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### **Minutes of a Council meeting 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

#### **Present**

**Chairman:** John Williams(JW)

**Councillors:** Hank Jackson (RDHJ), Martin Pearce (MP), John Jones (JJ) and Paul Silk.

**In Attendance:** 6 members of the public and Sue Dale, SD(Clerk).

#### **1. Apologies:**

Les Doggett (LD), David Meyer (DM), William Forster (WF), Selena Clay (SC).  
Kay Bailey KB (RFO and Assistant Clerk).

#### **2. Declarations of Interest:**

None

#### **3. Public participation:**

The Chairman welcomed the visitors and encouraged participation from those at the meeting.

#### **4. Recent activities at the Glan Pant Fields Development are continuing to cause alarm to Councillors particularly with what appears to be clearly changing agricultural land, formerly used for Equestrian purposes, into an Industrial site. It has been questioned as to whether these activities are covered by the planning permission sought.**

The Chairman introduced the item by saying that residents were aware of movements of material to the site and that planning permission was said to be close to being granted. The site is one of mixed agriculture and construction. Is the site to become an industrial site? Residents have expressed concern.

The role of the Community Council was queried. The Community Council has a role in planning as a statutory consultee; they have to be consulted during a 21 day period determined by the Planning Authority. It seems that residents believe that the Community Council is the decision maker, where as the planning authority are the decision makers and give no feedback about their decision until that decision is published.

A spokesperson for the business said that it was established in 2018, it has provided a base for employment and supports the community. It is part agricultural (keeping animals) and part builders yard. No other suitable site was found locally when scruitinsed. The business is motivated to keep a well ordered place, it will be looked after. The business employs a number of people, not all of the employees work on site.

The spokesperson went on to say that any tests that have been set for the business by the Planning Authority, they have all been passed.

A resident stated that the community should support young families to create businesses. The business offers more gains than losses.

Questions were asked of the Community Council - Where are the residents who are against the planning application? What are their objections? The Community Council made a list of comments to the Planning Authority at the appropriate time.

Another resident stated that they live quite close and had no problem with the site. Other sites, such as a timber yard was said to have been permitted by BBNPA, also a pair of cottages have been modernised, "the old post office" apparently without permission. Clerk to look at these cases.

Councillors experience has been that their comments are ignored. That said, the Community Council would value the opportunity to meet with the Planning Authority about their views and the views of other local councils. The Community Council will invite other local councils and ask the Planning Authority to discuss the role of local councils in the planning process.

**5. To seek contact with Bannau Brecheiniog National Park Authority, if appropriate, and to discuss the findings at 4.**

The approach to the Planning Authority will be made after the invitation to the local councils has been completed.

The Chairperson thanked the assembly and closed the meeting at 7.50pm.

The date of the next meeting is 2nd November 2023 at Tretower Village Hall.