

## KM8 Community Liaison Group Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)

3 February 2016

### The Beansheaf Hotel, Kirby Misperton

#### Attendance:

Nicky Mason – Great Habton resident  
Paul Andrews – Great Habton Parish Council  
Paul Wicks - Kirby Misperton Parish Council  
Luke Richardson - Tourism representative  
Cllr Fiona Farnell – Ryedale District Council  
Shaun Zablocki - Third Energy  
Rosemary Drummond - Third Energy  
Andrew Acum - Facilitator

#### Apologies:

Jim Everett – Great & Little Barugh resident  
Chris Grieveson- Kirby Misperton resident

#### No Response:

Cllr Lyndsay Burr – North Yorkshire County Council  
Ken Edmonds – Kirby Misperton resident

### **1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Jim Everett and Chris Grieveson. Chris is working away from home more often now and feels he will no longer be able to attend future meetings.

### **2. Minutes of last meeting**

Cllr Paul Andrews said that the minutes were incomplete and that he was unable to approve them as they did not include a record of the questions asked during the presentation on the project. It was pointed out that the presentation and questions were an informal part of the meeting with a significant amount of discussion and explanation. As such, writing formal minutes of a free-form discussion would be difficult. It was agreed that the minutes would be amended to cover the Q&A session as far as possible. Group members were invited to send any records they had of questions to the group facilitator.

### **3. Matters arising**

Cllr Andrews produced what he said was a leaked letter from Amber Rudd MP to George Osborne which he would like to discuss. The group agreed that this was beyond the remit of the KM8 Community Liaison Group.

Cllr Andrews produced a list of questions he said he would like written answers to. It was agreed that the questions would be answered and appended to the minutes of the meeting.

### **4. Role of the Community Liaison Group**

The Third Energy representatives said that the aim of the group was to provide two-way communication between the company and local residents. A discussion took place as to how to attract new members and it was agreed that a leaflet explaining the role of the CLG, listing its members, how to contact them and how to join the group would be produced. This would then be distributed around the neighbouring villages. A draft of the leaflet will be circulated to the group in advance of the next meeting.

The group members were also reminded that they represented particular groups, and that they had a responsibility to report back to their groups. Cllr Andrews said he would like it minuted that he was not a Third Energy representative. The role of the CLG members would also be made clear in the leaflet.

It was agreed that the frequency of meetings would be determined by content and questions, rather than meeting for the sake of meeting.

In terms of future meeting content, it was agreed that CLG members would speak to local residents to find out what they wanted to know and report back to the next meeting.

Initial thoughts were:

- Traffic
- Site operation times
- Who to contact if there was a problem
- Lighting
- Public footpaths

#### Terms of reference

It was discussed whether paragraph six under “Community Members – Roles & Responsibilities” stating that members may be required to speak to the media should be removed. It was agreed that this would be an agenda item for the next meeting.

#### **5. Group membership**

A new representative will be needed for Kirby Misperton. This would be advertised through the leaflet drop and also through the Kirby Misperton village newsletter. The group facilitator will contact Peter Bloom

#### **6. Election of chair**

There had been no volunteers to take on the role of chair of the group. It was agreed that the group facilitator would chair the meetings until the group was back up to full strength when the role of group chair would be addressed again.

#### **7. Update on KM8 application**

On the additional information consultation, responses were still outstanding from the Highways departments and Ryedale District Council. The Regulation 22 information was all submitted to North Yorkshire County Council by 6 January. The bridge survey was completed and had not flagged up any issues. The use of acoustic barriers would reduce the amount of traffic to site. The Third Energy representatives reported that the Environment Agency was “minded to approve” the permits for the KM8 project, however there had been an extension to the consultation period until 13 February.

Paul Wicks asked whether Third Energy would be pushing to have the application called in. The Third Energy representatives said the questions asked were valid and reasonable and were part of the consultation process. Cllr Andrews said he would be happy for the scheme to go to a public inquiry so that everyone had the opportunity to speak.

The Third Energy representatives confirmed no date had been set for a committee as responses were still outstanding from the Highways department and Ryedale District Council.

It was agreed that more updates to the FAQs would be added to the website.

## **8. Kirby Misperton village surgery**

The group discussed whether there was any merit in holding a series of drop-in surgeries in Kirby Misperton for residents to attend if they had any questions. Nicky Mason felt this would duplicate the role of the CLG and Cllr Andrews said he wouldn't be happy with Third Energy giving people the facts without representation from the objectors. Councillor Farnell felt it would be a good idea to give people the opportunity to ask any questions they may have. Cllr Andrews said that if Third Energy wanted to do it, then it was up to them but he did not support the idea. Cllr Farnell said it might be a good idea to visit the neighbouring villages as well. Cllr Andrews said he could not agree to it being under the name of the Community Liaison Group. It was agreed that a small number of trial events would take place to test whether they were of value.

## **9. Any other business**

Cllr Andrews asked if his questions could be answered electronically and circulated to the group as part of the minutes.

Nicky Mason questioned a letter from Eversheds about whether there was a legal agreement for the community benefit scheme. Rosemary Drummond said there was a commitment from the UK Onshore Operators Group (UKOOG) for all non-conventional wells and that the community benefit scheme is enshrined in the Infrastructure Act. A community benefits scheme being in place is a condition of the Secretary of State approving a High Pressure High Volume hydraulic fracture. It was asked whether Third Energy could clarify the community benefit arrangements at the next meeting.

Luke Richardson asked whether there was a future plan for development. Shaun Zablocki said there was no future plan. Rosemary Drummond added that other operators are still a long way behind. If Third Energy gets good results, it will probably look at three to four new wells which would be a minimum of five years away.

Luke asked how long a well was viable. Shaun replied that it depended on many factors including geology. The Kirkham Abbey formation wells have a lot of water ingress, so that although there is still 80 per cent gas in place, the wells were starting to water out. The plans for PK1 are trying to make the well more efficient. Rosemary added that well workovers can also

extend the lifespan of the wells, and that conventional and unconventional wells are no different once in production.

**10. Next Meeting**

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 23 March.