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PLANNING COMMITTEE – OCTOBER 2021

1. To receive apologies for absence
2. To sign the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 16th September 2021
3. To consider the following Licence variation applications: -

The Licensing Authority has received the following application:-

Application Type:- **Application For Premise Licence,**

Premise Name And Address:- **Aldi, Stephens Way, Myrtle Hill, Pensarn, Carmarthen, Carmarthenshire, SA14 9UT**

Details of the application:- **Application for:
Supply of Alcohol Monday - Sunday 06:00 - 00:00**

Consultation period begins:- **06/10/2021**

Any representations regarding this application must be submitted within **28 days** of the above consultation start date.

If you require any further information regarding this application, please contact the licensing section.

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Clerk advised he had spoken to the Licencing Officer, to confirm the detail of the application. She advised that Aldi had submitted four applications for their local stores and were seeking to amend their trading hours for the sale of alcohol from 8am to 11pm daily Monday to Sunday to 6am to 12.00 midnight 7 days a week, providing the justification that they were seeking flexible trading hours to accommodate this.

A long discussion ensued where the majority of the Councillors were against this amendment, on the grounds of potentially fuelling increased incidents of anti-social behaviour, public nuisance, and public safety, where this was already prevalent within this area of Pensarn.

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Cllr Elwyn Williams wished to record an interest, as he sits on the Council's Licencing Committee and took no further part in this discussion.

A vote was taken where five Councillors voted against, one in favour and one abstention.

It was resolved therefore that the Clerk respond to the Licencing Department, to advise of our objection to this amendment (**Minute 1021 P 3**)

4.To consider correspondence and any other urgent matter:

Request from Western Power to relocate their substation now sited at Glanffynnon to the entrance of Llangunnor Park. Details of application and background already circulated.

Extract from Email received 6.10.21

We are seeking to relocate the substation we currently have at Glanffynnon, and we would like to move it to the park entrance (both locations shown on the plans attached and pictured).

We would also like to take ownership of the parcel of land on which the new substation is to be located, which measures at 4.0m x 4.2m. We note that Carmarthenshire County Council are the Freeholders, and that Llangunnor Community Council are the Leaseholders and we are therefore seeking the permission from the Community Council for this location.

As advised, we are happy to meet you on site to discuss this further if you require.

Extract from Email received 15.10,21

The current location of the substation is not suitable for our current needs in terms of security and accessibility in the event of a fault. The relocation has been approved by Carmarthenshire County Council as the freeholders and we require the Community Council's consent as the leaseholders.

Councillors discussed this application at length and felt that they were being pressurised by Western Power to approve as leaseholders the relocation of Glanffynnon Sub Station to a new location at the entrance to Llangunnor Park.

It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk be instructed to write in strong terms voicing our objections and advising that agreement cannot be provided for the following reasons:

1. Many thousands of pounds have been spent recently on improving the Park, where it is now one of the most used parks in Carmarthen, and a prized asset within the local community.
2. Having a large substation placed at the entrance to the park, would obscure the view of the park, where it will be seen as an eyesore, making the park entrance unattractive, and unwelcoming to visitors

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3. Western Power would have had the opportunity to object to the large white house being built some 15 years ago which is adjacent to the substation, as this was previously a green space, which essentially locks in access to the substation.
4. Children play with balls in the park, and children being children there is every possibility that a ball would enter the secure area around the substation, which could cause a danger hazard if the children climbed over any secure fence to retrieve it. During the summer months large numbers of children visit the park on a regular basis, and the risk of an accident/personal injury would therefore be high.
5. We believe that there are sewers/manholes within the proposed area that you wish to relocate the substation onto.
6. Have you undertaken a feasibility study of other suitable sites locally and if so, can we have sight of the document?
7. No contact has been received from our landlord Carmarthen CC and how can they approve it without our consent?
8. Seemingly little consideration has been given to the feelings of locals and park users alike.

Whilst we cannot support the application for the above reasons the Council is amenable to looking at other sites within the boundary of the park, well away from the entrances that would be more suitable, in terms of getting the substation to blend in with its surroundings, and not to cause a blot to the visual landscape for park users.

We will now await your revised proposals.

(Minute 1021- P4)

5.Date of next meeting – Thursday 18th November 6.30p.m. (Remotely)

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