



## Protos Community Forum

### Minutes of the meeting 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022

7.00pm Zoom meeting

#### Present:

#### Voting Members:

Cllr. Sarah Temple, Helsby Parish Council  
 Cllr. Tim Lloyd, Ince Parish Council  
 Cllr. Mark Parry, Little Stanney and District Parish Council  
 Cllr. Pauline O'Reilly, Elton Parish Council  
 Cllr. Graham Heatley, Gowry Rural Ward

#### Advisers:

Lois Kay, Peel NRE  
 Jane Gaston, Peel NRE  
 Richard Bates, Peel NRE  
 Joe Harper, Sisk  
 Andy Smith, Covanta  
 Phil Bridges, Environment Agency

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Apologies	Cllr. Andrew Eardley, Ince Parish Council Cllr. Clare Wright, Thornton Le Moors Parish Council Daniel Gaskarth, Environment Agency	
Absences	Cllr. Felicity Davies, Frodsham Town Council Cllr. Martin Dickinson, Elton Parish Council Cllr. Paul Bowers, Helsby Ward Cllr. Margaret Parker, Gowry Rural Ward Cllr. Chris Basey, Frodsham Ward Justin Madders MP Ellesmere Port & Neston	
Minutes of Last Meeting	The minutes of the meeting on 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 were accepted as a true record	
Matters Arising	Hydrogen and CCUS presentation given at January meeting was circulated to members by LK.  Amends requested by AE were made to the October meeting minutes – approved version of minute is now on the Protos website	



	<p>Station Road drainage – RB confirmed that the Council have been on site and have cleaned a pipe section and removed roots. Section of pipe removed to allow access by camera. Pipes look clear. In location where hydro break is , Peel are to hand dig and reveal the hydro break and investigate what it looks like.</p> <p>MSBG Community Liaison group – AS confirmed that there is a section in their e-newsletter (copy can be found on the project website). Application forms for the liaison group are available if anyone interested (contact Andy Smith). Some targeted invites will also be sent out to try and access a good mix of members including members of the public, elected representative, and community groups. No timeline to report on first meeting of the group at the moment,</p> <p>Piling – all piling now complete on phase 2 and plot 8.</p> <p>Plot 8 recruitment. AS advised that still a bit away from starting this, but AS to keep members updated.</p> <p>Community Benefit fund project limit has been increased from £4000 to £5000. This is now reflected on updated applications guidelines on the website</p>	
<p>Energy from Waste Facility, Plot 8, Protos from Andy Smith Covanta</p>	<p>Update note circulated in advance of the meeting (copy attached)</p> <p>ST – commented that being notified in advance of large loads arriving to site was helpful so that members are informed if members of the public ask them about this. AT – advised that there will be constant flow of materials ongoing now into site. And any large of heavy loads are managed via the haulier and will ensure consents in place with Highways authority.</p> <p>ST noted the current 170 person/day workforce and asked will this increase. AT confirmed that this is ramping up now. With continuation of civil works and then moving into mechanical installation and later in the year electrical installation works, expect a peak workforce around 600 person/day in the Autumn.</p>	<p>AS to advise forum members of any future abnormal loads</p>
<p>Phase 2 works update</p>	<p>Update note circulated in advance of the meeting (copy attached)</p>	



<p>from Joe Harper, Sisk</p>	<p>ST - how frequently drone footage is captured? JH confirmed that they normally take a drone out on a monthly basis. He commented that the February video is representative of what is on site however will in due course circulate a video with March footage.</p> <p>GH – In the phase 2 ecological areas, is the planting and seeding in line with Cheshire Nature/native species.</p> <p>JH and RB confirmed that the areas have been designed by landscape and habitat specialists (RSK) to reflect habitat requirements and include native species, in line with the planning consent and with involvement from Cheshire Wildlife Trust.in the design process</p>	<p>JH to provide updated drone footage</p>
<p>Protos update</p>	<p>ST - How definite that the plastic park application is going to the June committee? LK and JG - we have been advised by planning officers that it is going to June committee.</p> <p>ST - Plot 1, will this be aligned with the plastic park? JG – application for plot 1 won't be aligned with timings of planning for plastic park. For re processing of plastics, the facility will be sufficiently sized for the activity in the plastic park. Some discussions still to be had around configuration of site, planning and property agreements.</p> <p>ST – requested a copy of an updated masterplan. LK and JG will circulate updated masterplan and in due course visibility of further versions of masterplans.</p>	<p>LK to provide copy of updated masterplan</p>
<p>Benefit fund update from Sarah Temple</p>	<p>*Confidential update note* circulated in advance of the meeting No questions on this</p> <p>Accounts have now been produced for last year. These were approved by the forum.</p> <p>Once minor amends to formatting made, this will be uploaded to the website.</p>	<p>LK to upload 2021 accounts</p>
<p>AOB</p>	<p>TL – raised the matter of the railings on station road (following from previous email correspondence with LK)</p>	<p>LK to respond to TL regarding railings</p>
<p>Date of next meeting</p>	<p>Provisional date of <b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022</b> proposed for the AGM and the next meeting. AGM 630PM and Meeting 7PM on Zoom</p>	

## **Protos Energy Recovery Facility Project**

### **Project Update for Protos Community Forum – April 2022**

#### Site Progress Since Last Meeting

- Completion of piling works across the site – c.6,450 piles installed;
- Continuation of fuel storage bunker construction – walls now c.6.5m above ground level;
- Completion of the foundations for flue gas treatment, stack, steam turbine hall and administration & control building – c.16,000m<sup>3</sup> of concrete poured to date;
- Continuation of erection of structural steel and precast concrete structures
- Commencement of boiler equipment installation;
- Average site workforce of around 170 persons per day; and
- Over 270,000 hours worked without a single lost-time accident.

A video showing progress on site from March 2021 to January 2022 can be found on the Covanta YouTube channel at: <https://youtu.be/KtEAFgl2PCU>



#### Look-ahead

- Continuation of bunker upper-structure construction;
- Continuation of reinforced concrete works to main building foundations;
- Continuation of erection of steel & pre-cast concrete structures;
- Continuation of erection of Line 1 boiler & preparation for commencement of Line 2;
- Commencement of flue gas treatment system installation; and
- Delivery of steam turbine, generator, flue gas stack and other key equipment.

#### Other Items of Interest

- As previously advised, an application for a Variation to the Environmental Permit for the operation of the facility has been submitted to the EA to align the Permit with certain details of the proposed plant design.

#### Further information

- Supply-chain opportunities: <https://protoserf.com/supplier/>
- Employment enquires: <https://protoserf.com/jobs/>
- Project Newsletter: <https://protoserf.com/e-newsletter/>