



Protos Community Forum

Minutes of the meeting 7 December, 2016

6.30 pm Thornton Science Park

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

Advisers:

Myles Kitcher, Peel Environmental
 Des Mitchell, Cogen
 Adrian Grocott, Buckingham's
 Keith Butterick, Secretary

<u>Issues Discussed</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Action by</u>
<p>1. Apologies</p> <p>• Absences</p>	<p>Cllr. Stephen Smith, Elton ward, Cheshire West & Chester Council Cllr. Caroline Ashton, Frodsham Town Council Justin Madders MP Ellesmere Port & Neston Cllr Claire Jakeman, Thornton-le-Moors Parish Council Alex Sutherland, Environment Agency Lois Kay, Peel Environmental</p> <p>Cllr. Andrew Dawson, Frodsham ward, Cheshire West & Chester Council Cllr. Alan McKie Helsby ward, Cheshire West & Chester Council Cllr. Diane Roberts, Netherpool ward, Cheshire West & Chester Council Cllr. Pat Merrick, Rossmore ward, Cheshire West & Chester Council Rod Brookfield, Cheshire West & Chester Council Clare Appleyard, Cheshire West & Chester Council</p>	

<p>2. Minutes of Last Meeting</p>	<p>The minutes of the meeting on 5th October, 2016 were accepted as a true record</p>	
<p>3. Matters Arising</p>	<p>KB: At the last meeting members requested a relevant CWaC officer be invited to the Forum to discuss the continuation of the footpath. This was still in process.</p>	
<p>4. Progress Report</p>	<p>MK:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EfW Planning Application: Application approved by Committee, permission not yet issued but expected soon. Work with Covanta on plot 8 would continue. • UK Power Reserve. Opening on plot 15 a site adjacent to the park. A representative from the company would be invited to address the Forum. • Windfarm more or less complete. • AFC Energy plc. Will be working with Peel to develop the potential for hydrogen in the area. • Northern Powerhouse. The Government have identified Protos as key project in the Northern Powerhouse Investment Opportunities initiative. This was presented to a recent Chinese delegation. This will help raise the profile of the park. <p>Adrian Grocott, site manager Buckingham</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpath installed on the East side not west side. A discussion followed about the nature of the footpath – eg whether it could be tarmaced and whether it was a footpath or cycleway. MK: Would check on its designation and update the Forum. • Ecology areas: Tree planting had been going on for three weeks. It was possible to walk in these areas. <p>Des Mitchell, Cogen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building work on biomass almost complete. Turbine arriving before Xmas. • Plant hoped to be operational by Sep/Oct 2017. • Source material would be waste wood, not sleepers, telephone lines or virgin wood. Two suppliers had been identified. • Air Quality monitoring had started. Analysis of the data needed to be carried out. <p>A wider discussion followed about air quality monitoring and how the information produced by the monitoring should be used.</p> <p>Members agreed a meeting of Air Quality Forum be called in</p>	<p>MK</p> <p>KB</p>

	January and report to the full Forum in February.	
5. Community Benefit Fund	<p>Current chairman TL provided an update. TOTAL EXPENDITURE TO 6-12-15: £16,549:00 <i>Applications agreed 6-12-16:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ince Parish Council. Lamp Repair: £2,350 • Ince Parish Council: New children's playground equipment £5,987:00 • Ince Village Hall/Ince Parish Council: Creation and improvement of footpath access: £5,200:00 <p>Pending Applications: Ince Village Hall: New windows - £1,265:00. Floor sanding - £2,250:00 Elton Church Hall: Plumbing for refurbishment - £6,000, These were discussed at the meeting on 6-12-16 and further information was requested from the applicants. TOTAL PENDING: £9,515:00</p> <p>MK: Confirmed that £30,000 would be allocated to the Community Benefit Fund for the year 2017-18. KB: Confirmed that audited accounts and a report for 2016/17 would be presented at the February Forum.</p>	
6. Future Employment	MK: Nothing further to report from the last meeting	
7. Website	No update on the website.	
8. Any other Business	TL: Asked about the fencing around the new trees nearer the village agreed to raise the issue in an email to AG	
9. Date of the Next Meeting	<p>Air Quality Forum meeting to be organised in January</p> <p>Next Forum meeting:</p> <p>22nd February 2017</p>	