

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Title	Theddlethorpe GDF Community Partnership Meeting 11		
Date	Thursday 16 th November 2023		
Time	From:	14:00	To: 16:30
Location	Coastal Centre, Victoria Road, Mablethorpe, Lincolnshire, LN12 2AQ		
Chair	Jon Collins (Chair)		
Note taker	Victoria Mana (VM)		
Meeting Attendees –			
Community Partnership (CP) Members			
Sector	Name	Organisation	Role
Nuclear Waste Services	Sarah Fletcher (SF)	Nuclear Waste Services (NWS)	Interim Community Engagement Manager
Council	CLlr Martin Hill (MH)*	Lincolnshire County Council	Leader
Council	CLlr Craig Leyland (CL)	East Lindsey District Council	Leader
Council	CLlr Simon Acklam (SA)	Theddlethorpe & Withern Parish Council	Parish Council Representative
Council	CLlr Claire Arnold (CA)	Mablethorpe & Sutton Town Council	Town Council Representative
Voluntary	Rob Druce (RD)	Mablethorpe Coastwatch	Station Manager
Voluntary	David Fannin (DF)	Lincolnshire Community & Voluntary Service	CEO
Voluntary	Ken Smith (KS)	Guardians of the East Coast	Chair
Business	Carl Richardson (CR)	Dunes Family Entertainment Centre Ltd Dunes Food Events Company Ltd	Director Managing Director
Business	Helen Fisher (HF)	We Are Carbon	Proprietor
Meeting Observers			
	Justin Brown (JB)*	Lincolnshire County Council	Assistant Director, Growth
	Mike Gildersleeves (MG)*	East Lindsey District Council	Assistant Director – Planning & Strategic Infrastructure
Other Attendees			
	Nicky Kirkby (NK)	Nuclear Waste Services	Operations Manager
	Fiona McEvoy (FM)	Nuclear Waste Services	Head of Geosphere Characterisation
	Jason Canning (JC)	Nuclear Waste Services	Principal Geosphere Characterisation Geoscientist
	Danny Young (DY)*	Nuclear Waste Services	Principal Engineering Manager
	Areej Alotaiba (AA)*	Nuclear Waste Services	Senior Engineering Manager
	Matt Swift (MS)	Nuclear Waste Services	Senior Project Manager
	Dan Rigg* (DR)	Nuclear Waste Services	Site Evaluation Manager
	Anneline Wilson (AW)	Nuclear Waste Services	Communications Lead
	Mike Bowman (MB)	Nuclear Waste Services	GDF Advisor / Consultant
Apologies			
Voluntary Sector	Tammy Smalley (TS)	Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust	Head of Conservation
Business Sector	Gareth Rowland (GR)	Holivans Ltd	Director
Observer	Andy Gutherson (AG)	Lincolnshire County Council	Executive Director of Place
Notes	*Attended Meeting Online		

Agenda

Item	Description
1	Introductions, apologies and opening remarks
2	Declaration of Interests (any new / changes)
3	Review of outstanding actions from previous meeting
4	Feedback from ANDRA Visit
5	Seismic Geology
6	Transport Study
7	Programme of Activities
8	AOB

Notes

Item	Notes for the record	Raised by / lead
1	Introductions, apologies and opening remarks	Chair
1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introductions made and apologies noted 	
2	Declaration of Interests (any new / changes)	Chair
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No updates 	
3	Review of outstanding actions from previous meeting	Chair
3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update provided on actions from previous meeting (please see notes below) Questions submitted by members of the public via the webform or via social media were printed out and distributed to CP Members at the meeting 	
4	Feedback from ANDRA Visit	All
4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments included: 'very interesting', 'great attention to detail', 'tunnel system fascinating', 'felt the geology', 'scale was incredible', 'good learning opportunity', 'when you see it, it brings everything to life' Parallels with Lincolnshire were recognised – sparsely populated rural area, lack of industry in the region, geology of the host rock is very similar 	
5	Seismic Geology	Fiona McEvoy / Jason Canning
5.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invitation extended to CP Members to visit the British Geological Survey in Keyworth, Nottinghamshire Suggestion made for a field trip to visit Kimmeridge, or similar site, to see the geology Overview of the geology along the east coast – known as the Ancholme Group The study and understanding of the rocks and their safety is of paramount importance Noted that clear information and the use consistent terminology is important – and that a single version of the truth needs to be communicated 	
6	Transport Study	Danny Young
6.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expectation that the Network Rail report would be ready for sharing at this meeting, but there has been a delay (which is out of the hands of NWS) CP Members frustrated that dates are given for reports to be released, but that these are not always realised – NWS advised that delay was owing to additional Department for Transport governance and was beyond NWS control 	

