

### MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Title	Theddlethorpe GDF Community Partnership Meeting 12		
Date	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2023		
Time	From:	14:00	To: 16:30
Location	Coastal Centre, Victoria Road, Mablethorpe, Lincolnshire, LN12 2AQ		
Independent Interim Chair	Jon Collins		
Note taker	Victoria Mana		
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
Voluntary	Tammy Smalley* (TS)	Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust	Head of Conservation
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	Director
		Dunes Food Events Company Ltd	Managing Director
Business	Helen Fisher (HF)	We Are Carbon	Proprietor
Meeting Observers			
	Andy Gutherson* (AG)	Lincolnshire County Council	Executive Director of Place
	Mike Gildersleeves (MG)	East Lindsey District Council	Assistant Director – Planning & Strategic Infrastructure
Guest Presenters			
	Neil McBride (NM)	Lincolnshire County Council	Head of Planning
	Charlie Rollason* (CR)	Senior Consultant	Yonder
Other Attendees			
	Simon Hughes (SH)	Nuclear Waste Services	Siting & Communities Director
	Matt Swift* (MS)	Nuclear Waste Services	Senior Project Manager
	Nicky Kirkby (NK)	Nuclear Waste Services	Operations Manager
	Christian Bucknell (CB)	Nuclear Waste Services	Community Engagement Officer
Apologies			
Council Representative	Cllr Claire Arnold	Mablethorpe & Sutton Town Council	Town Council Representative
Business Sector	Gareth Rowland	Holivans Ltd	Director
Notes	*Attended Meeting Online		

## Agenda

Item	Description
1	Introductions, apologies and opening remarks
2	Declaration of Interests (any new / changes) Standing item
3	Review of outstanding actions from previous meeting and matters arising
4	Questions submitted by the public – responses currently being QA'd for accuracy
5	rPLA role within the process and statement of intent with Q & A to follow
6	Engagement Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doorstep and holiday maker summary report</li> <li>• Big Picture summary report</li> <li>• Greater Lincolnshire LEP Conference</li> <li>• Councillor and Parish Chair's Monthly Briefings</li> <li>• Shaping Engagement</li> </ul>
7	Proposed Engagement Plan, 2024 - 2027
8	Venue Options for Meetings in Public
9	Siting and Evaluation – Network Rail Report
10	CIF Update
11	AOB

## Notes

Item	Notes for the record	Raised by / lead
1	Introductions, apologies and opening remarks	Interim Chair
1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductions made and apologies noted</li> </ul>	
2	Declaration of Interests (any new / changes)	All
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No updates – but please note the declaration of interests acknowledged in agenda item 8</li> </ul>	
3	Review of outstanding actions from previous meeting and matters arising	Interim Chair
3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update provided on actions from previous meeting (please see notes below)</li> </ul>	
4	Questions submitted by the public – responses currently being QA'd for accuracy	Interim Chair
4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responses for questions submitted for the November meeting are currently being QA'd for accuracy</li> <li>• Questions submitted by members of the public via the webform or via social media since the November meeting were printed out and distributed to CP Members</li> </ul>	
5	rPLA role within the process and statement of intent with Q & A to follow	Mike Gildersleeves / Neil McBride

5.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation given offering an oversight of the process around Nationally Significant Infrastructure Planning and some guidelines to the relevant timeframes</li> <li>• Tammy Smalley informed CP Members that Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust will be involved in the NSIP process for the GDF</li> <li>• Recommendation that the CP Members refer to the National Infrastructure website as this contains some informative videos - <a href="https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/">https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/</a></li> </ul>	
6	<p>Engagement Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doorstep and holiday maker summary report</li> <li>• Big Picture summary report</li> <li>• Greater Lincolnshire LEP Conference</li> <li>• Councillor and Parish Chair’s Monthly Briefings</li> <li>• Shaping Engagement</li> </ul>	Sarah Fletcher Interim Chair Charlie Rollason
6.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acknowledgement that the doorstep work has been ‘engagement’ rather than a survey being conducted (the latter being the original intention)</li> <li>• Overview was that the doorstep exercise had been a positive one as it provided an opportunity for local people to talk to, and ask questions of, the Nuclear Waste Services engagement team</li> <li>• Holiday maker engagement did not lead to any firm conclusions as it took place outside of the main holiday period. However, 70% of those engaged with did state that any plans for a GDF would not impact on their plans to holiday in the region</li> </ul>	
6.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Big Picture summary – 18 events have taken place so far. The main message is that those who attended the events were very engaged and asked many questions of the subject matter experts in attendance</li> <li>• Suggestion made that views about the GDF could be captured before and after the event to gauge any change of opinion</li> </ul>	
6.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LEP conference provided a good opportunity for interaction with stakeholders, especially those involved with technology</li> </ul> <p>An element of learning from this event was that many people assumed that the construction of the GDF was going ahead in East Lindsey further to which, a CP Member commented that members of the public need to be fully aware that they will have a stake in the decision-making process</p>	
6.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion around separate NWS / CP branding and how this will evolve. NWS will continue to host events on behalf of the CP and these will be branded accordingly. Separate CP branding to be developed. NWS as the developer will be required to complete separate engagement and consultation as a requirement of DCO applications.</li> </ul>	
6.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor and Parish Chair’s monthly briefings area held to keep the Chairs of the local councils informed so that they, in turn, can inform their local residents. It is a point of accountability for those elected in the area. The agenda is always open to suggestion and lively discussion usually held</li> </ul>	
6.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shaping Engagement – presentation providing an overview of an amalgamation of various surveys carried out in the Search Area so far. These show that a large number of people have heard of the GDF, but that they don’t have a full understanding of what it is</li> </ul>	

