

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TALGARTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT 7PM,
WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER 2019, IN THE TOWN HALL, TALGARTH – SINGLE
AGENDA ITEM TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATION 19/0845/FUL –
Proposal: Proposed extraction site for sand and gravel, to include all associated works - Site
Address: Land Near To Tregunter Farm, Talgarth, Brecon, Powys LD3 0RA**

PRESENT: Cllr P Lewis (Deputy Mayor), (In the Chair), Cllr G Jones, Cllr Z Argent,
Cllr L Elston-Reeves, Cllr A Lord, Cllr R Reid, Cllr C Voyle

APOLOGIES: Cllr W Powell (Town & Powys County Councillor), Mayor, Cllr A Bufton,
Cllr M Dodds

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Josephine Rumsey - Town Clerk

Members of the Public – Cllr Sue Brown, Felinfach Community Councillor
Mrs Jenny Moody, Local Resident
Mr Peter Moody, Local Resident
Ms Shannon Reeves, Local Resident

19/182 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Noted Cllr Powell, Mayor, had previously declared an interest and did not attend the meeting. No other Declarations of Interest.

19/183 WELCOME - Cllr P Lewis, Deputy Mayor, welcomed Cllr Sue Brown and Mr & Mrs Moody and Ms Shannon Reeves, to the meeting.

19/184 PUBLIC SPEAKING – Noted in its Standing Orders, the Town Council has a **Public Speaking time of 10 minutes, providing for a member of the public to speak on any item on the Agenda for a maximum of 2 minutes – to be arranged prior to the meeting –** Noted 2 public speakers had registered to speak by the deadline – 5:00 pm 22 Oct: Cllr Sue Brown, Felinfach Community Councillor and Mrs Jenny Moody, Local Resident. Both full public speaking notes attached, but in summary:

1. **Cllr Sue Brown, Felinfach Community Council** - Cllr Sue Brown was supportive of the Planning Application with the following provisos:-
 - Access improvements, passing places hedge and verge maintenance
 - The operation is carefully monitored to ensure it kept within the terms of the application.
2. **Mrs Jenny Moody** – was keen to emphasize the historic nature of the site and wanted to make sure that a full archaeological survey was undertaken particularly on parts of the site that may be impacted but were not necessarily part of the planning.

The Chair thanked the visitors for their attendance and the speakers for their input

Town Councillors discussed the Planning Application in detail, taking into account valid points raised by the speakers present.

It was noted that Cllr P Lewis, Deputy Mayor, Cllr A Lord and Cllr R Reid had attended a Site visit, organised by the Agent, Alan Jenkins, on 17 Oct which was extremely useful when considering this planning application. Also attended the Site visit, from Felinfach Community Council, were Cllr Sue Brown and Cllr Gareth Price.

Some matters confirmed by Alan Jenkins, the Agent and the Owner, at the Site meeting were:

Public Road – There would be at least 8 pull-ins to be made in gateways on the existing road and hedges cut back to aid visibility, to the proposed site.

Environmental Impact –

- The entrance has been completed and all required assessments will be completed.
- That noise levels will be very low but this will need to be assessed.
- That approx. 800,000 tonnes of sand and gravel to be excavated from the site over 24 years.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council is minded to support the proposal, with the proviso that the following points are taken into consideration:

- Due to historic importance of the site it is felt essential that a thorough Archaeological Survey is undertaken. It should take into account areas not directly affected by the quarrying but any disruption that could be caused by improving the access.
- The operation as detailed in the Planning Application should be closely monitored by the relevant authority.
- Ensure Access and Egress to the site is improved, as informed by the Agent, Alan Jenkins, ie visibility - hedges are maintained, passing places increased and improved. Powys County Council Highways Department will need to monitor the condition of the public roads leading up to the site to look for early signs of deterioration.

In addition to the above points we would also expect the usual wildlife and environmental impacts to be undertaken.

19/185 DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS:

7:00 pm Wed 6 November 2019 – Monthly meeting

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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