

# MINUTES

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FIELD HOUSE COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE (CLC)

HELD ON

WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018 AT 6pm  
AT THE VILLAGE HALL, HIGH PITTINGTON

### Present:

Denise Harland – Chairperson and representative of STOPWR  
Steve MacQuarrie (SMQ) - Hargreaves Surface Mining Limited (HSML)  
Paul Davies (PD) – Hargreaves Surface Mining Limited  
Claire Teasdale (CT) (Planning Officer) - DCC Planning Department  
David Turnbull (DT) – Pittington Parish Council  
Peter Morson (PM) – West Rainton Parish Council  
Jon Steer (JS) – Pittington Community Association  
Arthur Dornan (AD) – Vice Chair, West Rainton Partnership  
John Ellis (JE) – Vice Chair Moorsley Community Association

### Action

### Item

#### 1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from C Cllr Bill Kellett, C Cllr David Hall, Jacky Worthington of Moorsley Community Association, DCC Planning Department Monitoring Officer Mike Tweddle, Danielle Pearson (DP) Sunderland City Council Development Control Manager, Bob Heron (BH) Hetton Town Council and Trevor Meek Site Manager.

#### 2. Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2017 were approved and signed as a correct record.

#### 3. Matters Arising

Item 6 – further to discussion at the previous meeting CT agreed to set out the position regarding how the start of the site can be triggered in an email to CLC members.

AP9 CT

#### 4. CLC Constitution

CT and SMQ advised that the constitutional documents for the CLC and the Community Fund Committee (CFC) were with their respective lawyers. CT suggested that efforts should be made to table a final CLC constitution for approval at the next meeting and the CFC be agreed later.

AP10  
CT/SMQ

#### 5. Hargreaves – Project Update

PD provided a verbal update. He confirmed that highway improvement works had commenced although recent poor weather had caused delays. The plan is to finish such works by 16 March. Hargreaves ecologists have carried out catch up surveys across the site and nothing of significance has been identified. The early ecological mitigation works off site are around 90% complete with some minor edge treatment work and fencing still required.

PD advised that archaeologists had started some residual survey work w/c 26 February but poor weather had interrupted activities. Also the works, which are at the southern end of the site, require support cabins but security issues have meant that such cabins need to be kept at the northern end of the site and this has required a revised work programme to be prepared.

In relation to site security the current interim stage of works is inviting criminal interest. There are patrols in place and 24 hour monitoring. A couple of incidents have taken place and trespassers have been chased away.

Project plans going forward are focussed on site set up until the end of April. Final bond discussions are taking place with DCC officers currently addressing matters. Some site preparation has been done and once the bond is in place then the target is to start the site w/c 19 March with cabins in place by the end of March, perimeter fencing erected during March, and the coal stocking area completed by the end of April.

PD will circulate contact details for site personnel, including the Site Manager Trevor Meek who will attend the next CLC meeting. AP11 PD

CT referred to the bar chart included within the planning application which provided information on activities and timing and requested that an up to date version is provided. The Chairperson asked if the bar chart could be added to the DCC website when received and kept updated as appropriate. CT and PD agreed.

PD advised that an indicative programme will be provided for discussion at future meetings, this will identify the planned works a couple of months ahead but will be subject to change as the site progresses.

**6. DCC Officer Update**

CT advised there was little to add to the comments made under Item 5. Planning conditions have been discharged with details of bird nest boxes and bat boxes still to be agreed. Once the bond has been put in place the site can properly commence. The outstanding bond process involves planners, lawyers and bankers and matters are very close to being concluded. It was confirmed that the bond would be with a high street bank.

**7. Issues / Complaints**

CT reported that an issue had arisen regarding the parking of a minibus by Hargreaves' archaeologists on the highway verge on Moorsley Road. Complaints had been made to C Cllr Kellett and raised via CT with Hargreaves who had arranged for the vehicle to be parked elsewhere.

**8. Any Other Business**

A request regarding aerial photography was made. PD confirmed there were plans to use a drone to fly the site at various stages during the life of the project. Further investigation will be required to ensure the drone does not affect the nearby airfield.

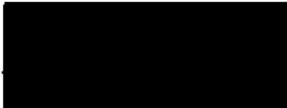
PD noted a previous request for a summary of ecological findings and confirmed that this is being prepared for the next meeting. AP12 PD

JS requested a copy of a photograph for the Pitlington Parish Newsletter.

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed that a meeting would be arranged in May and that a meeting could be called at short notice, at the Chairperson's discretion, should circumstances arise which merit this.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.25pm.

Signed  
Chairperson .....  .....

Date: 10/5/18 .....

Circulation: All attendees (John Ellis email not known but Jacky Worthington to receive the draft minutes) and apologies.