

Michaelston-le-Pit and Leckwith Community Council
Cyngor Cymunedol Llanfihangel y Pwll a Lecwydd

Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting

Held on Tuesday, 28 July 2020, 7pm, via Virtual Zoom conferencing.

Present

Cllr D Jones (Chair), Cllr N Keeping (Vice Chair), Cllr G Marks, Cllr K Heath, Cllr C Robertson, Cllr B Gaskell

Also Present

Cllr A Robertson (Dinas Powys Community Council and Vale of Glamorgan Council)

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs K Oxenham and K Heath

2. Declaration of Interests

Cllr D Jones declared a personal interest for Item 3b Planning Application Number: 2020/00691/FUL

3. To consider planning applications received from Vale of Glamorgan Council

a) Application Number: 2020/00390/EAF. Wenvoe Quarry Alps Quarry Road, Wenvoe

Proposal: Proposed Non-Compliance with Condition 3 and Condition 12 of Planning Permission 3571 to allow existing operations to continue until 31st December 2028 and to update the regulation of blasting.

Michaelston Le Pit and Leckwith Community Council is disappointed that Cemex is seeking to extend the period of excavation at the Wenvoe Quarry to 2028 and particularly the period allowed, under previous planning permissions, to restore the site to its natural state. Whilst Council isn't opposed to the continuance of the work as described in the application, for a limited period, it would be **strongly opposed** to any proposal to extend the existing quarry's footprint.

Council is aware of concerns in the community that Cemex may be seeking to delay the implementation of previous planning conditions in order to forestall or avoid the considerable cost that the restoration of the site would impose on Cemex. Whilst these concerns have been noted Council is confident that the Planning Authority (the Vale of Glamorgan CBC) will ensure the various conditions applied to previous planning permissions will be adhered to.

Council has been informed that as part of the conditions previously placed on Cemex's the Company will have been requested to produce a Restoration Plan for the site, and would like to have site of this before the next council meeting in September.

There are also concerns that on occasions in the past, the volume of water expelled from the quarry via the Bullcroft Brook is significantly high and that the outflow, from the quarry, may be carrying sediment and potential harmful elements into the River Cadoxton.

Actions

- Letter to be sent to VOG Planning outlining all concerns of the above planning application. Copy of letter to be sent to Cemex.
- Request copy of Cemex’s Restoration Plan in advance of next council meeting in September
- Request for Community Council representatives to be in attendance when application is being discussed
- Contact Natural Resources Wales to enquire whether they have access to Cemex records relating to volume of water pumped from the quarry into the Bullcroft/River Cadoxton

b) Application Number: 2020/00691/FUL. Foxes Hollow, Michaelston-le-Pit Road.

Proposal: Private recreational stable block

The Community Council object to the above planning application on the following grounds.

- the proposed barn is a large building with a capacity far in excess of what would be required to meet the needs of accommodating two horses
- the proposal includes facilities for an office and shower room, which are already available at the owners’ adjoining property
- the development would clearly be visible from the lane accessing the village of Michaelston-Le-Pit and would be an intrusion on the landscape (which is currently an open field)
- the proposed barn would overlook other properties in the village, particularly those at “Lanes End”.

The Council is also concerned that this proposal could be a precursor to a future, additional application to convert the barn into housing, replicating the circumstances on which permission was granted for the vendor’s existing dwelling.

4. Date of Next meeting

Tuesday, 22nd September 2020

Signed Date: