

Minutes of Special Meeting of Youghal Town Council held on 16th November 2011 at 10.00 a.m. in the Mall House, Youghal.

Present: Mayor Eoin Coyne presided.

Cllrs. Linehan-Foley, Burke, Beecher, Murray, Hennessy, Flanagan & O'Connell. Apologies were received from Cllr. Revins.

Officials Present: Mrs. Helen Mulcahy, Staff Officer. Mrs. Geraldine O'Connell, Clerical Officer.

Opening Prayers: The members and officials recited the opening prayers.

Consideration of proposal to construct a 23.5 metre high wind turbine at Claycastle, Youghal under Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001.

Helen Mulcahy circulated to the Members a copy of the Managers Report and recommendations for the Proposed Wind Turbine at Claycastle and informed the Members that the closing date for submissions was Monday last, November 14th at 12.00 and that the following 5 submissions had been received

1. Kathryn Murray, The Red Bungalow, Dysart, Youghal.
2. Claycastle Pitch & Putt Club.
3. Department of Arts, Heritage & The Gaeltacht.
4. Jackie Butler, "Safari", Claycastle, Youghal.
5. Frances Butler, "Loismeg", Claycastle, Youghal.

The Members raised a number of issues in relation to the height of the turbine, the concerns of the noise level and the benefits of same.

Helen Mulcahy informed the Members that when up and running the wind turbine combined with the other energy saving initiatives would produce 90% of the electrical needs of the Leisure Centre. The Members were also informed that a second, independent Noise Impact Assessment Report was compiled by Fehily, Timoney & Company & Barnes, Murray de Bháil – the results of this survey showed that none of the properties in the immediate vicinity of the proposed wind turbine would be adversely affected by noise.

Cllr. Hennessy informed the members that she still has concerns regarding the proposed development and would like if the Members could take the time to visit a development of Wind turbines which were up and running. The Staff Officer informed the members that a decision had to be made at the meeting as funding of €400,000 which was allocated in September last, had to be claimed in full and the project complete by the 31st December 2011.

The members agreed that the proposal be put to a vote.

For the proposal:

Cllrs. Coyne, Linehan Foley, Beecher, Murray, Burke & O'Connell.

Against the proposal:

Cllrs. Hennessy & Flanagan.

The proposal was passed by 6 votes to 2 and adopted by the members of the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Burke which was seconded by Cllr. Beecher.

This concluded the business of the meeting