

### MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Title	Theddlethorpe GDF Community Partnership Meeting 21		
Date	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2024		
Time	From:	14:00	To: 16:30
Location	Coastal Centre, Victoria Road, Mablethorpe, Lincolnshire, LN12 2AQ		
Independent Chair	David Fannin		
Note taker	Nicky Kirkby (Community Partnership Operations Manager)		
Invitees			
Community Partnership (CP) Members			
Sector	Name	Organisation	Role
Council	Cllr Martin Hill	Lincolnshire County Council	Leader
Council	Cllr Craig Leyland	East Lindsey District Council	Leader
Council	Cllr Simon Acklam	Theddlethorpe & Withern Parish Council	Parish Council Representative
Council	Cllr Claire Arnold	Mablethorpe & Sutton Town Council	Town Council Representative
Voluntary	Tammy Smalley*	Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust	Head of Conservation
Voluntary	Rob Druce	Mablethorpe Coastwatch	Station Manager
Business	Gareth Rowland	British Holiday & Home Parks Association (BHHPA)	Director for Lincolnshire
Business	Carl Richardson	Dunes Family Entertainment Centre Ltd Dunes Food Events Company Ltd	Director Managing Director
Business	Helen Fisher	We Are Carbon	Proprietor
Nuclear Waste Services (NWS)	Sarah Fletcher	Nuclear Waste Services	Regional Manager – GDF Siting
Official Observers			
	Andy Gutherson	Lincolnshire County Council	Executive Director of Place
	Pranali Parikh	East Lindsey District Council	Director of Economic Development
Nuclear Waste Services			
	Nicky Kirkby	Nuclear Waste Services	Operations Manager
	Nicola Clarke	Nuclear Waste Services	Community Engagement Manager
	Anneline Wilson	Nuclear Waste Services	Regional Communications Manager
	Joe Blissett	Nuclear Waste Services	Grants Manager
	Simon Hughes	Nuclear Waste Services	Siting & Communities Director
	Matt Swift*	Nuclear Waste Services	Senior Project Manager
Guest Presenters			
	Justin Brown	Lincolnshire County Council	Assistant Director, Growth
	Chris Keenan	Nuclear Waste Services	Head of Community, Operations & Land
Other Observers			
	Mandy Ramm	Lincolnshire County Council	Funding & Investment Manager
	Edward Wright	Lincolnshire County Council	Senior Adviser for Energy
Apologies			
	Cllr Claire Arnold Ken Smith (now resigned from the CP as of 19.11.24)		

	Gareth Rowland; Helen Fisher Andy Gutherson; Pranali Parikh Simon Hughes; Victoria Mana	
Notes	*Attended Meeting Online	

### **Agenda**

Item	Description
1	Introductions and apologies
2	Declaration of interests (any new / changes)
3	Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising
4	Significant Additional Investment
5	Property Value Protection Scheme
6	Citizen's Forum and Monitoring Public Opinion
7	Action Log
8	AOB

### **Notes**

Item	Notes for the record	Lead
1	Introductions and apologies	David Fannin
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apologies from Cllr Claire Arnold, Ken Smith, Gareth Rowland, Helen Fisher, Andy Gutherson, Pranali Parikh, Simon Hughes and Victoria Mana were noted.</li> <li>Mandy Ramm and Edward Wright of LCC were present as observers.</li> </ul>	
2	Declaration of interests (any new / changes)	All
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No updates.</li> </ul>	
3	Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising	David Fannin
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes from previous meeting were approved.</li> <li>There were no matters arising from the meeting minutes of 17.10.24.</li> <li>Chair shared concerns about the recent announcement for Areas of Focus and how the information was released by NWS to the public without the CP being given advance knowledge. TS and SA were disappointed and frustrated that CP Members had not been told in advance of the media announcement. It was requested that in the future the CP should be notified via a telephone call to give them prior warning</li> <li>A suggestion was also made to set up a CP WhatsApp group to enable group messaging for urgent communications.</li> <li>More information about the Areas of Focus will be available early in 2025 and suggestion made that this should be covered in the February meeting as it is important to keep the CP updated. It was confirmed that the Search Area is not changing.</li> <li>A CP Member mentioned the impact that the uncertainty of the current Areas of Focus situation is having on the local community. People are worried about tunnelling under their houses – this was something which was promised would never happen, but there is currently a lack of trust in NWS. Clarification should be</li> </ul>	

