



OLDBURY ON SEVERN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the

NUCLEAR NEW BUILD COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Tuesday 3rd April 2018 @ 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall

Present: Cllr Keith Sullivan, Cllr John Cornock, Mr Malcolm Lynden, Dr Tony Acton.

Clerk: Emma Pattullo

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Matthew Clothier, Matthew Riddle and Gillian Ellis-King.

2 Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th February 2018 were proposed as an accurate record by JC, seconded by ML and agreed by all.

3 Review of actions (not otherwise on this agenda)

The Clerk has sent a letter to Magnox regarding levels of environmental monitoring; no reply has yet been received.

GDA response documents were circulated.

4 Parishioner survey feedback

All received responses (8 in total) have been entered into a spreadsheet to show common areas of concern.

Prior to construction, the uncertainty of timings and design was the key concern; impacts on property prices/saleability, impacts on the Sheppertine community and the fate of Horizon-owned properties were also mentioned.

There were a wide range of concerns about the construction phase. Traffic issues (including volume of traffic, access routes for lorries and impacts on road infrastructure) were mentioned by all respondents. Noise and dust pollution and the operating times on works were common concerns. The effects of a large influx of workers were also mentioned by several respondents as were security concerns.

Post construction, most residents were worried about the visual impact of the power station especially the size of the cooling towers. The potential for the cooling towers to produce noise pollution and localise vapour clouds were also mentioned.

A letter of thanks to those parishioners who responded has been drafted and was reviewed by the committee.

5 National Policy Statement consultation response

The response sent by this committee to the consultation had been circulated prior to the meeting. Links to the responses made by SGC and Horizon were also sent.

The Horizon response was deemed to be as expected i.e. to keep the situation at Oldbury as it is under the current NPS.

TA noted that the SGC response contained almost all of the points raised by this committee. One area of divergence is the issue of land requirements during the construction phase. SGC have concluded that any need for extra land can be sorted out at the planning stage. TA feels that Horizon should be able to give more clarity about their land needs at this stage, especially now they are progressing the site clearance works at Wylfa. In the present NPS document (2011), the presented plans for Oldbury are poor in comparison to those for other sites. TA believes that a realistic estimate of expected land needs could be given in the forthcoming NPS.

ML noted that GE-K has asked for a Horizon representative to sit on the SSG to help promote discussion between Horizon and Magnox/NDA. This should help to identify any possible synergies between the decommissioning of the old site and the construction of the new one, for example any areas which could be accelerated for decommissioning to free up land for construction uses.

ML also informed the committee that Leon Flexman of Horizon is due to make a presentation to the SSG on Weds 25th April. TA and KS will attend. (Dylan Griffiths also usually attends)

6 Horizon properties

KS reported that restoration works have started at Dairy Farm and Shepperdine Farm. Horizon have submitted a listed building consent application for the works at Dairy Farm.

7 Amendment to Constitution

Due to the recent OPC decision to wind up the Parish Plan Steering Group, there is a need to make a minor amendment to the constitution of this committee which currently refers to the committee as being a committee of the Parish Plan group. The amendment was proposed by KS and agreed by all.

The Clerk will make the required amendment to remove reference to the Parish Plan steering group and present it to the next OPC meeting for approval.

Action: Clerk to amend committee constitution.

8 Policies for NDP

The Neighbourhood Development Plan committee are at the stage of drawing up a draft plan. There is a need to include policies addressing the community approach and priorities in the NNB development process.

KS had suggested to Barry Turner that these policies should be based on the terms of reference of this committee. BT has taken these as a starting point and has re-worded them into 'NDP speak'. These proposed policies were circulated prior to the meeting.

GE-K has suggested that the committee may wish to include more concrete proposals, for example suggested mitigation or compensation measures. These could be aspirational rather than firm proposals.

There was some discussion as to whether it would be acceptable to have aspirational proposals in the NDP. KS suggested that BT could ask the NDP consultant Liz Beth (who is also an NDP examiner) whether such things would be likely to be accepted.

Action: BT to speak to Liz Beth.

TA proposed a compromise in that a final point could be added to the proposed policy stating that the community will expect mitigation/compensation measures to be put in place.

ML proposed that the NDP committee should be asked to include an aspiration that the NNB developer should define their preferred access route(s) and discuss with South Glos Council in time to permit construction prior to site clearance works beginning. It was generally felt that this proposal was too prescriptive and no vote was taken.

KS agreed to discuss the above points with Barry Turner.

Action: KS to discuss with BT

9 AOB

MR had reported prior to the meeting that he has recently attended a 'Nuleaf' meeting which is a gathering of local authorities who host existing nuclear power stations. A presentation was made on the search for potential sites for a Geological Disposal Facility. Communities are to be offered financial support to explore the possibility of volunteering as a potential site.

10 Closure & date of next meeting

The meeting closed at 8:35 pm.

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 5th June 2018 at 7:30pm.