

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF CILCAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL AT THE RHYDYMWYN FC BUILDING ON 19 JULY 2023.**

Present: Chairperson: Cllr Gareth W Hughes

Councillors: Pauline Douglas            John Doyle  
                  Malcolm Down            Gwen Hardman  
                  Tim Mitchell              Karen Parker  
                  Christine Vaughan  
                  The Clerk was also in attendance

1. **CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS** - The Chairman welcomed three representatives of NW Energy to the Meeting. (Mr Richard Rogers, Mr Roger Griffiths, and Mr Neil Arbon from Caulmert Ltd).

The Chair also welcomed approximately 128 local residents to the meeting. Chair invited the Council Members on the top table to introduce themselves to the meeting: Cllr Tim Mitchell, Cllr Malcolm Down, Cllr Christine Vaughan, Cllr Gwen Hardman, Alun Evans (Council Clerk), Cllr Karen Parker, Cllr Pauline Douglas, Cllr John Doyle, and Flintshire CC Cllr Andrew Parkhurst.

Under the Council's Standing Orders, standing order 3f was suspended for this meeting.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - Cllr J Emyr Davies, Cllr J V Worthington.

3. **ATTENDANCE LIST** - The Chairman invited residents attending the meeting to give their names and addresses on the Attendance List being circulated at the start of the meeting.

4. **PRESENTATION BY N W ENERGY** - Chair invited Mr Richard Rogers to present his proposal:

- Mr Rogers introduced himself - lives in Llanarmon yn Ial, farming and haulage background.
- Mr Rogers has been in the waste to energy game / industry for the last 8 to 9 years.
- Mr Rogers maintained he is now quite passionate about the 'feed to energy' process because of the benefit it gives.
- He has been liaising with Flintshire CC, Denbighshire CC (Economic Development teams) and Wrexham CC to look for an appropriate site. The Councils had pointed him in the direction of possible sites.
- The input is not 'animal waste' - it is home grown products such as maize, grass silage - it is better described as a 'feed to energy' process.
- Every Ton of food waste or silage that is fed into the Digester as an alternative to taking it to landfill saves on 1/2 Ton emission of CO<sub>2</sub> entering into the atmosphere.

- He maintained that Germany for instance have got 7,110 digester plants, while the UK only has 710 plants.
- He also maintained that the UK Government have said that no household food waste can go to landfill after the end of this year. That is why there is now a demand for digesters in England and Wales. At the end of this year if the food waste cannot go to an AD facility the Council is fined.

Mr Rogers maintained:

- (a) The plant is not looking for food waste. NW Energy would have their own waste to feed the plant.
- (b) The process is not noisy like a quarry. A wagon coming into the site goes into a reception hall (enclosed building) for unloading, so no noise would escape out of the building during the unloading process.
- (c) They would be trying to utilise the transport wagons that use the adjoining quarry. Wagons would be sprayed on the way out. Wagons coming to the Quarry for a load of aggregate would be used to bring in digester input.
- (d) A bespoke permit is subject to 'horrendous requirement' in terms of noise and smell.
- (e) The standard rules for digesters require the digester to be a minimum of 250m away from residences. They are not talking here about a standard permit - they are talking about 'a bespoke' site where the regulations are much stricter.
- (f) Option 2 for the site - the existing site has planning permission for three large warehouses on the site and excavating 1/2 million tons of clay. Two years later the excavation could eventually be used for landfill purposes. NW Energy do not want to go for Option 2.

**Presentation by Neil Arbon (Caulmert) -**

The items involved in the plant include digester storage tanks, weighbridge, reception, combined heat power units, gas compression units etc. The plant will have a capacity of 102,000 Tons of feedstock per annum. The input would be from farm grown crops, from commercial and local farmers producing home crops, five farms having already been identified in Flintshire. In terms of the output - 26.5 Mega watts per annum which would be fed back into the grid.

**5. QUESTIONS BY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

- (a) **Cllr Karen Parker** - Can you clearly explain to us why the facility is required in Flintshire, and in particular in Rhydymwyn? What research had you undertaken before deciding on selecting the Rhydymwyn site?

**Mr Rogers** - Three sites have been looked at. Location is a key factor for us. We try and be as close as possible to the feed stock area and where the land bank will be. In order to comply with

'net-zero' it is necessary to cut down on the travel. Mr Rogers indicated that he can supply information on the analysis undertaken.

