

Raglan Community Council
Minutes of the Special Meeting held on Wednesday
9th July 2013 at the Junior School Raglan at
7.30pm

Present

Cllr Dennis Brown
Cllr Ewen Brierley
Cllr Vivienne Compton
Cllr Penny Jones
Cllr Richard Moorby
Cllr Sylvia Price(Chairman)

Cllr Ray Parry
Cllr Noel Porter
Cllr Trevor Phillips
Cllr Helen Williams
Cllr Peter Williams

In attendance:

Adrian Edwards, Clerk to the Council, plus 25 members of the public were in attendance.

Agenda item 1:-Apologies for absence.

Cllr Peter Williams due to pre-arranged engagements

The clerk informed the Chairman and members that he has received a motion the revoke the resolution made in relation to item three on the agenda.

The Chairman read out the motion signed by ten members of the council in accordance with and in line with Raglan Community Councils Standing Order 36 a)

"A decision (whether affirmative or negative) of the Council shall not be reversed within six months except either by a special resolution, the written notice whereof bears the names of at least (7) members of the Council, or by a resolution moved in pursuance of the report or recommendation of a committee".

The motion to amend the decision of the Council relating to the Planning Application **DC/2013/00469**, the installation and operation of a 50kw wind turbine and associated infrastructure at Lower Pen-y-Clawdd Farm. The councillors understand further information has been submitted and the public interests will need to be considered. The councillors who have signed this motion request the Council consider revoking the resolution made in the meeting of the 26th June 2013 relating to planning application DC/2013/00469.

Proposed: by Cllr Trevor Philips that the motion be moved seconded by Cllr Dennis Brown.

All members agreed

Agenda item 2:-Declarations of interest.

Cllr Ray Parry declared a personal interest in the agenda item.

Agenda item 3: 15 minutes set aside for members of public to address the Council with any concerns.

The Chairman invited members of the public to address the meeting. A number of the public expressed concern over the planning application on the agenda.

The clerk informed all those present that the council considered this application on the agenda and the Community Council are consultees. The clerk informed the meeting that the applicant has held pre-planning application meeting with the planning officers before the application was made. One member of the public asked why one member has declared an interest in this application. The clerk explained the reason why this was done. The clerk informed the meeting that the applicant was invited to attend through is agent.

A number of the members of the public explained that they have not received any notice of past meeting and a number of members of the public stated they would have attended the meeting if notice was given. It was explained that the council published the agenda of the last meeting and this meeting was published.

One member of the public explained that they have attended a site meeting and over forty people attended. Concern was expressed about the public notices in relation to the number properties around the location. One member of the public explained the heading on the application is incorrect as the location is more than a mile away from the farm. It was explained that new notices were erected but the details are still incorrect.

The clerk invited everyone to consider the points on the power point presentation. A Number of points were raised.

One member of the public asked about the address milking fold. Is this a place on the local plan or is it just a local area name?

3.2.1 Turbine Foundations: A question was asked about the foundation. It was explained that in one part of the application it states that the foundation are 6mx6m but this states it 7mx7m so how can the application be considered with so many inconsistencies.

It would appear that the text has been cut and pasted from a different application hence the inconsistencies.

3.4.1 & 3.4.2 Grid Connection: One person explained that the barn has no electricity supply. It was explained that the unitary provider has been in contact with local land owners about placing overhead or underground cables across their land. One person believes the power cables will be over ground and underground.

6.1 to 6.4 One person believes the proposed development cannot meet the objectives in the statement as the evidence would appear to be inaccurate due to the contours of the valley and the ground contours in general. One person believes that the evidence in the scale of examples is inaccurate as no evidence can be found to confirm the statistical data in table 2. It was explained that sheep coughing can be heard across the valley when the wind is in the right direction.

It was explained that MCC have done noise level tests with off road racing and the noise levels are different on different days depending on the weather conditions.

Concern was expressed that the data in table 2 is not correct as the turbine stated will be E-2120 but he believes the turbine will be E-3120 which will produce higher output.

One person explained that three properties are missing from the data list in table three. Another person explained that he only lives 350m away from the proposed turbine. There was concern over the statement about screening and there is no screening to cover a structure of this size in such a prominent position.

Concern was expressed that the income was to generate sustainable income for the farm, but the landowner lives in Abergavenny and only farms the land, therefore the income is solely an income generator and not farm sustainability or farm diversity.

There is no evidence that the proposed development will provide local jobs or sustain local jobs.

One person explained there is evidence from the VOE that property prices will reduce with a structure like this. Councils don't tell residents that they can apply for rebates on their council tax due to the reduction on property prices.

There was concern over other landowners applying for consent in this area and this application would set a precedent for further turbines. One person explained that she has been in contact with the Area National Outstanding Beauty (ANOB) and they will be making observation.

Concern was also expressed over house riders in the area and the behaviour of the horses and the safety of the public and road users.

One person asked the question on how this affects the health of residents who look at and or live close to this turbine. Concern was expressed about people with epilepsy and other ailments which this development can affect.

Agenda item 3: Consider the Planning application

- **DC/2013/00469** Lower Pen-y-Clawdd Farm, Dingestow. Installation and operation of a 50kw wind turbine and associated infrastructure.
- Tree Preservation Order number MCC241 (2013) –Pen-y-Clawdd Farm, Pen-y-Clawdd. (The order took effect on a provisional basis from 12th June 2013).

Members considered to comments made by the members of the public. The clerk advised members that due to the number of views and suggested inconsistencies that the council contact MCC for further information before considering and making their observations. After some debate it was:

Resolved: the clerk to contact the Planning officers for further information.

Members considered the Tree Preservation Order MCC241. The clerk informed members that he believes this order is in close proximity of the planning application DC/2013/00469.

After some debate it was:

Resolved: the clerk contact MCC to confirm the location

3421 The Chairman thanked everyone for attending. The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Signed by _____
Chairman Cllr Sylvia Price

Date 24th July 2013