

**Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting of Llangunnor Community Council held
Remotely at 6.30pm on Thursday 18th November 2021.**

PRESENT: Cllrs. J Slate (Chair) G Bevan, Elwyn Williams, P Totterdale, S Thomas, C Evans

APOLOGIES Cllr H Lewis

Two electors present, in addition Howard Davies Clerk

1. Declaration of Interest – None

2. Minutes of monthly meeting

It was unanimously (**Minute 1121 – P2**) and **RESOLVED** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 21st October 2021, subject to matters subsequently arising – see below:

The clerk advised that due to an oversight he had been unable to lodge our opposition to the extension of Aldi's Licencing hours.

The consultation period commenced on the 6th of October and ran for 28 days.

Whilst he had diarised for the November 2nd, being in his mind the last day to lodge our objection being four weeks from the 6th of October, however having spoken to the Licencing Officer that morning in numerical days the consultation period had ended the previous day, which is correct when you count down the number of days given to respond.

She advised as there had been no objections received, the application would be granted, and there was nothing more that he could do that day. It was surprising that no objection had been received from the local Police.

This is entirely an oversight and wished to profusely apologise that he had let down the Council on this occasion and will learn from his error.

This explanation has been added to the actual minutes prior to sign off.

His explanation and apology were accepted by the Chair, with all Councillors having previously been advised of his actions.

3. Consider Planning Applications

PL/02891 - Advertisement Signs - Currys and Pc World, 2 Towy Retail Park, Old Llangunnor Road, Carmarthen, SA31 2BR. Response required by 19.11.21.

Llangunnor Community Council have considered the application, and there is no objection so long as the signs are switched off at 8.00pm nightly, as there have been previous complaints from nearby residents, of the lights from the signs shining strongly into their properties causing a nuisance. We further understand that the applicant had previously agreed voluntarily to switch the lights off at 8.00pm nightly.

PL/02889 - Side Extension - 18 Awel Tywi, Llangunnor, Carmarthen, SA31 2NL

Response required by 11.11.21. Chair/clerk responded as follows:
Llangunnor Community Council have no objection, provided the usual neighbour consultation is carried out.

To confirm action of chair / clerk Unanimously ratified (Minute 01121 – P3ii)

PL/02914 - Front single storey extension - School House, Llangunnor Road, Llangunnor, Carmarthen, SA31 2PG.

Response required by 11.11.21. Chair/clerk responded as follows:
Llangunnor Community Council have no objection, provided the usual neighbour consultation is carried out.

To confirm action of chair / clerk Unanimously ratified (Minute 1121 – P3 iii)

PL/02426 - Attic conversion and extension to dwelling - Aweldeg, Carmarthen, SA32 8ES.

Response required by 18.11,21. Chair/clerk responded as follows:
Llangunnor Community Council have no objection provided the usual neighbour consultation takes place.

To confirm action of chair / clerk Unanimously ratified (Minute 1121 – P3 iv)

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:- **Morrisons Store & Petrol Filling Station, Llanelli Road, Parc Pensarn, Carmarthen, SA31 2NF**

Details of the application: - **Application for:
Supply of Alcohol Monday - Sunday 00:00 - 24:00
Late night refreshment Monday - Sunday 23:00 - 05:00**

Consultation period begins: - **04/11/2021**

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.

Licensing Section

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Clerk advised he had spoken with the Licensing Officer, who confirmed that there was no material change to the operating hours as these were already granted. Currently there were two Licenses granted, being one for the store and another for the petrol station. Application merely sought to amalgamate both onto one Licence therefore providing significant costs savings, upon amendment/renewal as only one application and one set of fees would be required.

Llangunnor Community Council have considered this application and have no objection.

4.To consider correspondence and any other urgent matter:

To further discuss request from Western Power to relocate their substation now sited at Glanffynnon to the entrance of Llangunnor Park, and their response to our objection withholding consent, which has been circulated, but is again appended below for ease of reference.

Thank you for your email.

We are very sorry to hear that the community council did not approve our proposition for the substation, however, we do hope that we can work with you to address some of your concerns.

Firstly, I think it is worth clarifying that the purpose of the substation is to benefit the community. Western Power Distribution have a statutory duty under Section 9 of the Electricity Act 1989 to develop and maintain an efficient co-ordinated and economic network. It is for this reason that we continually review our substations and upgrade the apparatus and their locations when necessary. This is particularly important right now as we must accommodate the growing demand for electricity as communities move towards achieving net zero. Whilst the UK Government have strategized to achieve net zero by 2050, Carmarthenshire County Council aim to be a net zero carbon local authority by 2030. It is due to this that we are receiving more and more requests for increased electrical supply as we see more demand for electric car charging points and so on. In addition to this, upgrading the equipment future-proofs against faults in the community and ensuring we have suitable access routes for our workmen to safely and efficiently access the substations during a fault

minimises customer minutes off supply. These are the reasons why it is necessary that Glanfynnon substation is updated and relocated to benefit the community.

Unfortunately, when considering a suitable location to move a substation to we are limited by numerous factors. The standard plinth is 3.3m x 2.4m whilst the kiosk itself is 3.1m x 2.3m x 2.3m. We always try to ensure that the substation is a minimum of 10m from living spaces. We require a suitable access to the substation for vehicles with at least a 3m wide driveway (if not already on a road or carpark) for the rare occasion on which our vehicles or lorry may need to access the site to install/replace the substation. In addition to physical constraints, we must also bear in mind that the further away we move the substation the higher the risk of a voltage drop. Our technician is aware of the location of the manholes, and they are satisfied at this stage that they will not affect the substation. If you agreed to the proposed location, we would then conduct test holes to double check that this is still satisfactory. I hope this explanation provides more clarification as to why we believe that the entrance to the park is the best location for the substation. Additionally, I am unsure whether the Community Council are aware that there are already high voltage underground cables running through the park and this is another reason why we would like to put the substation here as it would be right next to the existing cables.

I appreciate your comments regarding how the substation and the enclosure would look at the front of the park. However, we do not propose to replicate the existing substation at Glanfynnon, which I do agree would be an eye sore to your park. I attach a photograph of the green kiosk we would propose we place in the corner and there would not be any fencing around this as it is a secure unit itself. We do also have a grey version of this kiosk (photo of the rear of this attached) which we could supply instead if you preferred, however, we thought the green kiosk would blend in better with the park.

I'm afraid I cannot comment as to why you have not received any contact from your landlord Carmarthenshire County Council regarding this, however, it is of course our duty to seek consent from any landowner and tenant which is the reason for us contacting you directly.

We would be very grateful if you would kindly inform the community counsellors of the above points and we hope that we may be able to work together to find a solution that is agreeable to all. We are more than happy to meet with yourself and any other counsellors on site to discuss our proposals if you would prefer. Please let us know when suits you best.

Councillors again considered their response at length, where again it was resolved to undertake the following actions **(Minute 1121 - P4)**

1.The clerk to write to Western Power to request a plan showing where the High Voltage cables are located within the entrance and in the park itself.

2.All Councillors to attend a site meeting at the park on Saturday 4th December at 11.00am to consider alternative locations within the park, as the Council is firmly opposed to having the sub station relocated within the park entrance.

3, Once candidate sites have been agreed Western Power then to be invited to attend a further site meeting, to appraise suggestions made, and to mutually agree an acceptable way forward for both parties.

Next monthly meeting to be held (remotely) on Thursday December 9th, 2021, at 6.30pm

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed:

Date

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