

Clowne Community Association

Final Minutes of Meeting

Date: 22 March 2017

Time: 7:00pm

Venue: Clowne Methodist Hall

1. **Apologies** Pat Thorpe

Attendance was 31 people.

2. **PCSO** – were due to attend tonight but may be at an incident

As usual the message is any sightings or worries **RING 101 with any concerns.**

The community are the eyes and ears for the PCSO and the Police.

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3. **Fracking John Levis Dronfield Against Fracking – and other groups**

John works with a number of other local groups including Eckington Mosbrough etc.

There is a huge area covered under the exploration approval- Chatsworth House

estate is the only area not covered here. Lots of Parishes locally are against it. The

impact of exploration is significant e g one hundred 30 tonne lorry journeys per day.

Marsh lane test drill covers a 60m area with 3D seismic survey

No EIA Environmental Impact assessment was needed – for a 3 months drill set up

that in the 3 months can drill up to 2 and a half Km out. It all starts with one well but this

then becomes a gas field as each drill head is exhausted and the company move on to

the next 2 1/2 km area. Seismic Surveys are used to assess geology.

Process

It would need a PP and EIA for full fracking. The company have a 5 yr licence for

exploration. Unconventional Gas fracturing they drill 2 and half km down and then

horizontally for up to 1 mile. It has not been done in the UK like this before. Cuadrilla

have done sample in Lancashire and this resulted in local earthquakes. Injecting fluid

in to the strata caused earth movement. The Water Table is an important factor The

Sherwood Sandstone is the most important aquifer in the UK. 16% of wells fail across

the world. All wells will fail eventually- it is only a short term production life.

Around 50% of the chemical mix which will be toxic will stay down below ground – and obviously they will have no idea where it goes.

Ineos target 10 Fracking wells per sq mile.

BP Oil pipeline Grangemouth Scotland Ineos are buying the pipeline from BP-in anticipation of gas production.

Well leakage is 19% globally

NASA identified a huge gas cloud in Oct 2014 – a gas well leak of methane gas covering 2,500 sq miles

Methane is 86% more damaging than CO2.

The Valuation Office say a well locally will impact on Council tax band valuation. Estate Agents say it will impact on house values.

Defra say properties in a 5 mile radius may incur issues of loss and risk.

The Govt no longer support funding for remediation of contaminated land.

Hundreds of literature has been negative about the risks on health, water quality, air quality etc.

Energy Cost – will not have a material impact?

Energy Security will not be a significant scale impact from fracking production.

There is an International market for gas produced and so any production could be sold abroad and not benefit UK power needs.

Jobs figures – may be 16 to 32,000 but these are short term and some may be abroad we are currently losing 18,700 renewable energy jobs after Govt changes in subsidies.

Tax- Govt was to reduce tax for companies from 60 to 30% but a lot of the companies are foreign based.

Community Payment ?? At exploration stage will pay £100,000 – “where hydraulic fracturing takes place” – UKOOG.

But Ineos say there will be no benefit to pay at exploration stage.

1% Revenue back to the community is talked about- £2.4 to 4.8M

Jim Ratcliffe is Chair of Ineos

On Friday 24th John Levis is attending a Fracking presentation at the Community Centre.

On the 29th he will be at Dronfield meeting- all welcome

Also see Facebook pages

Do Your Own Research—See:

Frackoff.org.uk

Refraction.com

Drillordrop.com

Greenpeace

Friends of the Earth

Dronfieldagainstfracking.org

See “Voices from the Gas Fields” which relates USA and Australia experiences

Q and A- this was a general discussion

Q. local Jobs in Blackpool - Cuadrilla provided local jobs

A. Tend to be lower skilled cleaners etc with skilled staff being imported

Q. People were trained in Sheffield- people were being trained to get jobs in the industry Most of people would be based in UK and trained.

UK needs to have as much energy independence as possible.

The Issue of management of peaks and troughs is an issue

Will be 10 years before fracking gas is on stream

Renewables are potential for growth

TESLA – electric generation are significant growth in the USA – with battery storage.

Wells will need constant renewal.

Exploration will find the best sources of gas

Technology is not well developed- porous rock means a constant need to explore and extend gas well areas as the initial wells dry up.

The casings used in drilling wells will be strong enough to avoid leaks.

But the issue is that the ground geology isn't.

Tom Picking UK regulations are stronger but still companies will work down to the lowest limits. The risks are not known well enough.

Companies don't answer the questions about risks.

USA have done something wrong

But we can learn and get it right.

Counter argument is that Industry does not seem to learn from its own experiences and will repeat the same mistakes.

John was thanked for his presentation.

