



Protos Community Forum

Minutes of the meeting 12th December 2018

7:00 pm Elton Community Centre

Present:

Voting Members:

Cllr. Sarah Temple, Helsby Parish Council
 Cllr. Andrew Eardley, Ince Parish Council
 Cllr. Martin Dickinson, Elton Parish Council
 Cllr. Roy Greenwood, Little Stanney and District Parish Council
 Cllr Clare Wright, Thornton-le-Moors Parish Council

Advisers:

Jane Gaston, Peel Environmental
 Alex Sutherland, Environment Agency

Keith Butterick, Secretary

| <u>Issues Discussed</u> | <u>Discussion</u> | <u>Action by</u> |
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| <p>1. Apologies</p> <p>• Absences</p> | <p>Justin Madders MP Ellesmere Port & Neston Sue Pugh Cllr. Adam Wordsworth, Frodsham Town Council Cllr. Tim Lloyd, Ince Parish Council Lois Kay, Peel Environmental</p> <p>Rod Brookfield, Cheshire West & Chester Council Clare Appleyard, Cheshire West & Chester Council Cllr. Andrew Dawson, Frodsham ward, Cheshire West & Chester Council Cllr. Matt Bryan, Upton ward, Cheshire West & Chester Council Cllr. Diane Roberts, Netherpool ward, Cheshire West & Chester Council Cllr. Alan McKie Helsby ward, Cheshire West & Chester Council Cllr. Paul Donovan, Sutton ward, Cheshire West & Chester Council</p> | |



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| <p>2. Presentation by Progressive Energy on their Planning Application at Plot 4. Protos</p> | <p>Adam Baddeley, Head of Project Delivery and Trevor Croft, Project Development Director, Progressive Energy and Lee Searles, Director of Planning at Enzygo Environmental consultants gave a presentation on the application by Progressive to build a BioSNG facility on Plot 4, Protos. A copy of the presentation is attached to the minutes.</p> <p>Among the key points: Public consultation events planned for January 2019 The purpose of the plant would be to produce a bio-substitute natural gas suitable for use by HGVs as a fuel. The gas would be exported into the existing pipeline network through a new on-site connection (location to be determined) Enclosed process there will be no significant emissions to air. There is a pilot plant at one-tenth scale in Swindon Site had been determined by a rigorous site selection process. The feedstock would be waste wood but flexibility is required due to market price fluctuations and so the plant design includes flexibility to use Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF). There would be no significant noise impact. Would take 3.5 years to plan and construct Would produce up to 300 jobs during the construction phase and 35 jobs during operation. Number of HGV movements (84 per day) would be within the consented limits The application had to be submitted quickly to CWaC in order to meet timetable requirements set by the Department for Transport which has provided funding to Progressive Energy. DfT determined the tight timescales. Hoping to complete the planning application process with CWaC approval by July 2019 latest. Progressive would then make a Funding & Final Investment decision whether to start detailed design and construction.</p> <p>Members asked a number of questions about the presentation: AS: What was the original combustion source AB: A small amount of gas would be used (as a start-up fuel) in the combustion process. ST: Waste wood sources. AB: The type of waste wood would be similar to that used in the biomass plant at Protos. Would be sourced from a supplier based in the North West. ST: Was the funding in place yet? AB: Not at moment would be looking for a range of equity investors and lenders during the course of the next few months</p> | |
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| | <p>AE: What type of by-products would be produced AB: A small amount of bottom-ash and a product called Plasmarok which can be used in construction</p> <p>CD's of the planning application were made available to members. JG/LK agreed to make the application available on the Protos website after it has been validated by CWAC.</p> | JG/LK |
| <p>3. Minutes of Last Meeting</p> | <p>The minutes of the meeting on 10 October 2018 were accepted as a true record</p> | |
| <p>4. Matters Arising</p> | <p>There were no matters arising.</p> | |
| <p>5. Progress Report</p> | <p>JG: Infrastructure Works Peel are waiting receipt of the final completion certificate for the S278 works from CWAC.</p> <p>Biomass The biomass plant is currently going through a 30 day acceptance test, and if successful will be passed into full operations early in the new year.</p> <p>Timber Feedstock is now in the process of being removed from site as part of the 30 day test at the biomass plant, once sufficient has been removed the final area of ground will be prepared for the concrete slab to be installed, and the building will then need to be constructed prior to it being passed into full operations.</p> <p>Igas Igas have halted all activities on Protos until the Merseyton Road planning appeal has reached an outcome. The appeal is due to be heard in Jan 2019.</p> <p>UKGEOS BGS have now submitted their planning application for the UKGEOS project. This will be available on the CWAC planning portal. There are 4 well sites on the Protos site with others on nearby Peel lan.</p> <p>JG agreed to provide Forum members with a map showing well sites and an email address for any queries to UKGEOS.</p> <p>Soils Plot 2 is being prepared ready to set up the permitted operations to process soils at Protos (splitting into grades for use in Phase 2 infrastructure work).</p> <p>Energy from Waste Peel have formally lodged an appeal against the planning decision and wait to hear from the Planning Inspectorate a date for the informal hearing. Covanta have made the submission for an EA permit.</p> | |

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| | <p>Plot 4 Peel are now working with a company called Progressive who are looking to take forward a gas to grid scheme on plot 4 which will use either RDF or biomass to produce a BioSNG which can then be used as a fuel for vehicles. This has been brought forward on a fast tracked programme due to funding deadlines set by the Dept for Transport around planning applications. A separate presentation was made to the forum to provide more detail (see Item 2).</p> <p>AE enquired about progress on Grinsome Road drainage. JG responded that they were jetting the drains and undertaking daily inspections to determine the relationship to adverse weather.</p> | |
| <p>6. Community Benefit Fund</p> | <p>ST: Updated members on the Community Benefit Fund.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peel confirmed that the allocation for 2019 would be £30,000. Members expressed their appreciation for the commitment • At the last meeting of the CBF panel on 6 December members had agreed: To defer payment of the Ince Village lamp until next year. Previously-approved payment towards the Elton Church Hall project was not going to occur until 2019. Approved new applications from Frodsham Bellringers, Little Stanney and District Council, Friends of Elton School. A decision on the application from Ince Parish Council on behalf of Ince Village Hall was deferred until 2019. The £4,000 cap limit was to be retained for 2019. <p>JG agreed that an edition of the newsletter would contain news on CBF funded projects.</p> | |
| <p>7. Any other Business</p> | <p>There was no other business raised</p> | |
| <p>8. Date of next meeting</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">6 March, 2019 Elton Community Centre 7.00pm</p> | |