



## Protos Community Forum

### Minutes of the meeting 5 October, 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. Roy Greenwood, Little Stanney and District Parish Council  
 Cllr. Tim Lloyd, Ince Parish Council  
 Cllr. Andrew Eardley, Ince Parish Council  
 Justin Madders MP Ellesmere Port & Neston  
 Cllr Claire Jakeman, Thornton-le-Moors Parish Council

##### Advisers:

Myles Kitcher, Peel Environmental  
 Lois Kay, Peel Environmental  
 Des Mitchell, Cogen  
 Adrian Grocott, Buckingham  
 Alex Sutherland, Environment Agency  
 Keith Butterick, Secretary

**Cllr. Tony Mills welcomed Cllr. Claire Jakeman from Thornton-le-Moors parish council to her first meeting of the Community Forum.**

<u>Issues Discussed</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Action by</u>
<p><b>1. Apologies</b></p> <p>• <b>Absences</b></p>	<p>Cllr. Stephen Smith, Elton ward, Cheshire West &amp; Chester Council            Cllr. Caroline Ashton, Frodsham Town Council</p> <p>Cllr. Andrew Dawson, Frodsham ward, Cheshire West &amp; Chester Council            Cllr. Alan McKie Helsby ward, Cheshire West &amp; Chester Council            Cllr. Diane Roberts, Netherpool ward, Cheshire West &amp; Chester Council            Cllr. Pat Merrick, Rossmore ward, Cheshire West &amp; Chester Council            Rod Brookfield, Cheshire West &amp; Chester Council            Clare Appleyard, Cheshire West &amp; Chester Council</p>	

<p><b>2. Minutes of Last Meeting</b></p>	<p>The minutes of the meeting on 30th June, 2016 were accepted as a true record</p>	
<p><b>3. Matters Arising</b></p>	<p><b>KB:</b> At the last meeting members suggested a number of items they wanted to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update the Constitution: All Forum members need a marked copy of the current constitution indicating where changes should be made. <b>KB</b> had not opportunity to do this for the October meeting.</li> <li>• Fracking: While there was no opposition to the idea of debating the issue – as there are no fracking proposals at Protos, little point discussing at this stage.</li> <li>• Filming of meetings: Need specific proposals to be brought forward</li> <li>• Widening remit of the Forum: Not appropriate at the moment but raised later</li> <li>• Employment issues – on the agenda for the current meeting</li> </ul>	
<p><b>4. Progress Report</b></p>	<p><b>LK:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EfW Planning Application: Submitted 15 July. Should be decided at the November planning committee.</li> <li>• Amendment to the Plot 3 application approved.</li> <li>• Windfarm update. Trials would take place at the end of October. Hope to be operational in December.</li> <li>• Enterprise Zone. Protos exhibited at a recent event.</li> <li>• Thornton Science Park. Working with TSP on various issues.</li> </ul> <p><b>Adrian Grocott, site manager Buckingham</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work on Pool Lane roundabout using traffic lights at night would finish at end of current week.</li> </ul> <p>This then led to a discussion (which continued into AoB) about the problems of road width leading into Ince and problems of fixing the new curbs after the work by Buckingham’s had been completed. The curbs would be maintained by Cheshire West.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Landscaping: Work on the nature reserve progressing as planned. Seeding would be started soon.</li> <li>• <b>AE:</b> Asked about the drainage on Station Road.</li> <li>• <b>TL:</b> Would be possible to link the new footpath onto land over the road. <b>AG:</b> That land was owned by Cheshire West.</li> </ul>	

	<p>Forum agreed that an appropriate Officer from Cheshire West highways be invited to a future meeting of the Forum to discuss the curbs and footpath. Cheshire West ward councillors to be informed of this by the secretary</p> <p><b>Des Mitchell, Cogen</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Framework almost completed. Stack completed. Building work on schedule. Turbine would be arriving before Xmas</li> <li>• Plant hoped to be operational by Sep/Oct 2017</li> <li>• Air Quality monitoring would be start as soon as legal issues have been resolved.</li> </ul> <p>Members raised questions about the environmental permitting process. <b>AS</b> confirmed that the biomass plant would need an environmental permit and that this would need to go out for consultation probably towards the end of the current year.</p>	<b>KB</b>
<p><b>5. Community Benefit Fund</b></p>	<p>Current chairman <b>AE</b> provided an update.  <b>LK:</b> Would it be possible to have a photo of the church hall. Agreed it would be a good idea.  Only application to be considered was from North Hills Shooting Club.  CBF members were aware of the following proposed applications:  Ince village hall would be putting in an application for new windows.  Ince Parish council looking at quotes for replacing the historic lamp and possibly matting for the play areas.  Elton community centre would be submitting a revised application.  <b>KB:</b> Looking at whether CBF should become a registered charity. Confirmed that the financial year was January to January and a full end of year report and statement of account would be prepared.  <b>LK:</b> No further news on the pumping station costs.</p>	<b>KB</b>
<p><b>6. Future Employment</b></p>	<p><b>MK:</b> Introduced the item. It would become an issue when the next occupier came on site. Peel would encourage occupiers to adopt good employment practices –regarded as a good selling point for the park. <b>MK</b> looking to develop a skills hub/centre based on energy, not sure how this might develop as yet. Would be appropriate to produce a policy paper at some stage.  <b>JM:</b> Informed the Forum that local FE colleges were planning a merger to be completed next year.  <b>MK:</b> Agreed it would be worth meeting with the reformed college once the merger was completed.  What Protos did need was a mechanism to log and respond</p>	



	to speculative employment enquiries.	
<b>7. Website</b>	No new update on the website. <b>LK</b> invited stories for it.	
<b>8. Any other Business</b>	<p><b>AE:</b> No response to a query about the Bridleway.</p> <p><b>LK:</b> Couldn't recall it but would check emails</p> <p><b>TL:</b> Signage and the roundabout sculpture</p> <p><b>LK:</b> All removed signs would be replaced eventually. Agreed to discuss sculpture again</p> <p><b>MD:</b> When would Cheshire Wildlife Trust be involved at Protos.</p> <p><b>LK:</b> Would be managing the ecological areas from early next year and then take on more areas with Phase 2.</p> <p>Agreed to organise a site visit early next year.</p>	<p><b>LK</b></p> <p><b>KB/LK</b></p>
<b>9. Date of the Next Meeting</b>	<b>Still tbc– Thornton Science Park</b>	