4. The Minutes of the previous meeting 18 January 2017 were approved as correct.

Matters Arising:- as below

5. Clowne in Bloom- Greg Lindley

Back on track! On the Tesco grant budget spending. With the location of the play train on 2 March at the Community Centre thanks to the Parish Council. It will be placed alongside other new play equipment on the Parish site funded by Bolsover DC - we understand through Section 106 Planning gain monies.

On Sunday 26th March at 10 am we will have a planting day on Linear Park with UK natives -small plug plants- all welcome - meet near the ramp from Barton/Mitchell Street.

We will also keep some to grow on. CIB need more volunteers and any plants contributions welcome?

The legs for the Rail Sign (old concrete railway sleepers) have been agreed by Derbyshire CC and will go in this week hopefully – with design to be finalised and quote for construction sought from Victory.

We have met with Matt Connley Bolsover DC about the 4 Linear History signs and they have now said that they will pay for design and manufacture of the new signs. This was included in the Tesco grant budget and so we have funds back in to budget to spend on other items. Also BCD have said that the play train inspection will be included in the general inspection of the other new kit.

We have new tubs coming and planting up for the new season displays.

The top of the Cemetery water planter needs doing- with all the old plants now died back.

The entrance sign planting is looking good with many spring bulbs on display Apparently Cuadrilla resources had donated 4 boxes of bulbs 4 years ago and our belated thanks to them.

There is no age limit on who can get involved.

We will follow up the offer from Clowne Landscaping to get involved on 26 March – but the day is not one involving heavy kit.

Thanks are expressed to David Hewitt for his help with the storage of the play train in the interim period from last year.

Well Dressing this year is set for Saturday the 22nd July. Making is in the week of Monday 17-Fri 21 July at Methodists Chapel. We will have small boards from each of the 3 schools as well as Salvation Army so twelve small boards.

6. Neighbourhood Plan???

The latest information is that there is no time limit to a Neighbourhood Plan! – even if a District Councils' plan is already in.

We still will need the cooperation of the Parish Council.

They cannot normally discuss an item again within 6 months of a decision already made under their rules.

It will need 6 Parish Councillors to say it can be reviewed.

The new information we have is that Tibshelf have just applied to have a Neighbourhood Plan and it has been granted. They are in Bolsover DC and have been supported to go ahead by BDC.

This needs to go back to the Parish Council meeting and seek a change of decision.

They need to be supplied with the new information- that directly contradicts advice they were given and acted upon when they made the decision not to go ahead with a Neighbourhood Plan because it would not have an influence in the Plan making decision process.

Vote carried unanimously that we should inform the Parish of this new information and seek a review of previous decision.

It will need people to confirm their willingness to get involved - as we had indicated previously.

DALC have a Neighbourhood Champion – Derbyshire Association of Local Councils.

There is still funding from Your Locality available to support the costs of Neighbourhood Plan preparation.

Also:

Under the new Housing Bill there will no longer be Section 106 monies. Now it is a Community Infrastructure Levy with new rules on how it is calculated and how funds are to be used.

The Parish is to get 25% of the Levy money and this is not down to District decision on how it is spent.

7. Allotments Hickinwood Lane

These belong to the people of Clowne- the land was given to the gardenholders as community land. We may need to fight to prevent this land being swallowed up for new housing. It is threatened by the new Clowne North development proposals.

8. MUGA on linear Park site

Bolsover DC have removed it as they were forced to do by the new housing development. This is placed in store and a new location is uncertain.

It was offered to the Parish but they turned it down. Clune Street has been talked of – but this is too far out of the centre of the town.

We have written to BDC asking that the community be consulted and that location back on Linear be considered and will need to continue to press for this.

9. Greenway BDC-

When will it be finished?

It is not clear when.- Allan will ask Councillor Western again. We have met with the Project Officer Anna Chapman who has confirmed that the steps will be done from Mitchell Street- indeed she had expected them to be done when she did a site walkover recently!

10. Rail Sign

Pictures of rail sign images on display especially one of gangers from early 20th Century- obviously any names of the faces will bring the pictures to life.

11. DWP and Post Office

Allan reported on risk of losing Post Office facilities. Have a registered blind son and DWP had said that he had to open a Bank Account and could not have money paid into the Post Office.

Allan is to contact Anne Western and get her on our side to protect existing services.

12. History Cabinet at The Arc?

Confirmed that this is to be removed as it is hidden away – and is also now more at risk of glass damage with the large number of Leisure Centre visitors going through Arc reception area with no supervision.

It was also noted that there is significant impact on the local streets around The Arc from the new influx of people visiting the Leisure Centre and parking anywhere they can on local streets.

13. Meeting DATES FOR 2017

Committee dates two weeks prior to main meetings

Committee	Meetings
4 January	18 January
1 March	22 March
3 May	24 May
5 July	19 July
6 September	20 September
1 November	22 November

Note Drinks and Raffle raised £41.18 and everyone was thanked for their donations.