7	Programme of Activities	Matt Swift
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of workstreams based on feedback from the Away Day held in September • Noted that the December meeting will include a more robust engagement plan which is to be approved by the CP • Chair noted that, for the CP to maintain credibility, a range of views needs to be expressed, not just those of NWS as the developer • SF noted that many people in the community are still learning what a GDF is and that there is still a need for basic information • Observation made that many in the community fear that the government will do what they wish, and that the opinion of the community will not be considered 	
8	AOB	All
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion around upcoming village hall events in December • A Member expressed their view that the co-opted individual should be someone with a specific skillset which would benefit that CP. It was highlighted that the co-opted individual will be interviewed by the CP Members • If amended by 14th December, the updated CP Agreement will be brought to the December meeting (with reference to deputies and co-opted individuals) 	

Decision Log

Meeting Date	Minutes Reference	Item	Date Due	Date Actioned	Status	Comments
16.11.23	7.1	Agreed that Cllr Craig Leyland should be the CP lead for CP Operations and Governance within the Programme of Activities	16.11.23	16.11.23	Closed	Cllr Leyland agreed to take on this role

Action Log

Meeting Date	Minutes Reference	Item	Date Due	Date Actioned	Status	Comments
20.07.23	9.1	Potential dates to be identified and locations to be confirmed for CP Members to visit sites of relevance and interest	Spring 2024		Open	For UK visits, Low Level Waste Repository dates being proposed for April (awaiting confirmation); HS2 dates being discussed for May (awaiting final proposals); Hinkley – no current update Chris Keenan / Nicky Kirkby to action
21.09.23	7.1	Deputising for CP Members - Consider the guidance for recommendation 3	Spring 2024		Open	Chair to determine the guidance for this – in progress – changes being updated to the CPA by the NWS policy team. Meeting took place 8 th November

						Updates to the CPA are in hand but the Community Partnership Agreement is being reviewed in line with Working in Communities Policy
21.09.23	7.1	Update the CPA to reflect the decision by CP Members to allow Co-opted Individuals a vote	Spring 2024		Open	SF to oversee – in progress – changes being updated to the CPA by the NWS policy team. Meeting took place 8 th November Updates to the CPA are in hand but the Community Partnership Agreement is being reviewed in line with Working in Communities Policy
16.11.23	5.4	Question arose around how long high-level waste needs to be stored above ground prior to placement in the GDF	14.12.23		Open	Information to be provided - Anneline Wilson to action
16.11.23	6.1	Request for a focused look at promises made and deliveries actioned in relation to the siting studies timeline	tbc		Open	Matt Swift to liaise with Amy Shelton
18.05.23	5.1	Does Theddlethorpe Gas Terminal Site still have 'National Infrastructure Status'?	14.12.23	14.12.23	Closed	Update from Chris Keenan - Verbal update has been received confirming that the site is no longer considered critical national. Awaiting this to be confirmed in writing
20.07.23	4.1	Consider the fundamentals of the National Policy Statement (NPS) and how this provides guidance in relation to planning permissions and environmental legislation	20.06.24	20.06.24	Closed	Malcolm Orford and Ruth Letourneur to deliver this
20.07.23	5.1	Investigate the use of Mablethorpe Council Chamber for future CP meetings for when the public are invited to attend – aim to hold the	14.12.23	14.12.23	Closed	VM has made enquiries re possible use of the Chamber – response received 30.10.23, but availability of this venue

		first public meeting in January 2024				yet to be confirmed Update – we are looking at all possible venues in the area and a paper of options will be presented to CP in December 2023
19.10.23	3.1	Filming of CP Meetings	01.12.23	01.12.23	Closed	NWS looking to resolve technical challenges as soon as possible and will report back accordingly. This update is further to a meeting between the Chair and CK held on 23.10.23
16.11.23	5.1	Proposed visit to the British Geological Survey in Keyworth, Nottinghamshire	23.11.23	23.11.23	Closed	Send email to CP Members inviting them to attend this visit proposed for 13 th March 2024 – VM sent email 23.11.23
16.11.23	5.2	Presentation to be given by NWS at a future meeting around 'lessons learnt' from previous geological studies	22.02.24	22.02.24	Closed	NWS to provide breadth of view and opinion around past investigations Jason Canning / Fiona McEvoy to present early in 2024
16.11.23	5.3	Approved update by Jason Canning as follows - NWS is searching for suitable sites to host a GDF between 200m and 1000m below the surface. Early results of the geological studies have indicated that suitable geology, within the Jurassic Ancholme Group, is present at depths between 300m and 800m depth in the Theddlethorpe Search Area and adjacent offshore. These depths are approximate and will be refined as further work is undertaken	07.12.23	07.12.23	Closed	No current need for any presentation materials to be updated. NWS will continue to search for suitable geology between 200m and 1000m depth
16.11.23	6.2	Network Rail report to be circulated to CP Members once published	28.11.23	28.11.23	Closed	Report circulated 28.11.23



16.11.23	7.1	In person planning session to organise the five workstreams within the Programme of Activities	31.01.24	31.01.24	Closed	To be held 31.01.24 at the Coastal Centre, Mablethorpe - NK and VM to oversee
16.11.23	7.2	Programme of Activities, Workstream 3 – Community Investment Funding	07.11.23	07.11.23	Closed	Analysis of local demographics and needs assessment reports to be considered - Mike Brophy to deliver his findings to the CIF Panel at first funding meeting on 07.11.23