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Incinerator team come under fire at meeting

Councillors say project would make area a dumping ground

by **Dave Goodban**

BOSSES behind a multi-million pound project to build an incinerator in Deeside came under fire from councillors at a heated meeting.

Cllr Bernie Attridge said he expected 'fireworks' at Connah's Quay Town Council last night (Wednesday), when leaders of the North Wales Residual Waste Treatment were told to explain their decision to build the burner at Deeside Industrial Park.

Furious community leaders claimed Deeside is becoming 'the dumping ground for dirty industry' after it was confirmed it August the plant will be built on their doorstep.

Councillors and campaigners vowed to fight plans for a so-called energy-from-waste plant near UPM Shotton after the possibility was first mooted in early 2010.

And although they are now resigned to the facility being built they want to hear the reasons why Deeside was chosen to

burn rubbish from across Flintshire, Anglesey, Conwy, Denbighshire and Gwynedd.

The North Wales Residual Waste Treatment Project (NWR-WTP) will see the facility deal with about 150,000 tonnes of waste - that which cannot be recycled or composted - from across the five counties so the amount of rubbish sent to landfill is reduced to meet Welsh Government targets.

Cllr Attridge, the deputy leader of Flintshire County Council, previously told the *Chronicle* he was 'appalled at the potential for an incinerator on Deeside'.

The plant will take 24-36 months to build and is expected to be operational by 2017.

Projects leaders say up to 200 construction jobs will be created when the plant is built, in addition to 30-35 permanent roles when it is up and running.

■ For more on the incinerator plans see next week's *Chronicle*.

Kate to take on bike trek

A DEESIDE College worker will be getting on her bike for the first time in years to raise money for charity.

Childcare assessor Kate Muddiman will be attempt to ride 100 miles across Cheshire for the college's charity of the year, the British Heart Foundation Cymru.

Kate's father suffered a heart-related illness and she has also diagnosed with a heart valve condition.

"It's the BHF research and support that has enabled my condition to be recognised and ensured that medicine and support have been made available to make mine and others lives normal," said Kate.

She added: "When the college announced we would be raising money for the British Heart Foundation, I knew that despite being a novice cyclist I had to attempt the challenge."

■ To donate call 07879695381.



CHALLENGE: Kate Muddiman is raising money for the British Heart Foundation.

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DNA hit caught th

A THIEF who broke into two cars was left blood at the scene.

Wayne Coffin, 39, of Welsh Road in Shotton, admitted stealing a CD player, a satellite navigation system and a mobile phone from vehicles at two garage premises in Shotton, in September.

He was placed on a three-month curfew and given a curfew to keep him indoors from 10pm to 6am until January 9.

The defendant was ordered to pay compensation and £85 court costs.

Brian Cross, defending, said Coffin could not remember the incident, but accepted what he had done and the forensic evidence.

Dog case in cou

A PIT bull terrier could be destroyed if magistrates made a court order.

The dog, named Kilo, will be put to death if it is registered and meets other requirements under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991.

Owner Joseph Cook, of Hillside Close, Connah's Quay, agreed to the magistrates' order at Flintshire Magistrates Court.

He did not face any charge, but it was an offence to keep the dog.

Cook said he intended to register the dog, but was told he must meet all other legal requirements so it would not be killed. He was told to pay £200.

Mobile phone offe

A SHOTTON man admitted running a scam to steal former employer's mobile phone.

Neil Mitchell, 33, of Dee View Crescent, Shotton, admitted stealing money to the value of £705 by using the phone after he left Panad Security.

Flintshire Magistrates Court heard he provided with a mobile phone by the firm. Gary Harvey, defending, said Mitchell made calls to London on it when he was seriously ill. Sentence was adjourned.