017 at 6.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 5.57 pm.

Chairman



Date 23 Feb 17

