



Protos Community Forum

Minutes of the meeting 13th July 2022

7.00pm Zoom meeting

Present:

Voting Members:

Cllr. Sarah Temple, Helsby Parish Council
 Cllr. Andrew Eardley, Ince Parish Council
 Cllr. Mark Parry, Little Stanney and District Parish Council
 Cllr. Ian Anstice, Frodsham Town Council

Advisers:

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

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Apologies	Cllr. Margaret Parker Gowy Rural Ward Cllr. Pauline O'Reilly, Elton Parish Council Cllr. Graham Heatley, Gowy Rural Ward Cllr. Tim Lloyd, Ince Parish Council Cllr. Clare Wright, Thornton Le Moors Parish Council	
Absences	Cllr. Martin Dickinson, Elton Parish Council Cllr. Paul Bowers, Helsby Ward Cllr. Chris Basey, Frodsham Ward Justin Madders MP Ellesmere Port & Neston	
Minutes of Last Meeting	The minutes of the meeting on 6 th April 2022 were accepted as a true record	
Matters Arising	Peel to continue investigation and notifying forum about Station Road drainage. RB provided verbal update on the matter explaining that hand digs, and use of GPS, sonar equipment has been used. However we are concerned about the depth of the issue adjacent to major services. We are happy to see that the CWaC highways works have seen a reduction in surface water..	Peel to continue investigation and notifying forum

	<p>AS to advise forum members of any future abnormal loads – nothing has arisen since last meeting, but will ensure that any abnormal loads are notified to forum members.</p> <p>JH to provide updated drone footage - link provided in latest update provided by Sisk</p> <p>LK to provide copy of updated masterplan – circulated ahead of July meeting</p> <p>LK to upload Community Benefit Fund 2021 accounts – uploaded</p> <p>LK to respond to TL regarding railings – response sent confirming Peel’s position</p>	<p>AE to follow up with TL. RB and CWAC to respond if necessary.</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 – Can we improve linkages between the Peel NRE Protos website and the MSBG Protos ERF site?</p> <p>ST – Still concerned about separate MSBG construction liaison group. AS advised that this will have more focus on individuals, local interest groups, as opposed to local councillors.</p> <p>Continued participation into Protos forum however there may be detailed conversations which arise out of the Protos forum may be better taken to the ERF liaison group.</p> <p>Timings will be arranged so that the meetings will not happen too close together.</p> <p>ST – would like confirmation about the date of meeting, access to minutes?</p>	<p>LK and AS to make appropriate additions to the Peel Protos website</p> <p>AS will share this date of first meeting once known.</p> <p>AS will provide summary of the liaison group’s discussions at the Protos forum moving forwards.</p>

	<p>AS encouraged application to join the liaison group</p> <p>Consultation on environmental permit, expires on 20th July – link in the update note.</p>	AS will confirm where minutes will be made available
Phase 2 works update from Jason Hurst, Sisk	<p>Update note circulated in advance of the meeting (copy attached)</p> <p>ST – requested clarification of what is being demolished at the berth? JH confirmed that this is just demolition of the derelict buildings.</p> <p>ST asked if delivery of the bridge would be in abnormal loads? JH confirmed cranes will be required, and a number of separate deliveries including a few abnormal loads.</p> <p>ST - Following the seeding of ecology areas B, C and E in September. What happens between then and Cheshire wildlife trust (CWT) taking over management next Spring? The success of the seeding and planting will be monitored by the sub-contractor (Craven) responsible for the works. CWT will be employed to undertake bi-monthly visits before entering into the formal agreement next year.</p> <p>Mark Parry suggested that CWT connect with Chester Zoo around land use. JG advised that Peel are undertaking strategic review of land looking at biodiversity net gain requirements.</p>	MP to provide LK with contact details
Protos update	<p>Update note circulated in advance of the meeting (copy attached)</p> <p>AE raised queries from one community member regarding over-hanging branches and narrowing of path.</p> <p>ST – queried typo – phase 1 of Private Works substation complete first ‘quarter 2021’ – typo to be amended.</p> <p>ST – asked for further update in light of the news articles recently updated to the Protos website about CO2 capture and hydrogen generation projects at Protos..</p> <p>JG provided update - Peel have signed a memorandum of understanding with Progressive Energy (who have been heavily involved in public consultation relating to the Hynet project). Hynet is a regionally significant infrastructure project of hydrogen production infrastructure and associated pipelines. The project will collect CO2 and transport it through a pipeline to storage in the east Irish sea. This project will support</p>	LK to contact Chris Jackson, Ince PC, regarding location of area of concern

	<p>decarbonisation through the use of hydrogen in place of natural gas. As a project in its totality, it will help in the energy transition and support the reduction of carbon emissions in the area. Both the CO2 and hydrogen pipelines will run through land at Protos. As such Peel are working with Progressive as a stakeholder in the Development Consent Order process to understand the location of those assets. As they will be on Protos land, we are also working with them to understand how that infrastructure could benefit projects at Protos and looking at other projects outside of the development consent order which could be used to support carbon capture and storage (CCUS) and ways in which hydrogen can be produced at Protos in addition to at the main hydrogen production facility at the Stanlow oil refinery.</p> <p>ST asked whether these smaller projects which would contribute to decarbonisation are being considered specifically on Protos site or on Peel land more broadly in the area? JG – We are looking at the best location, whether on existing Protos consented site, or on other parcels of land within Peel ownership. The Hynet consultation information shows the proposed pipeline routes for this project which is through land to the south of the consented Protos site and south of CF Fertilisers. Peel’s understanding is that the CO2 pipeline would terminate in that location and there would be an above ground installation.</p> <p>ST asked if the plot 4 Bio SNG, Progressive energy development, introduced to the forum previously, is part of the same thing? JG confirmed that the plot 4 development was at first being taken forward by Progressive, however the Option agreement has now been assigned to Protos Biofuels (which is a joint venture between ABSL and Greenergy). As such Progressive are no longer involved in plot 4.</p> <p>LK reported the success of latest twitter paid promotion of the July community update newsletter.</p> <p>Between Friday 8th and Wednesday 13th July: 22,500 impressions 2000 engagements 89% of these are new users</p> <p>ST was pleased with this update, and reminded that a community benefit fund focussed newsletter would be good to circulate later in the year</p>	<p>LK encourages all members of the forum to continue sharing the newsletter with their local networks.</p>
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Benefit fund update from Sarah Temple	*Confidential update note* circulated in advance of the meeting No questions on this	
AOB	No AOB	
Date of next meeting	Provisional date of Wednesday 12th October 2022 proposed for the next meeting. 7PM on Zoom	LK to confirm with CWaC councillors

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