

Llanfihangel Rhydithon Community Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 4th June 2015

Present: Cllrs. D Lewis (Chairman), M Jones, S Powell, R Shelton, J Thomas, R Watkins

Also present: C Cllr H Lewis, Richard Thomas, David & Julia Livesley

1 Apologies:

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2015: These were read, approved and signed by the Chairman

3 Matters arising:

- Several councillors, including County Cllr Lewis, met with PCC's Enforcement Officer, Planning Officer, Listed Buildings Officer and Building Control Officer, and Mr & Mrs Fernandez at the Craffryn recently. The Officers, who seemed to be surprised that so many councillors were there in support of the owners, inspected the buildings and the work which had been done but did not announce any decisions.
- County Cllr Lewis reported that he had spoken to Holly-ann Hobbs about the work at Tynywern: she stated that she would visit the site and make a full inspection.

Before the next item Cllr J Thomas declared a personal interest.

4 Consideration of Planning Application P/2015/0247 for Full: Installation of Endurance X35 225 kW wind turbine with a tip height of 48.01 metres and hub height of 30.52 metres and associated infrastructure including control kiosk, underground cabling, crane pad and creation of access track at land between A488 and Craig Hill, near Bleddfa, Llandrindod Wells, Powys

- Mr & Mrs Livesley declared that they were not aware of this planning application until they saw the notice of this meeting, yet the proposed turbine would be in full view from their home at The Mountain. They said that, in their opinion, a beautiful view would be spoilt and the value of their home would fall to the point of being unsaleable.

Councillors debated the pros & cons of this application, in the course of which the following points were made:

- There would be a very prominent view of the turbine from the A488 which might be a distraction to drivers, especially as they round the bend close to the point where the road from Upper Farm meets the main road;
- Some members were very concerned that the view from the Radnor Forest Fishpools Trail viewpoint, which would be very close to the turbine, would be severely impacted. They felt that the extensive view from this Gateway to the Radnorshire Hills would be spoilt.
- The proposed turbine would be near the consented turbine at Upper Farm, too close in the opinion of some members: in fact, there was considerable discussion about the density of turbines along the valley and a strong feeling that a limit would soon be reached;
- Members were pleased that there would be no traffic problems bringing in the proposed turbine, since it could be carried on an ordinary articulated lorry.
- The fact that there is a three-phase grid line close to the proposed site capable of taking the generated electricity was considered to be a plus factor since no ugly pylons would be needed.

The Clerk was instructed to transmit these observations

to the County Council.

5 A.O.B.

County Cllr. Lewis drew attention to a meeting to be held at Whitton on 16th June concerning shared ownership/sale of houses owned by Housing Associations. He mentioned also a consultation concerning bus services in Powys details of which can be found on the County Council's website.

6 Date of next meeting: Thursday 16th July 2015