



Protos Community Forum

Minutes of the meeting 2nd December 2020

6.30 pm Zoom meeting

Present:

Voting Members:

Cllr. Sarah Temple, Helsby Parish Council
Cllr. Andrew Eardley, Ince Parish Council
Cllr. Tim Lloyd, Ince Parish Council
Cllr. Clare Wright, Thornton-le-Moors Parish Council
Cllr. Lynn Riley, Frodsham ward, Cheshire West & Chester Council

Advisers:

Lois Kay, Peel NRE Environmental
Myles Kitcher, Peel NRE Environmental

Ahmed Detta, Enviroo
Julie Green, Enviroo
Beth Green, Enviroo

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Apologies	<p>Apologies: None</p> <p>Absences:</p> <p>Cllr. Roy Greenwood, Little Stanney and District Parish Council Cllr. Graham Heatley, Gowy Rural ward, Cheshire West & Chester Council Cllr. Martin Dickinson, Elton Parish Council Cllr. Pauline O'Reilly, Elton Parish Council Cllr. Judith Critchley, Frodsham Town Council Cllr. Paul Bowers, Helsby ward, Cheshire West & Chester Council Rod Brookfield, Cheshire West & Chester Council Clare Appleyard, Cheshire West & Chester Council Justin Madders MP Ellesmere Port & Neston/ Sue Pugh</p>	
Minutes of Last Meeting	The minutes of the meeting on 23 rd September 2020 were accepted as a true record	
Matters Arising	Security discussion between Peel and Ince PC to be discussed further in progress update and picked up separate to the forum as required	
Presentation from Enviroo (plot 13)	Copy of presentation attached. Link to video: Our Locations - Enviroo.	



Plastic recycling facility)		
Progress Report (with Questions and Answers)	<p>Plastic Park Further to the update at the last meeting, we continue to develop the master plan for the main Plastic Park site. We expect that the consultation will take place toward the end of Q1 next year. We have a very indicative plan which has been produced showing the extent of the plastic park – copy attached</p> <p>Plot 10b Waste2Tricity waste plastic to hydrogen facility We continue to work through the required pre commencement information We are undertaking some vegetation clearance in line with the planning permission and expect to start on site with the main works in the new year.</p> <p>Biomass Facility operating as normal</p> <p>Timber They are revisiting the planning requirements and any variations to this that they may need to discuss with CWaC. We are working closely with them on this and will keep the forum informed of any proposals.</p> <p>Energy from Waste We are pleased to say that Covanta have now achieved financial close bringing an investment of £300 million to the region. As mentioned last meeting, they have been on site doing some early works, with the main works starting imminently We have discussed with them that they could attend the next forum update to discuss their construction programme in more detail.</p> <p>ST asked who the contractor is. MK confirmed that Construction of the facility will be led by a joint venture between Mytilineos S.A. and Standardkessel Baumgarte GmbH</p> <p>LR requested that forum members have sight of community/public engagement plan before they attend the next meeting. MK confirmed Covanta/ their contractor will also be writing to all stakeholders in advance</p> <p>LK advised that community newsletter will be produced early in new year.</p> <p>ST and LR requested more detail on jobs/employment opportunities is provided by Covanta's contractor.</p>	<p>LK to provide members with copy of plastic park indicative plan</p>



	<p>ST requested that information relating to employment opportunities is included in newsletter</p> <p>Phase 2 infrastructure works (Peel) The phase 2 infrastructure works will commence in Dec 2020 and finish early 2022. These works include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• site preparation• construction of a series of access roads, and utility works, to provide access to Phase 2 plots for future developments• construction of a service protection slab over existing major pipelines• 2 new bridges<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ One located at West Central Drain to access the east of the site◦ And one crossing Tang Running ditch, which will provide access to the existing liquid berth on the Manchester Ship Canal, which will be upgraded to a dry berth.• modifications to the surface water drainage ditch network• creation of phase 2 nature areas (three new areas, no public access)• New United Utilities water supply• Ducting for comms (phone/internet) and power to all plots ready for existing and future developments <p>ST asked for confirmation that no rail being built. LK confirmed that not at this point as not required under planning for the operation of the EfW facility. But that there is at present a planning obligation to build the rail in advance of operation of any other phase 2 development plot.</p> <p>LR queried bus stop provision on the access roads, cycle/e-scooter connections to site and general connectivity to job opportunities for next generation. She noted Warrington as a successful built-out example of such thinking.</p> <p>MK confirmed that access for buses has been considered in the masterplan. Peel are involved in CWaC master planning work for the wider area with green travel being a component to this. A central transport hub has been considered.</p> <p>LK confirmed that there is an overarching travel plan for the site with each facility then building upon this and collecting data about travel choices from employees and setting objectives. A tenant forum will build upon this in the future once more facilities are on site. Travel plans are planning conditions.</p>	
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	<p>ST requested update in future newsletter, and a presentation when the Forum was able to meet in person (maybe mid 2021?) to cover the broader work Peel are doing involved with strategic energy, net zero, hydrogen and CCUS work.</p> <p>Plot 4 BioSNG No news</p> <p>Substation The construction of the substations on land to the east of plot 11 and the associated infrastructure continues. They have had a few delays and are now expecting to complete next March. SPEN (Scottish Power) are on programme with their aspect of the works. They are procuring major items of kit, the 132KV transformer has been delivered to Frodsham and the new pylon is in place. The Independent connection provider is building the new substations – one of which will be adopted by SPEN. This is now nearly complete.</p> <p>Other Power We are also working on the design of an 11KV main which will supply the plastic to Hydrogen facility and enable export of any electricity produced as a by-product and export to the grid.</p> <p>UKGEOS (update provided by BGS) Over the course of 2021, the UK Geoenergy Observatories team have been working to refine the design of the Cheshire Observatory. This has identified that, at this time, it is appropriate to deliver the central borehole array located on Elton Lane, south of CF Fertilisers, and associated surface, power and communications infrastructure. The design of this central array has been optimised to maximise its value for research into aquifer thermal energy storage and the effects of thermal perturbation on the subsurface environment. The updated design ensures that the project continues to deliver the commitments set out in the NERC Science Plan (published in 2014), supporting the UK's decarbonisation agenda and is able to deliver within the funding available for the project as a whole. At this time, the project will not deliver the outlying groundwater monitoring and seismic boreholes, or the deep 600m and 1200m boreholes that featured in the original plan. This means that construction will be over a smaller footprint than originally planned and there will be a reduced amount of vehicle movement and disturbance. Planning permission is still granted for these, leaving the original design as a viable option to take forwards in the future.</p>	
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The thermal research infrastructure in Cheshire will include boreholes that can be used to circulate heated and cooled water, so that the effect of thermal energy storage and extraction can be investigated. In addition, researchers will be able to access samples of groundwater and drill core for off-site laboratory investigations. Arrays of different sensor types will be deployed to monitor changes in subsurface pressure, temperature, water chemistry and physical and mechanical rock properties. Sound scientific evidence from facilities such as UKGEOS Cheshire will play a key role in helping decision-makers embed alternative energy solutions in future policy and regulations.

