

**PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**13 JANUARY 2021**

Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee of Flintshire County Council held as a remote attendance meeting on Wednesday, 13 January 2021

**PRESENT: Councillor David Wisinger (Chairman)**

Councillors: Mike Allport, Bernie Attridge, Chris Bithell, Derek Butler, Ian Dunbar, Veronica Gay, Gladys Healey, Patrick Heesom, Paul Johnson, Christine Jones, Richard Jones, Richard Lloyd, Mike Peers, Neville Phillips and Owen Thomas

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Councillors Ian Roberts, Marion Bateman and Aaron Shotton attended as observers

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chief Officer (Planning, Environment & Economy); Development Manager; Service Manager - Strategy; Team Leader - Planning; Senior Planners; Senior Engineer - Highways Development Control; Senior Solicitor; and Democratic Services Officers

Chief Executive (for minute number 16)

**13. THE LATE COUNCILLOR KEVIN HUGHES**

As requested by the Chairman, all those present paid a silent tribute in memory of Councillor Kevin Hughes who had been a Member of the Committee.

**14. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Attridge advised that he had been contacted on more than three occasions by the applicant and objectors on agenda item 6.3 (061919).

**15. LATE OBSERVATIONS**

The Chairman allowed Members an opportunity to read the late observations which had been circulated prior to the meeting and were appended to the agenda on the Flintshire County Council website:

<https://committeemeetings.flintshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=490&MId=4854&LLL=0>

**16. MINUTES**

The draft minutes of the meeting on 2 December 2020 were confirmed as a correct record, subject to the following amendment, as moved and seconded by Councillors Dunbar and Lloyd.

On application 059396, Councillor Attridge referred to his comments shown on the recording of the meeting in which he said he had contacted the Planning Solicitor asking if an investigation or Police referral should be made, having received an email

from the applicant's agent. As Councillor Attridge had provided no further explanation at the meeting, he read out the contents of an email from the Planning Solicitor giving advice on the matter. He asked the Committee Members and officers to accept his sincere apologies for not giving the full picture at the meeting.

In response, the Chief Executive thanked Councillor Attridge for his statement. Having previously advised the Councillor that an explanation, retraction and apology would be appropriate, he would consult the relevant officers on whether they considered Councillor Attridge's response to be adequate for the apology to be accepted. As Head of Paid Service, with a duty of care to officers, he along with the Leader had reinforced with all Group Leaders the importance of avoiding comments being made in public meetings which could lead to the reputation and standing of individual officers, or indeed the Planning Committee being compromised.

**RESOLVED:**

That subject to the amendment, the minutes be approved as a true and correct record.

**17. ITEMS TO BE DEFERRED**

No items were recommended for deferral.

**18. REPORTS OF THE CHIEF OFFICER (PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMY)**

**RESOLVED:**

That decisions be recorded as shown on the Planning Application schedule attached as an appendix.

**19. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS IN ATTENDANCE**

On commencement of the meeting, there was one member of the press in attendance.

(The meeting started at 1.00pm and ended at 2.45pm)

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**Chairman**

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**PLANNING COMMITTEE ON 13 JANUARY 2021**

ITEM NO	TOWN/ COMMUNITY COUNCIL	SITE/PROPOSAL	THIRD PARTY / LOCAL MEMBER OBSERVATIONS	RESOLUTION
061263	Bagillt Community Council	Full application - Development of existing waste recycling facility to extend existing building, demolish three buildings, and install new wash plant material processing equipment, storage bays, additional weighbridge, ticket office and new drainage system at Dee Bank Industrial Estate, Bagillt	A statement of objection from the Local Member, Councillor Kevin Rush, was appended to the report on the agenda.	That planning permission be granted in accordance with the officer recommendation.
060614	Buckley Town Council	Reserved Matters - Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval at land side of 61 Brunswick Road, Buckley	A statement of support from the applicant was appended to the report on the agenda.  A statement of objection from the local Town Council was appended to the report on the agenda.	That planning permission be granted subject to the applicant entering into a Section 106 Obligation, Unilateral Undertaking or advance payment of £733 per flat, the monies being used to enhance toddler play provision at Higher Common Play Area, and the conditions within the report, in accordance with the officer recommendation.

ITEM NO	TOWN/ COMMUNITY COUNCIL	SITE/PROPOSAL	THIRD PARTY / LOCAL MEMBER OBSERVATIONS	RESOLUTION
061919	Flint Town Council	Full application - Erection of 18 no. detached dwellings including means of access & landscaping of the site at Bod Hyfryd Nursing Home, Northop Road, Flint	<p>A statement of objection from the Local Member was appended to the report on the agenda.</p> <p>A statement of support from the Agent for the application was appended to the report on the agenda.</p> <p>A statement of objection from a local resident was appended to the report on the agenda.</p>	<p>That planning permission be refused in accordance with the officer recommendation, subject to an amended third reason for refusal (set out in the late observations) as follows:</p> <p>The proposal has the potential to cause disturbance to the badger sett located on the western boundary of the site. It is considered that for a buffer zone around the sett to work, that a holistic approach is required as part of the sites wider allocation under HN1.4 of the Local Development Plan (LDP). The proposal as submitted is therefore considered to be contrary to Planning Policy Wales (PPW) - Edition 10, Technical Advice Note 5 - Nature Conservation and Planning and Policies GEN1 and WB1 of the Flintshire Unitary Development Plan.</p>