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Public urged to delve into past

MEMBERS of the public are being urged to delve into the past and research their family history.

Flintshire Council is encouraging people who want to dig into their family history to visit to Flintshire Record Office in Hawarden.

The record office, which houses original historical records, is offering one-to-one consultations for those who need that little bit of extra help.

For anyone who has ground to a halt with their research Flintshire Record Office staff say they will help find answers to their family history questions.

For a fee of £10, half an hour sessions can be booked to discuss research and possible lines to follow.

The sessions take place in the office's search room every Monday at 9.30am.

Cllr Chris Bithell, cabinet member for education, said: "This is a fantastic opportunity for people who need that 'one to one' time with a record office expert.

"The sessions do have to be booked in advance, and only one session will take place each Monday, so please book well in advance to be sure of getting in on your chosen day."

Call 01244 532364 to book your session or e-mail archives@flintshire.gov.uk.

Woman, 80, hurt in accident

A PENSIONER had to be taken to hospital after an accident on Flint Mountain.

The incident involving two vehicles and the elderly woman in her eighties happened at about 9.30pm on Wednesday.

The pensioner was rushed to Glan Clwyd Hospital after the collision on Northop Road between a Renault and Volvo.

Police closed the road for about four

£20m incinerator pull-out costs shock

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LEADING councillors who tied Flintshire into a deal that will see an incinerator built were not aware of the £20 million cost of pulling out, it has been claimed

And only 200 people in the county were asked their views on a facility to tackle up to 180,000 tonnes of residual waste per year from Flintshire, Denbighshire, Anglesey, Gwynedd and Conwy.

The revelations came as Connah's Quay town councillors gave project bosses a grilling over an incinerator planned for Deeside Industrial Park.

Managers of the North Wales Residual Waste Treatment Project (NWRWTP) faced a heated round of questions at the town council meeting on Wednesday.

Cllr Bernie Attridge asked: "Who signed the agreement? And the people who signed the agreement, were they



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understand the "actual cost we could incur if we pulled out".

He added: "But they knew they were signing into a legally binding agreement and we didn't do that without knowing there will be consequences, but the costs would not have been discussed because we didn't know it would come to this.

He said if the authority backed out now, Flintshire Council would face a £20 million bill, made up of the repayment of project support to Welsh Government, compensation to the bidders and four councils in the agreement and the costs of the council's own procurement process.

Longer term liabilities include the council not being able to avoid £6 million per year landfill tax and the loss of a 25 per cent subsidy from Welsh Government for the running costs over 25 years.

able to live in a clean society. It's everything in Connah's Quay - we seem to be the dumping ground."

Mr Penny explained air quality standard tests had been done.

"There would still be significant headroom before there would be any effect on health," he assured councillors.

Cllr Gill Faulkner said: "We had this with the power station and we had red dust in our bird baths, everywhere. We are in fear that it will happen again."

And Cllr Steven Tattam asked: "Will you write to every resident in Connah's Quay and Shotton asking them their views?"

Mr Penny replied: "There will be extensive consultation. We are here today to talk about local engagement."

He spoke of community benefits the plant offered and said a number of

timeline

- August 2013 Preferred bidder selected
- January 2014 Contract awarded
- March 2014 Planning application submitted
- Late 2017 Facility full operational

businesses at the Northern Gateway and Deeside Enterprise Zone had expressed interest in buying lower cost energy generated by the facility.

Mr Everett said: "All five councils will benefit from electricity and heat and one of Flintshire's jobs is to press for the best local deal we can get for Flintshire."

"That's for businesses, public buildings and residents."

Mr Attridge asked what would happen if the planning committee turned the proposal down.

Mr Everett explained the applicant would have the right of appeal and it could go to a public inquiry heard by a planning inspector from the Welsh Government.

Get fit at leisure centre

PEOPLE can get fit at Deeside Leisure Centre.

A five-week fit camp will take place in the centre's new Evolution Extreme Zone utilising several types of fitness training techniques.

Instructor Craig Bowles said: "If you're fed up of going to the gym, or exercising and seeing little or no results, then fit camp will solve these problems and more.

"We will be there to put you through a unique work-out every week offering lots of options and alternatives, making the sessions suitable for all abilities and fitness levels."

The classes will take place at 7am every Tuesday and Thursday, starting on Tuesday, November 20.

A free trial takes place next week on Tuesday and Thursday at 7am.

Sessions are for adults and booking is essential. Following the free trials the five week course will cost £50.

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