

Minutes of KM8 Community Liaison Group

17 April 2018 at 6.30pm

The Beansheaf Hotel, Kirby Misperton

Present: Paul Andrews, Fiona Farnell, Nicky Mason, Hazel Winter, Rosemary Drummond (TE), Alan Linn (TE), Shaun Zablocki (TE)

Apologies for absence from Karen Garrett and Kirby Misperton Parish Council

1. Minutes of the last meeting approved with amendments to: 4f; 5c; 8 d, g, i and m. It was also noted that the distribution to the group of the Fact Sheet on the 2015 pipeline pigging operations was outstanding
2. Matters arising:
 - a. Kirby Misperton Parish Council ref Emergency Contact Pyramid: this item will be deferred until the parish council next meets. It was also agreed that the area of emergency communications would be included in the upcoming research on communications preferences and improving effectiveness.
 - b. Rationale for Ineos to conduct a seismic survey on a pocket of land at Ryton: TE's sub-surface team said that this would be part of the overlap work that Ineos is planning to ensure that they have a complete data set to merge effectively with Third Energy's data. The sub-surface team is aware of Ineos' plans with regard to acquiring seismic data over part of our licence area.
3. Interaction between Quaker vigil and TE security staff was discussed. Having spoken to both their own security contractors and North Yorkshire Police about the interaction, SZ said their reports differed from that given to a member of the CLG.
4. Update on KM8 operations:
 - a. As a result of the contractors requiring the frac spread for two contracts in Europe, the equipment has now also left the site. Equipment and materials remaining at site are: the containers that formed the first level of the noise attenuation barrier; the additives for the frac fluid which are stored safely in banded areas; and the sand required for the frac which is also stored safely in closed containment.
 - b. TE is conducting a full review of the operations to understand where they can be improved – in terms of reducing impact on the local community and efficiency - when they resume following receipt of final consent from the Secretary of State. Preparations for resumption of operations will include an impact assessment of the alternative route via Great Habton which North Yorkshire Police directed Third Energy to use when circumstances dictated.
 - c. The temporary fencing has been moved back to restore access to the footpath to Alma Farm. The annual maintenance to the path and access track to the well site will be

carried out as soon as the weather and ground conditions allow.

- d. There is upcoming planned maintenance to the equipment that supports conventional operations on the KMA site. The separator will be opened for cleaning. This has the potential to release Mercaptan odour at the site and perhaps the village. TE has looked at the circumstances that led to an odour being smelt in the village in 2017 and has revised the process to minimise the potential for this to happen. TE will be delivering notices about the upcoming maintenance to residents in Kirby Misperton village, posting a notice on the Kirby Misperton People Facebook page and notifying other stakeholders including environmental health at Ryedale District Council and the Environment Agency. CLG members will receive the notice by email.
- e. Discussion followed on the odour event of approximately 10-11 years ago and whether or not it was a Mercaptan odour or a release of gas containing H₂S. HW agreed to approach Paul Wickes in the village for copies of information and correspondence he received from the company at the time of the incident.

5. Community update and research on preferred communications channels and frequency:

- a. The latest update has been drafted, pending any additions arising from the CLG meeting, and will be issued week commencing 23 April. This includes information on the upcoming project on optimising communications with local residents.
- b. Initial work has started on planning the research project for optimising communications. A 2014 survey, part of developing the Kirby Misperton Village Plan, achieved about a strong response (about 33%) and TE will include learnings from that exercise to maximise participation.

Meeting suggested having locations in the village where hard copies of any completed surveys could be left in addition to making it available electronically. There was a discussion on digital communications and the number of houses with a computer. PA thought that about five years ago this could have been about 50%. TE said they would seek out published data to establish current levels. The meeting agreed that ownership of smart phones and tablets had greatly increased access to electronic communications.

PA suggested that the group members would endorse the research and encourage people to participate only if they had pre-approved any questionnaire.

6. Any other business

- a. Meeting asked if all the closed footpaths had been re-opened. TE explained that only one footpath had been temporarily closed and that it had been opened. The private property sign, beyond the footpath, has been reinstated as required. HW expressed disappointment that reopening had not been posted on the village Facebook page. SZ said that, as the reopening had been publicised in advance and was reported on local TV and radio, this was not thought necessary on this occasion.

The relocated security cabin and CCTV cameras, which are on private property, will remain. It was confirmed that the generator used for powering the cabin will be

collected removed as the unit was now hooked up to the site power supply.

- b. A member asked if TE had plans to drill offshore. TE confirmed that a well was planned on an offshore block in which TE was a joint venture partner but that the operator was Spirit Energy (formerly Centrica). Equally, whilst technically feasible, Third Energy has no plans to drill from an offshore to reach a target prospect in its onshore licence areas.
- c. A discussion on TE's onshore assets followed. TE confirmed that all of the onshore assets (Generating Station, Vale of Pickering sites and Pipelines) were currently undergoing a renewal process for the planning permissions applying to them.
- d. Members asked if TE will be contesting the 500 metre setback zone suggested in the Joint Minerals and Waste Plan. TE confirmed that it would continue to contest this as it had no justification in planning terms.
- e. Members asked if the Fire Brigade will be making an assessment of the KMA when the frac operations resume. TE said that, in line with regulations, there will be contact with the Fire & Rescue Service and will be invited to visit the site.
- f. Membership of the group was discussed. Consideration should be given to replacing / recruiting new members. There were discussions around including the police and monitoring agencies as part of the liaison group as at PNR. There was feedback that both the police and environment agency did not want to be seen as being too close to TE. Need for an independent chair was also discussed.
- g. HW raised the topic of a site specific evacuation plan for KMA. She had been in contact with the chair of the Preston New Road CLG in Lancashire to discuss the subject. The Chairman told her that they were looking at a site specific plan in Lancashire. TE will seek out further information on this proposed plan.

TE restated that a site specific plan for Kirby Misperton, for the reasons stated at previous meetings / in communications, was not needed for the KMA site:

- i. Emergency planning is quantified and driven by risk assessment. Based upon the project, planned work and associated hazards an evacuation level event would not be classed as 'reasonably foreseeable' and would only serve to provoke unnecessary panic and stress if a plan was created for this without justification.
- ii. Third Energy maintains and "exercises" internal and external emergency response plans covering all likely scenarios relating to their infrastructure and sites in North Yorkshire. The operations undertaken at the KMA well site and its distance from the village, does not create the need for a bespoke evacuation plan. Circumstances at the PNR site may, or may not, justify a bespoke evacuation plan but TE does not have the correct knowledge of site specifics and operations to make a comment.
- iii. The role of the emergency services and the local authority in emergency planning are set out in the Civil Contingencies Act. Third Energy would not be responsible for ordering or organising an evacuation of the village in the unlikely event it became necessary. Any evacuation would be co-ordinated by the emergency services and North Yorkshire County Council Resilience and Emergency Team and under JESIP (Joint Emergency Services Interoperability Principles).
- iv. Whilst Third Energy sites are not classified as COMAH, Third Energy voluntary adheres to the Control of Major Accident Hazard Regulations 2015 (COMAH) by

having an External Plan. This is something agreed upon grant of the Generating Stations original planning permission and has been broadened, voluntarily, to encompass the wellsites.

7. Date of next meeting

Members agreed that the next meeting would be arranged once there was more clarity on the resumption of the frac operations. The minutes of this meeting will be approved via email. Any other matters arising will also be communicated to the group using email.