

Ystradfellte Community Council

Minutes of the special planning meeting of Ystradfellte Community Council held at Pontneddfechan Village Hall on 30th July 2019 at 6.00 p.m.

Present: Cllrs. C Woodley, H Pattrick, K Bowman, L Cornish, L Jones, D Thomas

Apologies: G Reynolds

Planning Application – Installation of interpretation and visitor experience improvements Gunpowder Works PNV

Cllr. Thomas reported that he had been approached by residents regarding the above planning application at his recent advice surgery.

The community council were briefed on the interpretation but not the siting. As the community council are Trustees of the village hall they should have been consulted. Cllr. Jones reported that the management committee had been approached by BBNP and did not see a problem as it was outside the hall. Residents are under that the village hall is going to be a visitor centre which will result in an increase in traffic. Several letters have been sent to members of the community council and a petition is going around. Cllr. Jones has asked Ruth Coulthard on numerous occasions to involve residents regarding the Gunpowder works.

Cllr. Thomas asked that the application be deferred until the community council have been consulted.

Cllr. Woodley proposed to object to the application, a vote was taken 3 agreed 2 abstained.

It was agreed to object on the following grounds,

The correct consultation procedure was not followed as Ystradfellte Community Council are Trustees of the village hall and were not advised of the application prior to it being submitted.

Car parking is a chronic problem in Pontneddfechan. The waterfalls partnership was set up by BBNP to deal with parking problems in the area.

There are concerns about the health and well-being of the community at present as there is a siege mentality in existence which should not be exacerbated.

There are further concerns that the original works did not have planning permission.

The community council ask that a planning decision be deferred until BBNP call a public meeting for residents of Pontneddfechan.

A copy of the objection will be sent to Powys Highways, Dyfed Powys Police, Hirwaun and Penderyn Community Council, Heritage Lottery Fund

Signed Date

Chairman