

Ince Park Community Forum

Minutes: 9 September, 2015

7:00 pm Ellesmere Port Boat Museum

Present:

Voting Members:

Cllr. Tony Mills, Elton Parish Council (Chairman)
 Cllr. Tim Lloyd, Ince Parish Council
 Cllr. Andrew Eardley, Ince Parish Council
 Cllr. Sarah Temple, Helsby Parish Council
 Cllr. Stephen Smith, Elton ward, Cheshire West & Chester Council
 Cllr. Roy Greenwood, Little Stanney and District Parish Council
 Cllr. P. Merrick, Rossmore ward, Cheshire West & Chester Council
 Cllr. D. Roberts, Netherpool ward, Cheshire West & Chester Council
 Cllr. A. Dawson, Frodsham ward, Cheshire West & Chester Council

Advisers:

Jane Gaston, Peel Environmental
 Lois Kay, Peel Environmental
 Keith Butterick, Secretary

<u>Items on Agenda</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Action by</u>
1. Apologies	Sue Pugh, Justin Madders office Alex Sutherland, Environment Agency Rod Brookfield, Cheshire West & Chester Council Clare Appleyard, Cheshire West & Chester Council	
2. Minutes of Last Meeting	The minutes of the 1 July 2015 meeting were accepted as a true record.	
3. Matters arising	There were no matters arising.	
4. Progress Report	Jane Gaston gave the Progress Report <u>Biomass Plant</u> Still waiting for financial closure on the biomass plant. Hopefully this would be complete by the end of September. Site work would then start – the environmental mitigation schemes, internal roads, external road alterations eg Grinsome Road. Northern Biopower would be invited to the Forum to update members on the scheme. AD: How long would construction go on for and when would the biomass plant be complete?	JG

	<p>JG: 10/12 months to complete the infrastructure and ecological areas. 18/24 months to complete the biomass plant.</p> <p>The baseline air monitoring programme would be linked to the construction programme. The actual monitoring would be carried out by the University of Chester – details have not yet been worked out.</p> <p>Forum members agreed that at some stage it would be appropriate to make the information publically available.</p> <p>SS – asked to be sent information on the school sculpture competition.</p> <p><u>Site Visit by Forum members</u> The offer of the site visit remains open. Members interested in a site visit should contact the Forum secretary. Contractors, Buckingham's, would facilitate the visit. While at this stage the visit would be restricted to Forum members – possible dates could be organised for other interested parties.</p> <p><u>Newsletter</u> A second edition of the newsletter would be produced after the financial closure had been achieved.</p> <p><u>EfW Plant</u> Discussion are contuing with the aim of having agreement by the end of the year to progress the scheme.</p> <p><u>Chester University/Thornton Science Park</u> Peel and Chester University exploring how to work together on a new enterprise and industry hub that would have national significance.</p> <p><u>Rebranding/New website</u> This was being undertaken to reflect the work being done with the University of Chester and should be completed by the end of the month. The new website will have dedicated pages for the Community Forum and the Community Benefit Fund. The existing OCP and Community Forum website will not be closed immediately. Agreed to have demonstration at the next meeting.</p> <p><u>Visit to Thornton Science Park</u> Agreed to arrange a late afternoon/early evening visit to TSP in October. LK to circulate alternative dates to members.</p> <p>Further detail for the timber recycling plant would be submitted following financial closure with the developers.</p> <p>Methods of getting in touch during the contrsuction period will be confirmed prior to construction start. Existing channels will</p>	<p>JG</p> <p>JG/LK</p> <p>LK</p>
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	still remain in place	
5. Ince Park Community Benefit Fund	<p>AE: explained what had been achieved to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agreed the terms of reference 2. Agreed draft guidelines for applicants 3. Produced a draft application form 4. Completed the bank application form to open a bank account <p>KB had been appointed to administer the CBF. His costs would be met from the CBF.</p> <p>Forum members would be presented with all relevant documents for comment at the next meeting.</p> <p>JG: £30,000 was allocated to the CBF for the first year. In subsequent years the costs of maintaining the Ince Pumping station would be taken from that sum. However, it was believed that as the number of tenants increased – the base sum would increase.</p> <p>A wide-ranging discussion took place over the issue of what would happen should the fund be significantly reduced in future.</p> <p>JG: Confirmed that CBF would not finance the air quality monitoring programme.</p> <p>All members welcomed the establishment of the Fund.</p>	KB
6. Forum website	This had been covered in an earlier item.	
7. Any other business	There was no other business.	
8. Date of the Next Meeting	11 November 2015	