- (b) **Cllr Gwen Hardman** - Which sites have you looked at - did you visit them? And what was the reason for dismissing each of the other sites?

**Mr Rogers / Neil Arbon** -

Ewloe Barn Industrial estate - no sites were available  
Pin Fold Lane quarry - liquidation process - site not currently available  
Spring Hill Quarry - site not currently available  
Mount Pleasant Road North - amenity issues (close to houses)  
Shotton Paper, Deeside Industrial Park - new development already taken place on the site.  
Deeside Industrial Park - wrong location  
Land adjacent to Green West composting site - site considered unsuitable  
Green Field Industrial Park - flood risk issues  
Land adjacent to Mostyn Dock - flood risk issues  
Quarry at Rhosesmor - site not currently available  
River Lane, Saltney - flood risk issues.

**Cllr Hardman** - Given the 'issues' that you have read out what makes Rhydymwyn suitable?

**Mr Rogers** - Location of the feed stock - 35% coming from around here (Flintshire)

**Cllr Hardman** - What mile radius is the feed stock coming from ?

**Mr Rogers** - 30 mile radius

**Cllr Hardman** - Did you visit all of the above sites?

**Mr Rogers** - Yes

**Cllr Hardman** - Regarding permits, when the Council wrote to you, we observed that your pre-application broke the standard permit rules. The licensing authority is Natural Resources Wales. The site is very close to Ruby Houses, Ruby Villas, a helipad, and close to (approximately 300 meters) to the residential dwellings in Rhydymwyn the village being a defined village in Flintshire's Local Development Plan. Your response was simply that the facility is a bespoke development subject to 'horrendous restrictions' and that the development is a 'proper job'. That comment does not give residents of this community much to go on. Is there any other information you can provide to elaborate on the comment.

**Mr Rogers** - Was hoping that Andy Stock would have attended tonight. Mr Rogers would arrange for Andy Stock to give the Community Council a full explanation of the difference between a bespoke development and an ordinary AD facility.

**Cllr Hardman** - From the Community Council's viewpoint, what we see is a large scale plant installed very close to residents and it makes us wonder how much NW Energy know about the village. How much do you know about the village?

**Answer (Caulmert)** - Planning permission and permits are different. Should we get planning permission, a permit from NRW would be applied for. They are completely separate processes.

**Cllr Mrs Hardman** A number of the responses given by NW Energy to the observations made by the Community Council were answered by 'duly noted'. What did 'duly noted' mean as far as action by yourself is concerned to allay the Council's concerns?

**Mr Rogers:** We have acknowledged, noted your concern and will be taking your concerns on board.

- (c) **Cllr Tim Mitchell** - The anaerobic digestion plant includes a combined heat and power unit (CHP). This unit will run continuously day and night. The exhaust gases from the CHP unit will discharge to the atmosphere and the assumption is that that the exhaust gases will disperse into the atmosphere without causing harm to humans, birds, insects and the environment. Due to the topography of the site the exhaust gases may not disperse as intended. Has this risk been assessed with a proper risk assessment?

**Answer** As part of the pre-planning submission a risk assessment has not been undertaken. However, an air quality assessment has been undertaken. NRW had no objection to how that was undertaken. NRW raised a question regarding the Ammonia, which has been addressed.

**Cllr Mitchell** - Maintained CDM (Construction Design and Management) regulation should have taken place by now. NW Energy has failed in its legal duties. Anybody who has a design responsibility at all, including site selection, has a duty to comply with the CDM regulations. How can we trust you?

You have started the design process. Who is the principal designer?

**Neil Arbon:** The principal designer is Marchers.

**Cllr Mitchell:** Have Marchers done the risk assessment?

**Neil Arbon:** Indicated he was not aware of Marchers having carried out an assessment.

**Cllr Mitchell** - You have therefore failed in your legal duties to comply with CDM regulations. The CDM regulations are legally binding. They are part of the Health and Safety at Work Act. As soon as the design starts, CDM kicks in. This is a poor situation - we have come this far and the regulations have been broken already. Anybody who has an involvement in the process, including site selection, as a designer must act in accordance with the CDM regulations. You have a legal duty and you should have been aware of your legal duties.

- (e) **Cllr John Doyle** - So far, you have not instilled any confidence in anyone in the room in terms of the planning process by your responses to the questions raised. Many of the questions raised have not been answered, and you gloss over the concerns we have in the community.

