

Dear Supporter,

**Bettws Newydd Decision delayed until June 17th – a minor success.**

Despite the planners trying to push the decision through this month without time for public consultation, reason finally prevailed, but only after formal complaints were made by the Bettws Newydd Opposition Group and others.

Modified proposals are now on the table including landscaping plans that will only partially screen the building. However, the Officers seem to have caved-in to pressure from the developer, and failed to insist on any changes to the glazing despite the wishes of the April planning committee.

At the May planning meeting, the Solicitor for the Authority, Mr. David Prescott spoke about the "huge public engagement" and advised that the National Park must be careful to show complete transparency in judging Bettws Newydd.

Our view of the proposals is that they will not bring the development into line with planning policies, and that the application ought therefore to be rejected.

You can make your own mind up. We have obtained copies of the landscaping proposals which are now available from the BNOG web site at <http://parrog.org.uk/> in the section entitled "Here's how you can help"

**There is still time, therefore, to do something.**

Since the retrospective application for Bettws Newydd (08/361) has **still not** been given final consent, you can make a difference by writing to the National Park and others opposing the application. You can state that since it is impossible to screen the building satisfactorily, then the application is in breach of planning policies and should be rejected. We really do need as many people as possible to do this to make an impression on the National Park Development Management Committee and persuade them to make the right decision by refusing consent in June. You can also complain that no glazing changes are now being required. Even if you have already written, these are new proposals and you can write again. There are more details about who to write to (together with addresses) on our web site at <http://parrog.org.uk/letter.htm>

**Next DMC meeting is Wednesday June 17<sup>th</sup>.**

We hope as many people as possible will attend. Details of how to attend are on our web site at <http://parrog.org.uk/dmc.htm>

**Newport Town Council takes a firm stand:** We applaud the Town Council for writing to the Chief Executive of the National Park. The letter expresses anger at the decisions and demands a thorough investigation into how "this blot on the landscape" was allowed to be built on such a visually important site. You can see a copy of this letter at <http://parrog.org.uk/090518-letter-NTC-to-PCNPA.pdf>

**Appeal to Welsh Assembly Government (WAG)**

We regret that the WAG has turned down the "call-in" application on the grounds that it is "not of more than local importance". This is notwithstanding about 40 letters of support sent

to the WAG Minister of the Environment (Jane Davidson) from all over the country. The letter we received was signed by a planning official. It can be seen at <http://parrog.org.uk/090520-WAG-refusal.pdf>. Did Jane Davidson read your letters or look at the pictures? It is a great shame that we have been let down by the Welsh Assembly Government. If this development on a heritage coastline which affects thousands of visitors to a National Park is not of more than local interest, then what is? We did know in advance that such call-in requests are rarely accepted and only if the case can be proved to be of "national importance". We would like to thank the many people who wrote to Jane Davidson in support of the application. One such example (well worth reading) is at <http://parrog.org.uk/090518-letter-JD.pdf>.

**Your help is needed:** We do need more support for activities such as publicity and fund raising. If anyone would like to join the core supporters group they would be most welcome. In particular we need someone to act as Publicity Officer – does anyone have experience or an interest in this area? Much of this work can be done by email, so you don't even need to be in Newport all the time.

**"FIGHTING FUND":** We continue to plan other lines of appeal. In particular we are considering a "Judicial Appeal" and have already sought advice on whether we have sufficient of a case for this to be worthwhile. We will keep you posted as this develops.

We have now set up an account to hold donations as follows:

**Account name:** Bettws Newydd Opposition Group  
Nat West Cardigan branch:  
Sort Code 52-21-11 Account no. 21548374

Our treasurer is John Davies, retired Nat West area manager. Funds are strictly controlled with two signatures from our Chairman, Treasurer or secretary being required.

Donations to the group's "fighting" fund can be made direct into this account or sent to the treasurer, John Davies at: Blaenpant, Ffordd Bedd Morus, Newport, Pembrokeshire, SA42 0QZ in which case it will be acknowledged by return.

The Group Committee has also agreed that casual expenses for copying, postage, stationary, etc and other such costs will not be charged to this account but absorbed by the group members themselves. Finally when our work is ended any money remaining in the account will be paid back to donors pro rata.

More details about the members of the group, and the appeals we are following is on the web site at <http://parrog.org.uk/about.htm>

Thanks again for all your support.

From the Bettws Newydd Opposition Group.

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