7	Proposed Engagement Plan, 2024 – 2027	Sarah Fletcher
7.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engagement events of 2024 onwards are to be led by the Community Partnership as a part of the Programme of Activities CP representatives for this workstream are the Interim Chair and Helen Fisher who will lead this area in collaboration with NWS</li> <li>NWS are working on demographic analysis to ensure that the engagement style is correct and all-inclusive</li> <li>Fresh approach needed for engagement activities – notably that the CP need to go out to the public rather than expecting people to come to the CP. This is to ensure that as many people are engaged with as possible and to shift the focus from the active interested group (those who attend organised events) to the inactive and disinterested, the latter being the majority who do not understand what the GDF is</li> <li>Proposed plan will be put to the CP for their acceptance and approval</li> </ul>	
8	Venue Options for Meetings in Public	Victoria Mana
8.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation of potential alternative venues for CP meetings for when the public are invited to attend</li> <li>Carl Richardson declared an interest in one of the venues presented, The Dunes, Quebec Road, Mablethorpe, as Director and Shareholder</li> </ul>	
9	Siting and Evaluation – Network Rail Report	Andy Gutherson
9.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lincolnshire County Council presented their conclusions from the report, the main one being that it is unlikely that a rail link will come to this area unless a GDF were to be built here</li> </ul>	
10	CIF Update	David Fannin
10.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First CIF Meeting of Year 2 took place on 07.12 23 The Terms of Reference and Principals of Operation were considered in this meeting. The first group of applications will be considered in the next meeting scheduled for 09.01.24</li> </ul>	
11	AOB	Interim Chair - All
11.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A CP Member asked for clarity around the cancellation of the proposed engagement events scheduled for early December. The reason on this occasion for not going ahead was because of a duty of care to NWS staff and CP Members attending.</li> </ul>	
11.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion around any future referendum for the GDF Clarification given that the CP is following government guidance in this process and that it is only the councils who can trigger the referendum Therefore, East Lindsey District Council will follow this process as required and any proposals for a vote about a potentially early withdrawal from the process would be unlawful</li> </ul>	

### Decision Log

Meeting Date	Minutes Reference	Item	Date Due	Date Actioned	Status	Comments
14.12.23	7.1	Communication and Engagement Workstream Leads (Helen Fisher and Interim Chair) to work with NWS Engagement Lead on a proposed engagement plan for presentation to, and approval by, the CP	14.12.23	14.12.23	<b>Closed</b>	CP Members agreed
14.12.23	9.1	Motion to support that NWS looks at the feasibility of the basic rail needs as revealed in the National Rail report and to also consider any potential Significant Additional Investment	14.12.23	14.12.23	<b>Closed</b>	CP Members agreed

### Action Log

Meeting Date	Minutes Reference	Item	Date Due	Date Actioned	Status	Comments
21.09.23	7.1	Deputising for CP Members - Consider the guidance for recommendation 3	Spring 2024		Open	Interim Chair to determine the guidance for this – in progress – changes being updated to the CPA by the NWS policy team. Meeting took place 8 <sup>th</sup> 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	<p>Sarah Fletcher to oversee – in progress – changes being updated to the CPA by the NWS policy team. Meeting took place 8<sup>th</sup> November</p> <p>Updates to the CPA are in hand but the Community Partnership Agreement is being reviewed in line with Working in Communities Policy</p>
16.11.23	6.1	NWS to re-consider approach for sharing insights from site evaluation studies with CP. Share proposed approach with CP to enable Programme of Activities planning to continue	March 2024		Open	Matt Swift to liaise with Amy Shelton
14.12.23	9.1	NWS to evaluate the feasibility of the basic rail needs as revealed in the National Rail report and to also consider any potential Significant Additional Investment	March 2024		Open	Amy Shelton to provide a response
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	25.01.24	<b>Closed</b>	Nicky Kirkby to provide an update for this item in January meeting
16.11.23	5.4	Question arose around how long high-level waste needs to be stored	January 2024	19.01.24	<b>Closed</b>	Information to be provided - Anneline Wilson to action

		above ground prior to placement in the GDF				Information emailed to CP Members 19.01.24
14.12.23	6.1	Request for raw data from the doorstep engagement to be distributed to CP Members	January 2024	19.01.24	<b>Closed</b>	Victoria Mana to email to CP Members  Data emailed to CP Members 19.01.24
14.12.23	7.1	Develop a proposed engagement plan for presentation to, and approval by, the CP	January 2024	25.01.24	<b>Closed</b>	Sarah Fletcher to provide an update in January meeting
14.12.23	11.1	Request for the Power Point Presentation from the meeting to be shared with the CP Members	19.12.23	19.12.23	<b>Closed</b>	Presentation emailed to CP Members 19.12.24