

Protos Community Forum

Minutes of the meeting 30 June, 2016

7:00 pm Ellesmere Port Boat Museum

Present:

Voting Members:

Cllr. Tony Mills, Elton Parish Council (Chairman) Cllr. Sarah Temple, Helsby Parish Council Cllr. Martin Dickinson, Elton Parish Council Cllr. Stephen Smith, Elton ward, Cheshire West & Chester Council Cllr. Andrew Dawson, Frodsham ward, Cheshire West & Chester Council Cllr. Roy Greenwood, Little Stanney and District Parish Council Cllr. Alan McKie Helsby ward, Cheshire West & Chester Council

Advisers:

Myles Kitcher, Peel Environmental Lois Kay, Peel Environmental Mark Degg, Cogen Adrian Grocott, Buckinghams Keith Butterick, Secretary

Issues Discussed	Discussion	Action by
1. Apologies	Cllr. Tim Lloyd, Ince Parish Council Cllr. Andrew Eardley, Ince Parish Council Cllr. Diane Roberts, Netherpool ward, Cheshire West & Chester Council Cllr. Pat Merrick, Rossmore ward, Cheshire West & Chester Council Cllr. Caroline Ashton, Frodsham Town Council	
Absences	Justin Madders MP Ellesmere Port & Neston 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 meeting on 25th May, 2016 were accepted as a true record	
3. Matters Arising	There were no matters arising	
4. Progress Report	 LK: EfW Planning Application – hoped to be submitted mid-July. Once the application is validated, the 	



planning application documents will be uploaded to the Downloads page of the Protos website and a community update newsletter will be sent out. Expected that a determination will be made by the end of the year
 Non Material Amendment to the consented timber recycling facility on Plot 3 to be submitted followed by Reserved Matters and Discharge of Pre- Commencement Conditions. LK would keep the Forum informed of the progress.
 Windfarm update. Turbines would be installed by the end of July, windfarm will be fully commissioned by the end of 2016
 Enterprise Zone. Protos part of the EZ and working with it to pursue opportunities and raise profile of Protos
 Thornton Science Park. Still working with TSP on various developments. Protos will be moving to a larger office.
MK: As Protos/TSP developed this could mean a changing role for the Community Forum. Members agreed this should be an agenda item at the next meeting of the Forum.
 Adrian Grocott, site manager Buckinghams Work on Pool Lane roundabout continued, would be smaller than the previous one and completed at the end of October.
 Lighting columns would be installed by Buckinghams but maintained by Cheshire West.
Work on Grinsome Road was nearly complete.
 Work on replacing the effluent mains would be started. This would mean removing a CF Fertiliser pipeline and replacing it with a new one.
The first ecological mitigation areas would be completed by the end of July
 Mark Degg, Cogen Construction underway, piling completed and roads



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	taking shape. The reception hall was taking shape. Work on the 85 metre stack would start in July.	
	 Operational air quality monitoring station in place by September. 	
	A number of members asked for an update on the union action.	
	MK: This had been resolved. The union is now speaking to the contractor.	
	A question from AMc about the opportunity for local apprenticeships led to a wider discussion about	
	apprenticeships and employment at Protos and Thornton Science Park.	
	Members agreed that this should be an agenda item at the next meeting of the Forum	
	AD: Asked MK for an update on the current situation in respect of any plans to allow fracking at Protos. Agreed that this should be an agenda item at a future meeting,	
5. Community	TM: On behalf of current CBF chairman AE read out an	
Benefit Fund	update on the fund. A copy of the statement attached.	
Denent i unu	TM: Was there an update on the situation with the pumping	
	station?	
	LK: No current news – hopeful further information would be	
	available by September.	
6. Website	No new update on the website	
7. Any other	JG: had given birth to a daughter.	
Business	LK : Cheshire Wildlife Trust would be managing the ecological	
	areas A and D once the Phase 1 works are completed.	
	Update promised for next meeting of the Forum.	
	MK: UK Power Reserve will be submitting a planning	
	application for an smart electrical power generating site. This	
	will be on Peel owned land outside of the red lines of the	
	consented Ince RRP (now called Protos).	
	AD: Would it be possible to film meetings of the Forum in the	
	interests of transparency?	
	After a discussion, members agreed that this should be an	
	agenda item at the next meeting.	
	TM: Read out the relevant section from the Protos	
	Constitution about the attendance of members. Agreed that	
	when CWaC councillors repeatedly do not attend the forum or	
	send a representative in their place, that the relevant party	
	whips should be contacted.	
	A further discussion about updating the Constitution took	
	place. Agreed that KB should identify where the Constitution	
	should be amended.	
	Since SS: Would it be possible to have future meeting at venues such as Ince Parish Hall or Elton Community Centre.	



	Members agreed in principle with the suggestion – depending on availability and suitability. LK confirmed that the next meeting can take place at Thornton Science Park.	
8. Date of the Next Meeting	Still tbc– Thornton Science Park	