Who is NW Energy Ltd? What guarantee can you give the community that the plant is going to

be professionally run, professionally staffed, with competent people working there and with risk assessments in place.

**Mr Rogers:** NW Energy have in the last nine years been supplying other digestion plants. There are four Directors on board - Richard Rogers, Roger Griffiths and two others - Rob Richards and Tom Phillips.

NW Energy have not run a digestion plant before.

We will have a management team, Marcher Biogas, on board from Ludlow who have run several plants previously.

Marcher Biogas will build the plant and recruit operators locally.

**Question from the audience** - When did the other Directors come on board? They were not listed when a check was made recently.

**Mr Rogers** - Last week.

## 6. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE RHYDYMWYN ACTION GROUP

- (a) **Becky** - If only 35% of the feed stock is available within Flintshire - why is the plant not built in the 65% area which is not local?

**Mr Rogers:** We hope to grow the local 35% land bank to 55% in due course.

The land bank where we spread the digestate is 55% local (in Flintshire), which is good.

The feedstock is hops from breweries, maize silage, grass silage, catering for all the household food waste from Councils.

**Resident** - So the crops that will go into the AD will go back to the same farmland where the waste has come from -

**Mr Rogers** - Pretty much so. The home grown plants for input we hope to expand

- (b) **Fiona** - Noise air and light pollution are all real concerns for local residents. We already know from research and local experience from sites such as Deeside that facilities such as this proposal are noisy even with the mitigations proposed and with 24/7 running will be lit through the night. How do you intend to ensure that all of us here, who currently live with low rural levels of background noise (which is on record from NRW ) enjoy proper night skies and can breathe air that is fresh, clean and odour free, and that we would not end up living in a smelly, noisy, industrially lit, polluted environment?

**Mr Arbon:** We submit our proposals to Flintshire CC Planning Department, the studies being based on best practice used in the industry. Flintshire Planning determine whether or not the best practice studies provided are acceptable. If Flintshire agrees to the proposal there will be conditions attached to the permission. For instance, if conditions regarding lighting are included in the planning permission, the applicant will need to adhere to the imposed conditions.

- (c) **Neil:** The submission document indicates that you are going to use quarry lorries to decrease the amount of traffic through the village. Has Tarmac been approached about such an arrangement?

**Mr Rogers:** Tarmac have not yet been approached. But independent hauliers using the Tarmac quarry have been approached.

**Neil:** The document only talks about the feedstock coming into the ADF. How many lorries would be transporting the product out per day, and would those vehicles be tankers as opposed to wagons?

**Mr Rogers:** The vehicles taking the digestate out will be tankers. Six tankers per day will be going out of the AD Plant. Bringing in dry feedstock will be by wagons.

**Neil:** You mention bringing in feedstock from Two Sisters. That would be chicken waste from the slaughtering facility there.

**Mr Rogers -** It is not from the slaughter. It is from the washings from the trailer. As the live birds go in to be slaughtered in a wagon, that wagon will be washed down. Chicken poo will be brought to Rhydymwyn in a tanker. Wagons will be utilised as much as possible to bring in dry feedstock but some of the feedstock coming in will be brought in tankers.

**Neil:** So we are going to have tankers going in and tankers coming out of the AD plant, but some of the dry feedstock will be by wagons.

- (d) **Claire** (from Pentre Halkyn) What we know about digestion is that maintaining a consistent 'feed in' is critical for plant stability. You have quoted 3,000 Tons per annum. Can you guarantee a consistent supply of the feedstock to maintain the feed to the digesters and keep everything healthy and happy.

**Mr Rogers -** Yes absolutely.

**Claire -** What goes in must come out. Where are you going to store 60 Tons minimum per week liquid on land?

**Mr Rogers -** Farmers lagoons.

**Claire:** You are absolutely sure that you can dispose of all the digestate?.

**Mr Rogers -** Absolutely.

**Claire:** That is a guarantee that many large companies in the industry are not prepared to give, because the process is so heavily regulated. It sounds as if this involves a lot of wishful thinking on your part!

Where is the digestate going to be stored?

