

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17<sup>TH</sup>. FEBRUARY 2020.**

**Present :** Councillor G James ( Mayor )  
Councillors Z Hammond & D Davies  
Councillor R Mills arrived late

It was *unanimously agreed* Councillor G James Chair the meeting until a Chair was appointed

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor J Griffiths & Councillor R Mills ( would be arriving late )

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest

**3. To Appoint a Chair & Vice Chair of the Committee**

Both Councillors D Davies & G James *agreed* that as Councillor Z Hammond had continued taking responsibilities for planning matters, as the previous Chair, in the absence of a formal Committee decision she now be appointed Chair of Planning.

It was also *agreed* Councillor G James be appointed Vice Chair

**4. To Consider the following planning applications -**

**Case Ref. 19/1024/RM Land at Cwmgelli, Blackwood**

Councillor Z Hammond presented the various papers in respect of this application, which she pointed out was not a new application as many locals seemed to assume, but purely seeking approval of the reserved matters regarding details of appearance, landscaping etc. albeit there were increased numbers of properties to address the social housing aspect of the development. Planning Consent for the development had already been granted on Appeal by the Welsh Government. It does seem all matters highlighted previously by CCBC have been taken on board by the developers, but members had concerns with regard the additional number of properties now proposed and whether the Borough are satisfied that the drainage proposed conform to the new drainage rules. After further discussion it was *agreed* we contact Caerphilly expressing these concerns

**Case Ref. 20/0053/COU 3 Tree Top Avenue, Blackwood**

Councillor Z Hammond reported that there was significant local opposition to this application, much on perceived possible social problems, but reiterated our objections could only be on planning grounds. After some discussion it was *agreed* the following be forwarded to Caerphilly Planning Department

Blackwood Town Council opposes the application on the grounds of likely additional parking problems( with potentially 4 individual units ) and the resultant Emergency Services Access issues.