



CHEPSTOW TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Extraordinary Meeting** of Chepstow Town Council held remotely via Zoom on 17th January 2023 at 6pm

Present:

Chair: Cllr Margaret Griffiths (Town Mayor)

Councillors: V Badderley-Potter, D Barnes, P Griffiths, T Griffiths, M Perkins, J MacTaggart, J Rosser

Apologies: Cllr E Becker, Cllr D Power, S Tully

158. Apologies

See above.

159. Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda

None.

160. Planning Application 20/0717/FUL

Members considered a response to [Planning Application 20/0717/FUL](#) Erection of 2 no. agricultural buildings for the housing of broilers, erection of feed bins, formation of vehicular access together with all other associated works at Cwmafan, Llanafanfawr, Builth Wells, Powys, LD2 3PF.

Cllr Paul Griffiths was asked to inform the meeting about the process of Welsh Government Call In.

He explained that on the basis of the pollution of the river Wye from phosphates from chicken farms, you might expect Powys CC to turn down the planning application. However, the pressure from global operators on councils is extreme. The chicken farm operators state in documents accompanying the application that they are able to control the discharge from the chicken farms. This makes it difficult for Powys CC to refuse the application.

The Welsh Government Minister for Climate Change has issued Powys with a directive not to determine the application whilst she considers whether there are reasons for her to Call In the application and for her to determine it.

The minister may be able to do this on the basis of the impact on people outside of Powys. This includes the residents of Herefordshire and Monmouthshire. Monmouthshire are prohibited from developing in Monmouth because of the high levels of pollution.

The minister will be taking legal advice about her ability to determine the application.

Resolved:

The following resolution was proposed by Cllr Paul Griffiths and seconded by Cllr Dale Rooke
The members were unanimously in favour.

CTC agrees to write to the Welsh Government Minister asking her to call in the planning application (No.) to Powys County Council because of the potential impact on residents outside of Powys and

living in the region of the River Wye and on the ecology of the River Wye because we believe that Welsh Government is better resourced to appraise the application.

161. Date of Next Meeting

Confirmed that the ordinary meeting of Council on Wednesday, 25th January 2023 will be hybrid.