**Mr Rogers:** Large lagoons are going to be constructed on local farmland.

**Claire:** Where are the lagoons to be located?

**Mr Rogers:** My own farm, Gwysaney Estate, Ty Draw Farm, etc. - list can be provided.

- (e) **Ian Smith** - Indicated he lived approximately 200 yds from the proposed plant.  
The process produces methane gas in huge quantities.  
Methane is a highly inflammable gas, and explodes if the primary containment is lost.  
Where is the methane storage on site going to be located? The plans do not show this storage facility.  
The adjoining quarry uses blasting on a regular basis and the vibration can be felt in Rhydymwyn village. Are the storage facilities, either tanks or bags, designed to accommodate this vibration?

**Mr Rogers** - Enquiries will have to be made.

**Ian Smith** So there is a bomb in Ruby Brick ready to go off that would flatten most of the village and you do not know anything about it. I am most impressed!

## 7. **QUESTIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER RESIDENTS**

**Janet Burgess** (Rhydymwyn resident - If the digester facility is given planning permission but the development does not proceed, does that still give you the landfill opportunity?

**Mr Rogers:** - It would do, but I do not want to do that since it is not the industry I am familiar with. The part of the land for landfill would probably be sold off if the digester development does not proceed.

**Chairman** - Are you purchasing the land?

**Ans:** The land purchase is progressing

**Shan Hughes-Parry** (Rhydymwyn resident)

NW Energy's presentation started by indicating that Flintshire CC has an obligation to ensure, in due course, that food waste does not go into landfill.

But food waste is a very small proportion of the input into the plant. The recent LDP indicates that there are sufficient facilities within the area to process and manage our food waste Why therefore should we be concerned about what you are growing and the slurry you are going to create to feed the digester. The process you are proposing does not fall within any of Flintshire County Council's recent publications.

**Mr Rogers** - Fair comment. Flintshire CC is not a major customer of ours.

**Shan Hughes-Parry:** - Flintshire CC is not a customer of NW Energy at all.

**Mr Rogers:** We are in talks with Councils. Councils are concerned about the possibility of not being able to deal with food waste when the new legislation comes in at the end of the year.

**Shan Hughes-Parry:** But this law you mention is not a new law that is suddenly being imposed on

the County Councils. It was information the County had when it developed its LDP. Flintshire's LDP states that studies show there are sufficient facilities in the area to cope with the new legislation. What has changed?

**Mr Rogers** - Plants have to be shut down for maintenance for 30 days per year.

**8. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR, ANDREW PARKHURST -**

Thanked NW Energy for the presentation.

Having listened to the questions and responses, Cllr Parkhurst expressed grave concerns about the proposal.

The applicant had indicated that there is not enough capacity for the Council's food waste and that he had been talking to Council Officers. Who are the Officers?

**Mr Rogers** - Was not prepared to name the Flintshire CC Officer.

**Cllr Parkhurst** - Maintained that he had spoken to the Chief Officer responsible for recycling who had confirmed that there is more than enough capacity already, and Flintshire CC does not want any more additional plants to meet its recycling targets when the legislation changes.

The applicant indicated that the plant is noiseless. Those who have had experience of running a plant, which NW Energy apparently do not, confirm the plant is not noiseless. The applicant describes the noise as a low level noise but in fact it is a persistent irritating noise which will affect residents.

Addressing Mr Rogers, Cllr Parkhurst said:

- (a) You indicated that air quality tests were taken near 'the coast'. What has not been taken into account is the temperature inversion effects that take place in the valley location of Rhydymwyn and Hendre.
- (b) You indicated that you have no knowledge of the explosion risks. Yet, residents will be living next door to what is effectively a bomb. Do you not think you should have that knowledge?
- (c) You indicate that you have not undertaken a risk assessment, which sounds appalling to me.
- (d) Essentially, this is an unsuitable location. When you listed the other locations assessed you made very brief comments such as 'unsuitable location'. The same two words should be used again for the Ruby Brick site in Rhydymwyn, based on what has been heard tonight.

Regarding the planning process, Cllr Parkhurst asked if the planning application had been made?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Cllr Parkhurst:** When did the Notice in Welsh go up?

**Neil Arbon:** - That would have been at the beginning of February.

**Cllr Parkhurst:** That is not true.

Cllr Parkhurst maintained he had photographic evidence to show that the Notice that was put up in February was in English only. Notices erected in February should have been in Welsh and English. The photograph taken on the 9 July 2023 shows Notices in English and Welsh. That Notice was not up in February. What you are telling us is not true.

