

NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 3rd January, 2019 At 7.00 p.m. in the Community Centre, New Radnor

1. Present: Cllrs. R. Harris (Chairman), J. Hodge (Vice-Chairman), E. Blackman, M. Cooper, N. Dodman, K. Williams.

In Attendance: Mrs T. Price, Clerk.

2. Apologies: Cllr. E. Giordano.

3. Declarations of Interest:

Personal Only: None.

Personal and Prejudicial: None.

4. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th December, 2018 were approved as circulated and duly signed by the Chairman, Cllr. Harris.

5. Planning:

5.1 Planning Applications: None received.

5.2 Hendy Wind Farm: Members considered the various applications for the discharge of planning conditions on the site and the following comments were agreed –

Planning Application 18/1017 Discharge of Condition 30 , Rights of Access

The Community Council would like to point out that it understands that the map shown in option agreement three is inaccurate and the land does not in fact extend to the A44 (between Larch Grove and the fence line). Map to be attached. The necessary notice and consent for that vital section of land has not therefore been served on the landowner.

Planning Application 18/1016 Discharge of Condition 43, Archaeology –

The Community Council understands that an archaeologist was not on site as required at the start of any works and during the initial stages of works.

Planning Application 18/1008 Discharge of Condition 40, Habitat Management

No input yet received from Natural Resources Wales and this is considered essential before this condition is discharged.

Planning Application 18/1009 Discharge of Condition 41, Ecological Monitoring

No input yet received from Natural Resources Wales and this is considered essential before this condition is discharged.

Planning Application 18/0984 Discharge of Condition 23, Surface Water Management

Condition 37 of the planning permission expressly states that no development shall be commenced until this condition has been discharged - why is it therefore being allowed to not only commence but to continue? Again no response as yet from Natural Resources Wales. Run off is presently not being managed and is reaching the A44 and thus adjacent water courses.

Planning Application 18/0985 Discharge of Condition 24, Water Quality Monitoring

The Community Council understands that very few baseline monitoring samples have been taken and indeed only three properties approached despite 16 properties having been identified by PCC as possibly being affected. Work should not be allowed to continue until all have been properly sampled. The Community Council also feels that underground aquifers should be identified so that any impact can be fully assessed.

*Planning Application 18/0992 Discharge of Condition 29, Construction Traffic Management Plan
The Community Council supports completely the comments of PCC Officers Jill Exton and Dale Boyington on the issues of concern. Steps should be taken immediately to ensure that no further traffic enters the site until a full plan has been approved to discharge this condition.*

*Planning Application 18/0998 Discharge of Condition 51, Noise
The planning condition asked for a list of consultants to be provided, the applicant has only provided one. The Community Council is concerned about approving a list of one, as in the event of a noise complaint if that consultant isn't available then there could be a delay in investigating.*

*Planning Application 18/0989 Discharge of Condition 25, Public Rights of Way
As far as the Community Council is aware there has been no application to close or restrict CROW land access or to obtain permission to carry out work on a common. The need to guarantee safety of the public should be a priority. The Community Council supports completely the comments of PCC Officer, Jill Exton, on the issues of concern. Commons graziers should also be consulted.*

*Planning Application 18/0993 Discharge of Condition 31, Site Access
Again the Community Council supports the comments of PCC Officers Jill Exton and Dale Boyington on the issues of concern. The details supplied do not appear to relate to the plan in the original application. Do the traffic lights on the A44 have the necessary permit?*

*Planning Application 18/1003, 18/0994 Discharge of Condition 21 and Discharge of Conditions 27,32 and 35
The Community Council notes the comments of Jason Ingram from the Dept of Economy and Infrastructure that insufficient information has been provided particularly with regard to pedestrians, AILs, hold points for loads, parking off carriageways etc.*

*Planning Application 18/0997 Discharge of Condition 48, Community Liaison
There has been little or no liaison with the community.*

*Planning Application 18/1006 Discharge of Condition 28, Abnormal Load Traffic Management Plan -
The Community Council has read the consultee response from Dale Boyington of the Highways Section of PCC and agrees completely with all the views and statements expressed including -*

- the need to completely re-assess the new route (which differs significantly from the original route submitted)*
- the need to assess the proposed route in relation to the actual turbine proposed for the site*
- the various concerns regarding sections of the route, holding points etc but particularly the bridge at Crossgates and the need for a full survey of this constraint and assurance that the load will pass through it safely.*
- the need for additional holding points.*
- the need for amended swept path drawings be submitted based on topographical surveys for all locations along the County Road network.*
- that a trial run must be required along the entire route before any turbine components should be considered for transport. The need for a TTRO must be stressed to the developer immediately.*

Condition 49 - there appears to have been no attempt to apply for the necessary permission to carry out works on common land and this should be investigated as a matter of urgency.

In general the developers appear to be proceeding with absolutely no regard for the planning process or indeed any regulations regarding commons, rights of way or highways. Urgent action is required by the County Council to halt all works while the planning process is correctly followed.

The Clerk would submit these comments to the Planning Department. She was also asked to write to County Councillors Powell and Mackenzie asking that they call in the various discharge of condition applications for determination by the County Planning Committee.

10. Date of Next Meeting:

Thursday 10th January, 2019: Main Full Council Meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.04 pm.