

PLANNING SITE VISIT

Minutes of the meeting held on 20 June, 2012

- PRESENT:** Councillor J.Arwel Roberts (Chair)
- Councillors W.J.Chorlton, E.G.Davies, Lewis Davies,
Richard Dew, Jim Evans, Kenneth Hughes, W.T.Hughes,
R.L.Owen, Eric Roberts
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Planning Officer (Mr Mark Davies)
Committee Officer (ATH)
- APOLOGIES:** Councillors Clive McGregor, Aled Morris Jones (Local Member)
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1 24C192D – ERECTION OF A WIND TURBINE WITH A MAXIMUM HUB HEIGHT OF UP TO 15M, ROTOR DIAMETER OF UP TO 7.5M AND MAXIMUM UPRIGHT VERTICAL TIP HEIGHT OF UP TO 19M ON LAND AT RHIWLAS, NEBO, PENYSARN

The Planning and Orders Committee at its meeting on 6 June, 2012, resolved that the site be visited in accordance with the request of the Local Member in order for Members to see for themselves the site in its totality and the proximity of the proposal to Penysarn.

The Planning Officer showed Members the application site relative to two nearby properties, and he confirmed the dimensions of the proposed wind turbine as being a maximum hub height of up to 15m; rotor diameter of up to 7.5m and maximum vertical tip height of up to 19m. The Officer also showed Members the application site plan and he later circulated an illustration of the easterly view of the application site which also gave an indication of the type of turbine proposed. Questions were asked by Members regarding the site and also regarding potential interference in respect of a nearby mast – the Officer said that he would check with the body which looks at transmission issues. He stated also that confirmation is awaited as to whether the proposed turbine is for self-use.

Members then viewed the application site from an alternative vantage point which afforded a broader perspective of the site's location in its totality and relative to the village of Penysarn, as well as giving a clearer indication of the proposal's potential visual impact. At the request of the Vice-Chair, the Members viewed from a distance another location wherein was sited a wind turbine considered to be similar in design to the one proposed.

Councillor J.Arwel Roberts
Chair