

## **MOLD TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of Mold Town Council Planning Committee held at the Town Hall on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Geoff Collett, Ken Corbett, Bryan Grew, Brian Lloyd, Andrea Mearns and Ken Williams with the Clerk and Finance Officer. Also attending was Councillor Robin Guest.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors: Chris Bithell and Ray Dodd.

### **23. CHAIRMAN**

**Resolved:** It was resolved that Councillor Bryan Grew should chair the meeting.

### **24. MINUTES**

**Resolved:** It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2011 be approved.

### **25. PLANNING APPLICATION – 048022, ERECTION AND OPERATION OF A WIND TURBINE, WEST COAST ENERGY**

The Committee further considered the above application.

It was noted that it had not been possible to identify a similar sized turbine within a reasonable distance that could be viewed in order to obtain a full appreciation of the size of the turbine. It was also noted the Pollution Control Officer had indicated that, in his view, there would not be any adverse affect on the nearest residential properties.

The Committee, whilst wishing to support renewable energy projects, felt that it had insufficient information to be able to properly consider the application and give an informed response. It was therefore, agreed to object to the application.

The Clerk advised the applicant had indicated that the turbine would operate between 75% - 90% of the time and whilst noting the comments of the Pollution Control Officer, the Committee retained concerns about the potential noise impact from the turbine. The Committee also felt unable to determine the visual impact of the development without detailed predicted views from locations nearer to the site and in particular from the closest residential dwellings.

**Resolved:** It was resolved to object to the application as detailed above.

Note: Councillor Geoff Collett declared a personal interest in this application and was not present during its consideration.

## 26. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Committee considered the following applications, including two new applications:

26.1 RMH/048172 – Outline, residential development of a maximum of 46 no. dwellings with related works, land off Ruthin Road – the Committee agreed to object to this application. Whilst it was noted that this differed from the previous application submitted for this site, and now the subject of a planning inquiry, with a small reduction in the number of dwellings it was still felt that the proposed access arrangements through Ffordd Newydd and Llys Ambrose were inappropriate and inadequate. The Committee were of the view that it would be preferable to provide direct access to the development from Ruthin Road.

26.2 KYT/048040 – Creation of new vehicular access with amended front boundary wall and planting and formation of hardstanding area for vehicular parking, 5 Marlow Terrace – no objections.

26.3 LEJ/048252 – Construction of new shop front and entrance door, 17 High Street – no objections subject to compliance with the policies relating to the conservation area.

**Resolved:** It was resolved that the above comments be forwarded to Flintshire County Council.

### SUMMARY OF DECLARATIONS MADE BY MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH MOLD TOWN COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT

PLANNING COMMITTEE		DATE: 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2011
MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS
Councillor Geoff Collett	Planning Application – 048022, Erection and operation of a wind turbine, West Coast Energy.	25