	<p>provided regarding the tunnelling situation and what the potential impacts and mitigations are.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggestion made that Victoria Atkins should be asked to share the results of her recent survey, once received results to be shared with the CP.</li> </ul>	
4	<p><b>Significant Additional Infrastructure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation given by Justin Brown, Assistant Director – Growth, Lincolnshire County Council. The following questions/points were raised:</li> <li>• Lincolnshire, especially the eastern areas, have not seen equal benefit from SAI compared to other areas.</li> <li>• A CP Member highlighted findings of the Community Vision work which focus on areas including road, rail, employment other than tourism, which is in line with LCC SAI presented.</li> <li>• A CP Member mentioned the importance of looking to the future and ensuring that the next generation do not experience the deprivations which so many (25% of children) live with today. Create the infrastructure which would encourage people to stay and thrive in this area – do this by renovating buildings and looking after the natural environment.</li> <li>• Conversation about what local people would like the area to look like in 50 years from now. Look ahead and create a future picture.</li> <li>• Investment in local education expressed as being important.</li> <li>• Thoughts expressed that many in the community would not like too much change, but they would prefer to see improvements to what is already here. Create natural sea defence barriers, better transport options, access to education and relevant apprenticeships, but keep the quietness of the area.</li> <li>• Feedback from residents suggests that they would like employment all year round, not just during the tourist season.</li> <li>• Tangible benefits are seen as important, eg, solar farms which provide subsidised electricity for households and free energy for businesses to attract new enterprises to the area.</li> <li>• Other suggestions were made about biodiversity net gain. Accommodation needed for interns and trained ecologists / biologists.</li> <li>• Donna Nook has 60,000 – 70,000 visitors over 6 / 7 weekends which is an important factor in the area.</li> <li>• Some points were added in the Teams chat for the meeting – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tangible benefits per household, eg, renewable and cheap / free energy</li> <li>2. Ecological FRM</li> <li>3. Innovation in transport</li> <li>4. Place making restoration of hard structures and bring in more ‘green-blue’ spaces and access that deliver health and FRM benefits</li> <li>5. Skills building for intern facilities (young and career changes) and apprenticeships / vocational</li> <li>6. New industry encouragement and SME benefits, eg, reduced energy costs.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	Justin Brown
5	<p><b>Property Value Protection Scheme</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation given by Chris Keenan, Head of Property and Land, NWS. Presentation slide deck was emailed to CP Members on 21.11.24. Discussions and thoughts were shared about the scheme.</li> </ul>	Chris Keenan