Cllr Parkhurst requested the Community Council Clerk to formally record that concern had been expressed at this meeting to the Applicants' representative that Welsh speaking residents have not been afforded the opportunity to respond to the developer about this proposed development within the deadline specified, as required by the Welsh Government.

Cllr Parkhurst also mentioned that the Chief Officer responsible for planning had confirmed that such Notices should be in Welsh as well as in English.

**Cllr Gwen Hardman:** Reported that Cllr Gareth Hughes (current Chairman of the Community Council), Cllr Karen Parker and herself were at the site entrance on the 1 March 2023 and there was no notice present.

**Cllr Karen Parker:** Reported that the notice first appeared at the site entrance on 4 March 2023 (English only).

**Cllr Gwen Hardman:** Maintained that NW Energy may have just been trying to fulfil the statutory requirements. Welsh Government introduced the pre-planning process for major developments with the intention of developers consulting meaningfully with the residents of the development area.

Cllr Hardman maintained that the developer had not consulted meaningfully with the community. Cllr Hardman had asked previously what the developer knows about the village. An answer had not been forthcoming. She maintained the Developer wanted this site because they had failed to get a site elsewhere. Rhydymwyn residents should not have to pay and suffer for that.

## **9. ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS FROM RESIDENTS**

**Resident:** - What is the government grant ?

**Mr Rogers** - It is a feed tariff.

**Jan Holmes** - Your submissions refer to other sites not being suitable because of flooding issues. In 2000 the whole of Rhydymwyn village was flooded, and there have been subsequent flooding issues since the year 2000. Why have these flooding incidents not been taken into consideration?

**Mr Arbon:** The site specific flood risks have been looked at. The flood risk maps produced by NRW show the site itself is not subject to flooding but the access to the site is in a flood zone. Part of any drainage scheme that will be submitted with the application will have to show that the development of the site will not increase the flood risk in the surrounding area. We will have to show that there is sufficient attenuation on site to accommodate any rainwater and release it at a slow rate.

**Clerk:** Where would the surface water be stored since there is no storage space available on site?

**Mr Arbon** - Underground tanks would have to be constructed to store the flood water.

**Resident** - You indicate that the noise levels will normally generate 85 decibels but your operation will be running 24/7 and the compressors will generate 97 decibels, running 24hrs hrs per day. Anybody living up on higher ground is going to suffer more than those in the lower part. I work for Toyota and we have to have earphones on all the time.

Your paperwork shows what is coming in includes abattoir waste, oils, glycerine and chicken waste - it stinks - I have been to a chicken farm. You will have to bring a significant amount of chemicals in to plant for use on your scrubbers.

**Hayley Marshal** (Ruby Cottages) To reiterate what has been said about flooding. We do get flooded on a regular basis. You indicate that the site is not in a flood area. How can this be?

**N W Energy:** The flood assessment had been undertaken by a professional company WATERCO from Ruthin.

**Kath Bartlett:** - I live in Llys Alyn, where there are 20 pensioner bungalows. Most of the residents have come there to live the rest of their lives in peace. They will be living in fear of explosions. There is only one field and one road between the site and the estate. The pensioners are going to be hit more than anyone in the village. They are not going to die in peace. Can the Chair explain how everyone in the meeting can act in unity to ask the County Planning to reject this proposal.

**Chairman:** What we can do is to ensure that everyone responds to the application after it has been validated.

**Janet:** Who in Flintshire CC indicated that the site in Rhydymwyn was available?

**Response:** It is not appropriate to divulge the name of the person that was consulted in Economic Development. The sites are on Flintshire's website.

**Peter Ward:** (Rhosesmor)

One of the most spectacular characteristics of this site is that one gets incredible cloud inversion in the Winter. I live right on the top of them. The clouds in the valley below last for most of the day in Winter. If anyone has an open fire, the chimney smoke stops going up.

Any proposal which has any emissions should not be sited in the bottom of a deep valley subject to weather inversions. In winter the smoke and mist drift up and down the valley for days on end. I am in a position to send some photos of this spectacular effect.

**Resident:** The emissions from this plant will contain a mixture of carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide hydrogen sulphide etc. which are hazardous to human and animal life. The local village will suffer health wise.

**Ian Smith:** Many of the gases just mentioned are heavier than air so they will not dissipate upwards They will accumulate in the valley.

