

Cyngor Cymuned Llanbadrig Community Council

Cofnodion o gyfarfod arbennig y Cyngor Llawn a gynhaliwyd nos Lun 4/12/2017 Minutes of the Full Council special meeting held on Monday evening 4/12/2017

Presennol / Present: Derek Owen (Cadeirydd/Chair), Elfed Jones, David Livingstone, Jack Longman, Roger Dobson, Carys Davies, Rhian Hayes, Brian Potter

Yn Bresennol / In Attendance: Carli Evans-Thau (Clerc/Clerk)

Ymddiheuriadau / Apologies: Elen Pritchard, Enid Jones

1 Croeso / Welcome

Cadeiriwyd y cyfarfod gan Derek Owen ac fe groesawyd pawb oedd yn bresennol.
The meeting was chaired by Derek Owen and all present were welcomed.

2 Datgan Diddordeb / Declaration of Interest

Roger Dobson – lleoliad y safle / *proximity to site*

3 Pwrpas y Cyfarfod / Purpose of Meeting

Esboniwyd mai pwrpas y cyfarfod arbennig oedd i drafod y cais cynllunio oedd wedi ei gyflwyno gan Horizon i glirio a pharatoi'r safle ar gyfer datblygiad. Roedd copiau o'r cais wedi eu dosbarthu i'r aelodau yn y cyfarfod diwethaf.

It was explained that the purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the planning application submitted by Horizon for the clearance and preparation of the site for development. Copies of the application had been distributed to members at the last meeting.

4 Y Cais Cynllunio / The Planning Application (38C310F/EIA/ECON)

Trafodwyd y cais mewn manylder gan nodi brif bryderon yr aelodau. Dylunwyd dogfen ymateb yn ystod y cyfarfod gyda pob aelod yn cael cyfle i roi mewnbyn. Cytuno byddai datganiad yn gwrthwynebu'r cais yn cael ei gyflwyno i'r Cyngor Sir. Cytuno byddai'r ddogfen a ddatblygwyd yn y cyfarfod yn cael ei anfon at pob aelod i'w ddarllen eto cyn y bydd yn cael ei gyflwyno i CSYM. Nodwyd fodd bynnag bod y dyddiad cau ar gyfer ymateb ddydd Gwener 8ed Rhagfyr.

Diolchwyd i bawb am eu hymdrechion a bu'r cyfarfod orffen am 8.10.

The application was discussed in great detail noting the members' concerns. A response document was developed during the meeting with each member having an opportunity for input. Agreed that a document opposing the application be submitted to the County Council. Agreed that the document developed in the meeting be distributed to all members to read again before submitting to IACC. It was noted however that the closing date for response was Friday 8th December.

All were thanked for their efforts and the meeting closed at 8.10.

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Arwyddwyd / Signed
Derek Owen
Cadeirydd/Chair

HORIZON NUCLEAR POWER WYLFA LIMITED

PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER: 38C310F/EIA/ECON

The Application

Horizon's application for Site Preparation and Clearance (SPC) is supported by extensive documentation that is impressive in its professional standards and technical proficiency.

Llanbadrig Community Council has consistently supported the intention to construct a new nuclear power station at the Wylfa site since the Government's decision to return to nuclear generation in 2007. We have seen the principals behind this development move from the French EDF to the German joint venture between RWE and Eon and more recently the Japanese Hitachi. These changes in ownership and reactor design together with more recent changes in management have all caused delays. The original target for generation has been put back by perhaps 7 – 10 years.

Over the years we have experienced the loss of homes with empty houses initially falling into dilapidation and then demolition. Thousands of bore holes have been drilled and hundreds of trenches excavated. More recently there has been significant works of archaeological investigation. In addition to the disruption caused by activities on site our principal arterial road the A5025 has been subjected to two rounds of cable laying with associated one-way traffic working. The road surface is now in a poor state.

Notwithstanding all this disruption and inconvenience we continue to support Horizon in its endeavour to build the new power station. However, we do not support Horizon's planning application for site preparation and clearance at this time because it is premature.

The application provides for site preparation and clearance - comprising:

- vegetation clearance and management
- removal of fencing, walls, gates, field boundaries
- removal of existing structures (including buildings and demolishing six houses)
- removal of scrub, trees and other above ground features

Horizon propose to expand their current central compound and create 10 satellite and material compounds. The compounds will be protected by 3-metre-high fencing and LED lighting.

The whole area will be surrounded by a 2-metre fence. There will be some diversion of watercourses and establishment of road crossings.

If Horizon does not achieve planning consent for the power station or is unable to proceed for other reasons it is committed to restoring the site to a condition "*acceptable to the Isle of Anglesey County Council*".

Horizon predicts that it will employ up to 80 employees. Its contractor claims these employees will be sourced mostly from the Island. Horizon argues transport will be by individual car journeys via the A55 and Valley. However, workers who are based in the centre of the island or on the eastern coast are highly likely to use the A5025 to the east of Cemaes Bay and add to congestion and speeding in and around Llanfechell and Tregle. This will be exacerbated by the extraordinarily long hours that it appears Horizon expects its contractor employees to work (possibly around 60 hours per week). Although the application refers to working 07.00 – 19.00 Monday – Friday and 08.00 – 13.00 on Saturdays there is provision for working even longer hours.

Horizon is also proposing improvements to the A5025 between Valley and Wylfa but, significantly, it is not planning to construct the much-consulted by-passes until the Development Consent Order (DCO) is approved.

Our Objection to the planning application

If we knew for certain that the DCO application was guaranteed to be approved and that Horizon would be able to attract necessary funding for the project, then we would agree that the SPC application should be approved. However, there is still much doubt about whether this project will proceed, particularly in the prevailing environment of uncertainty exacerbated by the era of Trump and Brexit. Horizon seems to recognise this uncertainty in their reluctance to proceed with the by-passes ahead of DCO approval. Site clearance should only proceed in parallel with the construction of by-passes when there is certainty that both are necessary.

THEREFORE, WE OBJECT TO THIS APPLICATION.

There is a credible risk that allowing the SPC to proceed before planning for the new power station is approved will subject the communities of North Anglesey to unnecessary disruption and damage to their environment over many years.

740 acres of the attractive coast line of North Anglesey will be reduced to a wasteland, six houses and other structures will be lost permanently, in addition to those already demolished. There will be air, light and noise pollution over a period of two years and, if the project does not proceed a third year whilst limited restoration is attempted, which realistically will not return the landscape to its former state. Replacing mature trees and hedges will take many more years.

Walkers on the footpaths will enjoy a much inferior experience to that which they enjoy today.

It would be far better for our communities if Horizon were to spend the next two years revising its plans to accomplish site clearance as an integral part of the whole project; so that if the DCO is approved the already delayed end date is achieved without requiring further sacrifice by the people of North Anglesey and our economically important visitors and tourist industry.