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There were questions/concerns about who would qualify for the scheme, eg, those going through a divorce, a bereavement.</li> <li>• Question arose about buying a property in a specific area and then the surface site of the GDF moves from where it was originally proposed to nearby the purchased property. Would PVP apply in such a case? Response was that each case with strong evidence would be considered.</li> <li>• It was also noted that the PVP scheme only applies at the current time, and if an area proceeds to the site characterisation and borehole stage, PVP will stop, and a new scheme will be introduced.</li> <li>• A question arose about the type of evidence which needs to be provided if there is a lack of buyers wishing to view a property.</li> <li>• Chris Keenan responded that applications will be considered if strong evidence is put forward.</li> <li>• A CP Member suggested that the CP might help by liaising with local estate agents to understand the true value of properties, response from NWS was they are planning a meeting with local Estate Agents to discuss PVP. There was a discussion about the current perceived impact on house prices with a CP Member expressing the opinion that they were already affected. Chris Keenan responded by saying that detailed data from several data sets needs to be considered and, currently, there was no evidence of negative house price impact in the area.</li> <li>• The PVP scheme, and how it is presented as a fair and reasonable scheme, seems to be at odds with the experience being reported through the CP by people who are most directly affected.</li> <li>• The CP recognised the PVP scheme proposed by NWS, but raised concerns about its adequacy and asked NWS to clarify how it would operate in practice.</li> <li>• Chris took away several actions (please refer to action log).</li> </ul>	
6	<b>Citizen's Forum and Monitoring Public Opinion</b>	
6.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Citizen's Forum is to assist with informing communities and is to facilitate discussions, information sharing and raising concerns. The creation of this could provide an opportunity for deliberative democracy.</li> <li>• Overall sentiment is that this is not a concept to be pursued at the moment, but that the CP should focus on the following – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Getting the CP up to full strength / capacity</li> <li>2. Recruiting a young person onto the CP</li> <li>3. Carry out more engagement with young people</li> <li>4. Carry out more engagement with the business sector</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Monitoring public opinion – achieve this task</li> </ul>	
7	<b>Action Log</b>	
7.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David to liaise with individuals regarding outstanding actions.</li> </ul>	
8	<b>AOB</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None noted.</li> </ul>	

**Action Log**

Meeting Date	Minutes Ref	Item	Date Due	Date Actioned	Status	Comments
21.11.24	3.4	Set up a WhatsApp group to facilitate group communication in advance of any public announcements.	Immediate	Ongoing	Open	Anneline to action.
21.11.24	3.5	Areas of Focus to be covered in more detail in the February 2025 meeting.	20.02.24		Open	Chris Keenan to oversee following NWS announcement of 28 <sup>th</sup> November.
21.11.24	3.7	Request Victoria Atkins MP to share her survey findings with the CP.	Following the CP meeting		Open	David to action. Gareth offered to ask the MP when he is due to meet her week of 9 <sup>th</sup> December.
21.11.24	4.1	Review the main outputs from the discussion around SAI together with the community vision work in the February meeting.	20.02.24		Open	Justin Brown and Carl – this work being linked to the vision workstream.
21.11.24	4.2	Proposal to support apprenticeships, skills and training which NWS could support now.	20.02.25		Open	Chris Keenan.
21.11.24	5.1	Provide checks and clarification about the wording of the role and financial benefits to estate agents supporting PVP applications.	16.01.25		Open	Chris Keenan following PVP briefing and discussion at November CP meeting.
21.11.24	5.2	Request prior knowledge of when a meeting will take place between NWS and estate agents and for a summary following that meeting.	Asap		Open	Chris Keenan to action to help clarify property price impacts and mitigate local negative perception of aspects of the PVP scheme.
17.10.24	9.1	Review and refine the role description for the vacant voluntary and business roles on the CP as per the discussion at the Away Day.	19.12.24 (previously 21.11.24)		Open	Craig to oversee.  To discuss 19.12.24 in context of national policy framework.

		Update – seek new members from unrepresented stakeholders, eg, farming community, young people, business community and families with young children.				
17.10.24	9.2	Update the CP agreement with inclusion media policy and refinement of code of conduct policy. Also to address information sharing and possible confidentiality clause.	19.12.24		Open	Craig with support from Mary Bradley, David and Sarah.
17.10.24	9.3	List of young people and people who bring a variety of community opinions to be collated – starter for establishing a reference group of ‘willing and interested’ advocates rather than one co-opted individual.  People on the list to be contacted and invited to meet informally.	21.11.24  16.01.24 (previously 30.11.24)		Open  Open	Sarah/Nicky to action in liaison with David.  Efforts to be made to include people who have no presence or voice in public life.  Update – task and finish sub-group met 12.11.24 and 27.11.24.  Sarah/Nicky to action in liaison with David. Victoria to facilitate.
17.10.24	9.4	Hold informal meetings with young people who have already expressed an interest in the CP.	21.11.24 Updated to 16.01.24		Open	Sarah to provide names and contacts. David to action. Victoria to facilitate.
17.10.24	9.5	Liaise with local primary schools to engage with additional potential stakeholders (see 9.1), eg, families.	19.12.24		Open	Claire to action.
17.10.24	9.8	Yonder to step down from CP involvement in Spring campaign.  Update – Yonder to continue their work on behalf of NWS, separate	Survey results to be presented at CP meeting, 16.01.25		Open	Sarah to oversee.  Update – in accordance with the discussion at CP meeting of 21.11.24, the CP is not yet ready to set