Ground investigations including drilling rigs are currently underway and it is anticipated that construction of the site will commence in summer 2021.

In summer 2020, Depak Lal joined the UK Geoenergy Observatories team as Business Development Manager and is keen to engage with you about the opportunities that the observatory may provide for local companies. If you want to find out more, please get in touch (ukgeosenquiries@bgs.ac.uk).

Newsletter

We are looking to issue a community newsletter at the start of January with information about Covanta and phase 2 works start on site. This will be distributed digitally.

Estate Management

- Peel will shortly be commencing ditch and culvert clearance to ensure flow through our network (works to be done by Caddis in line with method statement compliant with Natural England and Environment Agency guidance). Peel continue to liaise with Manchester Ship Canal and the EA on wider drainage issues.
- Gritting has commenced
- Security ongoing by Securitas
- Increased fly tipping over last few months which we have reported to Cheshire Police

Air Quality

The data collected at the Helsby monitoring station over the last couple of years as part of the contract with the biomass facility, has been collated into a technical report which has been signed off. Copy distributed with the minutes and will be posted on website.

As discussed previously moving forwards there will be an annual report produced by Ricardo AEA which will be more readable and suitable for sharing with the wider public.

To be added as an agenda item for next meeting.



	<p>Community Benefit Fund</p> <p>Peel can confirm that we will be contributing £50,000 to the Protos community benefit fund in the new year. I expect that we will be transferring this no later than the end of January.</p>	
Community Benefit Fund	<p>ST presented update following latest meeting of the Protos community benefit fund committee.</p> <p>4 applications received and approved</p> <p>Hornsmill Primary School, Helsby. £3,500 to support a recycling food and garden waste scheme.</p> <p>Friends of Elton School. £1,500 to support scheme to keep key stage 2 children (7-11 year olds) reading.. Grant will enable purchasing of books for the library.</p> <p>1st Ince and Elton scouts. £1,200 to enable them to purchase resources and equipment required for activities (e.g., camping, gardening etc)</p> <p>Ince PC – £1,500 for enhancements to play area. Greater depth of flooring and bark under play equipment.</p> <p>Update on existing projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ince village lamp, work on its renovation continues. Hoping to get electric installed free of charge. • Elton Village Events Committee - Youth Hub work complete • Harmers Wood – quarry fencing work complete • Helsby Sports Club - building almost finished. Benefit fund works (equipment for bowling green maintenance) to be purchased in new year. • Elton Primary School- Passion for Learning have supported the school during Covid. The committee is following up how this work aligns with the funded after-school clubs. • Runcorn Rowing Club - works on waste water treatment plant will commence in the new year • Ince village hall refurbishment complete • Elton gardener's association, allotment works, nearly complete <p>Next meeting Wednesday 24th March 2021</p>	



Any other Business	<p>TL requested update on Protos visitor's centre, when this might happen and who might be involved. MK Acknowledged we had discussed previously combining science and history of the area. This has not been progressed greatly however Peel have had discussions with Thornton, and with Catalyst centre. Likely to be a partnership approach. Peel will take away and provide update at a future meeting.</p> <p>TL raised concern over fly tipping. LK confirmed that Peel are using interim solutions for positioning temporary CCTV, and a permanent CCTV installation which is fit for purpose could be installed when there is an electric supply (part of Ph2 work).</p> <p>TL asked if the newsletter could include a map with which facilities will be where.</p>	LK to look at this being included in a future newsletter.
Date of next meeting	Wednesday 14th April 2021. 6.30pm. Zoom details and meeting agenda will be circulated in advance.	