

MERTHYR TYDFIL COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF MEETING

PLANNING AND
REGULATORY FACT FINDING
VISITS MEETING

**LAND ADJOINING UNIT 3, PENGARNDDU
INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, DOWLAIS TOP, MERTHYR
TYDFIL**

WEDNESDAY, 30TH JULY, 2014

PRESENT: Councillor C T Jones (In the Chair)

Councillors B E Mansbridge, H Barrett, T Chaplin, E Galsworthy,
D L Jarrett and S Williams

Geraint Morgan (Solicitor), Tom Bramley (Landscape Architect),
David Cross (Principal Planning Officer), Kevin Davies
(Engineering and Traffic Group Leader) and Chris Clarke
(Design, Heritage and Conservation Officer)

Dowlais Ward Members: Councillors T Lewis, Ray Thomas and
P Williams.

Karen Vokes (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
1	Apologies for absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Jones, G Lewis, L A Matthews and L Smart.

2	Declarations of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.
3	P/14/0050 - Land Adjoining Unit 3 Pengarnddu Industrial Estate, Dowlais Top, Merthyr Tydfil	<p>The Chair formally opened the meeting and referred to the Council's Constitution whereby the public in attendance are unable to address the meeting.</p> <p>He further advised that this meeting was requested by the Planning and Regulatory Committee of the 25th June 2014 to give Members an opportunity to inspect the site and to ask questions.</p> <p>David Cross, the Council's Principal Planning Officer, referred to application number P/14/0050 for a single 225 kw wind turbine (up to 65.3m blade tip height) with associated hard standing area, substation/transformer and boundary fencing.</p> <p>He then outlined the application by means of a plan which showed the actual location of the turbine and explained the recommendations in the report.</p> <p>Members then asked questions in relation to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Welsh Government targets on renewable energy • Concerns in relation to the visual impact on the Community and the principle areas. • Noise Nuisance. • The potential impact on the natural environment. • Concerns from the community with regard to an increased number of wind turbines being erected. • The procedure in relation to consideration and determination of planning applications. • Whether the erection of the wind turbine would cause a shadow flicker on the A465 road. • Pollution from wind turbines. • Experts carrying out surveys/assessments on behalf of the applicant. <p>David Cross, Tom Bramley, Chris Clarke and Kevin Davies then answered in detail to questions raised by the Members.</p> <p>Dowlais ward members (Councillors Tom Lewis, Ray Thomas and Phil Williams) also made representation on behalf of the residents of Dowlais.</p>

4	Any other business as deemed urgent by the Chair	The Chair advised that there was no business deemed urgent. He then called the meeting to a close.
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