**Resident:** One of the sites you mentioned was not available as a result of the site being in liquidation. The liquidator has an obligation to discuss with you the availability of the site.

**Stuart Gelm** - Anyone that goes on the Environment Agency website will see a study undertaken between 2010 and 2018 of AD sites. In that time period, there were 29 major environmental disasters due to AD plants.

**Resident:** The environmental survey submitted by the applicant was not very detailed.

**Chairman:** Why was the bat survey undertaken in the daytime?

**Mr Arbon:** - Given that there was little evidence of bats in the daytime study, it was not considered necessary to do a night survey.

**Don Roberts:** How would you feed the energy output into the National Energy Grid?

**Mr Arbon:** Via the gas main.

**Resident:** But there is no gas main close to the site.

**Ian Bewley:** I have a Helipad - Have you been in touch with the Civil Aviation Authority to inform them that you intend to construct a methane gas storage in close proximity to the well established helipad?

**Resident:** How high is the tallest building on the site?

**Mr Arbon:** Approximately 21 m high.

**Resident:** The Angel of The North is 20 metres high, so your building will be on the flight path for the helipad.

**Saul Burton (Ruby Villas)** - Environmental issues - has an assessment been undertaken to establish the effect the light pollution from the site will have on the residents' amenity and also on the night wildlife?

**Mr Arbon:** The applicant will have to prove to the planning authority that the environmental issues meet acceptable standards.

**Jean:** Two of the maps on the NRW website show that the site access is in a high risk area in terms of flooding.

**Rhian:** You as the applicant intend to make a profit out of this proposal. Have you given any thought at all to what benefits, if any, the local residents get out of the proposal that our own County Council says we do not need?

**Paul Taylor:** If you are taking the people's views seriously why have you not ensured that the manufacturer of the plant is here to answer the questions posed by the residents?

**Mr Rogers:** - I did want them here.

**Simon:** What is driving the proposal for you is to make a profit on your investment at our cost. In some locations, there may be an environmental benefit to be gained from an AD facility. To generate a proposal that is so unpopular with the community is not good business practice. The site in Rhydymwyn is totally unsuitable for the facility. As a businessman you should be looking to taking people along with you in your business ventures.

**Neil Arbon:** We consider the site to be suitable, and it is up to Flintshire CC to make the final decision as

to whether or not the site is suitable for this proposal. We prepare the technical documents for the proposal,

**Cllr Gwen Hardman:** It is wrong to say that. It is up to you to consider the sites that are available and establish if the site is suitable. You should have looked at Flintshire CC's policies to see if the site measures up to the policy requirements. As far as I can see, you have not done this.

The intention of the consultation process is to ensure that developers get to know the community. You have actually proved tonight that you have no idea about this community.

It is the County Council's ultimate decision, but you as the Developer should have been getting to know the community. If you had done this consultation properly you would have found out that no one wants this development. The facility proposed is in the wrong place.

You are only now consulting the community - that does not sound to me like pre-planning consultation.

So do not blame it on the County Council. Look at yourselves.

**Richard Jarvis:** When you consulted the community - are you going to submit the 96 comments you received from the Community to Flintshire County Council - with your response to them?

**Neil Arbon:** They have been summarised in the application to Flintshire CC.

**Resident:** I hope your response to the observations will say something more than 'duly noted'.

**Resident:** You were asked earlier if you can guarantee to keep the plant constantly going at all times. What happens if the road through Rhydymwyn gets flooded and access to the site is not available. The road has been shut for days due to serious flooding in the past.

**Mr Rogers:** How long was the road flooded for?

**Chairman:** - The A541 though Rhydymwyn was closed due to flooding for nearly two weeks in the year 2000.

**Simon:** The message received tonight from the local knowledge has been loud and clear that the site is not suitable and this message needs to be made to Flintshire Planning.

**Resident:** Eco friendliness - You inferred that land will be used up to grow crops to feed your plant. Eco research shows that this is not an eco friendly practice. It is not good for the land. Land is also used up to grow food. Given the current situation in the World regarding food supply issues, this country will be needing land to supply food. This plant has nothing to do with utilising waste to turn into energy. This proposed plant is just to make profits for you.

**Ian Smith:** Said he would take a couple of photographs of the audience to show the strength and depth of feeling in the community demonstrated by the number of people who have turned up.

**Chairman:** The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the Meeting.

Signed (Chair) ..... Council Clerk .....Date .....