

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE - THURSDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2025

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE HELD HYBRID IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER - CIVIC OFFICES,
ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND, CF31 4WB ON THURSDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 14:00**

Present

Councillor RM Granville – Chairperson

A R Berrow
D T Harrison
A Wathan

S Easterbrook
D M Hughes

H Griffiths
M R John

S J Griffiths
J Llewellyn-Hopkins

Present Virtually

RJ Collins

C L C Davies

W J Kendall

J E Pratt

Officers:

Rhodri Davies
Gillian Dawson
Craig Flower
Mark Galvin
Rachel Keepins
Robert Morgan
Janine Nightingale
Jonathan Parsons
Michael Pitman
Philip Thomas
Leigh Tuck

Development & Building Control Manager
Lawyer - Planning
Planning Support Team Leader
Senior Democratic Services Officer - Committees
Democratic Services Manager
Senior Development Control Officer
Corporate Director - Communities
Group Manager Development
Technical Support Officer – Democratic Services
Principal Planning Officer
Senior Development Control Officer

96. Apologies for Absence

Decision Made	Apologies were received from Councillors M L Hughes, MJ Kearn, R J Smith and R Williams
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97. Declarations of Interest

Decision Made	The following declarations of interest were made:- Councillor S Easterbrook – personal interest in Agenda items 6 and 7, due to him having family members who live in the vicinity of the applications sites. Councillor M John – personal interest in Agenda item 6 and 7 as the Ward Member for the area and a prejudicial interest in Agenda 7.
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98. Public Speakers

Decision Made	The public speakers on the undermentioned planning applications were as follows:- P/24/788/HAZ - Councillor T Thomas, Ward Member; Councillor I Curzon, St Brides Minor Community Council; L Till and C Owen (objectors to the application) and G Corbett, Marubeni Europower and E Avery, RPS Consulting Services. P/23/218/FUL - Councillor T Thomas, Ward Member; Councillor I Curzon, St Brides Minor Community Council; L Till, C Owen and N Kern (objectors to the application) and T Nishino, Marubeni Europower and D Barry, RPS Consulting Services. Councillor M John also spoke on P/23/218/FUL, following which he immediately left the meeting in view of the fact that he had earlier in proceedings declared a prejudicial interest in this application.
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99. Amendment Sheet

Decision Made	That the Chairperson accepted the Development Control Committee Amendment Sheet as an urgent item in accordance with Part 4 (paragraph 4) of the Council Procedure Rules, in order to allow for the Committee to consider necessary modifications to the Committee Report, so as to take account of late representations and revisions that required to be accommodated.
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100. Development Control Committee Guidance

Decision Made	That the Committee noted the standard report of the Corporate Director – Communities outlining the Development Control Committee Guidance.
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101. P/24/788/HAZ - Land at Brynmenyn Industrial Estate, Brynmenyn, CF32 9TX

Decision Made	That Hazardous Substance Consent be granted for the above application, subject to the Condition contained in the report of the Corporate Director – Communities:- Proposal: Hazardous Substances Consent for the storage and use in an industrial process of Schedule 1 Part 2 No. 15 (Hydrogen) at the proposed HyBont Hydrogen Production Facility. Subject to the inclusion of the following further Condition agreed by Members at the meeting:-
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	‘2. At all times during the operational life of the Hydrogen Production Facility, an inventory shall be maintained to record the total quantity of the Hydrogen present on-site at any one time on any given day. The inventory shall be made available for inspection within one (1) working day of the request being made in writing by the Hazardous Substance Authority. Reason: To ensure that the maximum permitted quantity of hydrogen on-site at any one time is not exceeded.’ Note: Councillor M John did not take part in the vote in relation to this application.
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102. P/23/218/FUL - Land at Brynmenyn and Bryncethin, Bridgend, CF32 9TX

Decision Made	That, subject to the Holding Direction issued under Article 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012 that prevents the grant of planning permission, is removed by Welsh Government, permission be granted for the above application, subject to the Conditions (and Notes) detailed in the report of the Corporate Director – Communities:- Proposal: Development of a green hydrogen production facility with electrolyzers, hydrogen storage, hydrogen re-fuelling station, admin building, substation and back-up generator; with access, circulation, parking, lighting, 8-metre-high wall, security fencing, hard and soft landscaping, and drainage infrastructure (hydrogen pipeline omitted) on land at Brynmenyn. Together with the installation of a solar photovoltaic electricity generating station (solar farm), comprising ground-mounted solar panels, inverters, transformer units, control and storage building, switch gear and a substation; with access, circulation, parking, lighting, security fencing, hard and soft landscaping, drainage infrastructure and temporary construction compound, on land at Bryncethin. Sites to be connected via an underground electrical wire.
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	Note: Councillor M John did not take part in the vote in relation to this application, due to the prejudicial interest he had declared earlier in the meeting.
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To observe further debate that took place on the above items, please click this [link](#).