		from the future proposed work of the CP sub-group.				up a Citizen's Forum style reference group.
17.10.24	9.10	Arrange a postal survey to be sent out by end of 2024.	21.11.24, subject to discussion in the task and finish group		Open	Helen to action with support from Sarah.  Update – discussed in sub-group meeting of 27.11.24 (see closed action 9.9 of 17.10.24). Sub-group decided to proceed with a simple postal survey in Q1 of 2025 followed by a qualitative survey to be overseen by an independent professional organisation later in 2025.
17.10.24	9.11	Prepare a letter for sending out to local community groups and organisations.	21.11.24		Open	Claire to action – share with David, Craig and Helen for approval.
17.10.24	9.12	Source freelance journalist(s) including young person.  Onboarding and induction.	Immediate  Asap		Open  Open	Helen, with support from Anneline, to action.  Nicky to advise on contract and payment mechanism.
17.10.24	9.13	Schools' coordinator at LCC, Viv Cross, to be introduced to, and briefed by, David, Helen and Claire	Asap		Open	Justin Brown (this relates to closed action 9.13 below).
17.10.24	10.2	Finalise and document the revised process for answering questions submitted to the CP.	21.11.24		Open	Craig and Helen to action.
19.09.24	9	Commission independent GDF impact assessment report(s).	21.11.24	Nicky supporting David - work in progress	Open	David to use the Copeland document provided by Chris Keenan to define the scope of this activity for Theddlethorpe.
21.11.24	3.6	Areas of Focus: NWS plan to release a statement on 28 <sup>th</sup> November about the Search	28.11.24	28.11.24	<b>Closed</b>	Chris Keenan to keep David briefed.

		Area, surface site and tunnelling in the area.				
17.10.24	9.9	Establish a task and finish group to plan next steps for monitoring public opinion.	21.11.24	27.11.24	<b>Closed</b>	Helen to action with support from David, Simon, Carl and Sarah.  Update – meetings held on 12.11.24 and 27.11.24. Refer to open action 9.10 of 17.10.24.
17.10.24	9.13	Identify a schools' coordinator at Lincolnshire County Council to assist CP.	21.11.24	16.10.24	<b>Closed</b>	Justin Brown to action.
17.10.24	9.6	Draft a schedule of key topics to be prioritised for deeper examination with subject matter experts in CP meeting agendas up to July 2025.	21.11.24	21.11.24	<b>Closed</b>	David, Nicky and Victoria  Meeting held on 05.11.24 and circulated ahead of 21.11.24 and is being updated in light of discussions held at CP meeting.
17.10.24	9.7	Non-technical summaries of SME presentations to be distributed to CP Members ahead of each CP meeting.	Immediate	Ongoing	<b>Closed</b>	Victoria to liaise with SMEs.
17.10.24	10.1	Rebrand and refresh 'The Voice' publication including a name change.	21.11.24	29.11.24	<b>Closed</b>	Helen to action.  Update – the new name for the publication is 'Community Bridge'.
17.10.24	12	Enquire further about what impact the Viking CCS pipeline project will have on the investigative work of NWS at the Theddlethorpe Gas Terminal site.	19.12.24	21.11.24	<b>Closed</b>	David to action.  Update – recent announcement from NWS of updated work around Areas of Focus.
18.04.24	5	Produce a slide pack outlining the work and purpose of the CP including a profile of the CP Members.	19.09.24	30.11.24	<b>Closed</b>	Anneline to action.  Update – slide pack complete.