

Dogger Bank Creyke Beck Converter Station Working Group

Minutes of Meeting

Location: Cottingham Methodist Hall
Date: 25 April 2013
Time: 18.45 - 20.00

Attendees:

Cllr Ros Jump - East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Cottingham North Ward (Chair)
Gordon Scaife - Cottingham Wild Spaces Group
Rod Mackey - East Riding Archaeology Society
Susan Hunt - East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Planning Department
Ian Booth - St Mary's Church
Cllr Stephen McCloud - Rowley Parish Council
Jayne Williams - Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE)
Tom Martin - National Grid (in place of Scott Royal)
Simon Taylor - Mercury - Group Facilitator

Forewind Attendees:

Nikki Young, Stakeholder Manager
Andrew Riley, Onshore Environmental Assessment Manager
Jaga Rogalska, Onshore Project Developer
Jon Allen, Onshore Environmental Impact Assessment Co-ordinator

Apologies:

Ruth Atkinson - Humber Archaeology Partnership
Cllr Tony Galbraith - East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Dale Ward
Amanda Beal - Woodmansey Parish Council
Cllr Peter Roustaby - Skidby Parish Council
Cllr Dominic Peacock - East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Minster and Woodmansey Ward
Steve Howdle - Hull and East Riding Local Access Forum
Stephen King - Hull and East Riding Local Access Forum
Steve George - Beverley Minster
Neville Jones - CPRE East Yorkshire

1. Chair's welcome, apologies, introductions, sign off minutes, declarations of any potential conflicts of interest

1.1 Cllr Jump thanked everyone for attending and read out the list of apologies.

1.2 The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as an accurate record of events.

2. Previous Actions

- 2.1 Presentation given by Nikki Young (please see the attached)
- 2.2 On the item in connection with the request for Forewind to produce a visualisation of the view from St Mary's Church, Cottingham, Ian Booth confirmed he had no problems with the visualisation as presented.

3. General update on the project and consultation process

- 3.1 Presentation given by Nikki Young (please see the attached).

4. Key impacts identified in the draft environmental statement

- 4.1. Presentation given by Andrew Riley (please see the attached).
- 4.2 Landscape and visual – Andrew Riley pointed out that there will be a positive gain from the development (because of ecology enhancement and sustainable drainage at the converter station site).
- 4.3 Terrestrial geology, water resources and land quality – Cllr Jump asked who would be responsible for selecting the tree species to be planted on the site. Susan Hunt from East Riding of Yorkshire Council's planning department confirmed that the local authority would sign this off.
- 4.4 Traffic and access – Cllr Jump said that local residents may be concerned about dust/dirt on the roads and was pleased to hear that the contractor will use various techniques to minimise the risk – including wheel washing. Andrew Riley reiterated that Forewind is focused on keeping the local environment clean and safe.
- 4.5 Traffic and access – Andrew Riley said that construction access would be off the A1079, but that this will be closed post construction. Operational access will be via Long Lane and the bridleway. Andrew Riley confirmed that the bridleway will be resurfaced with a horse friendly material.
- 4.6 Cllr Jump asked if the two projects are to be built at the same time. Andrew Riley explained the various scenarios presented in the draft Environmental Statement including building the projects sequentially with a gap of up to five years. He said that the different scenarios would have different impacts, for example magnitude vs duration.
- 4.7 Cllr Jump pointed out that there is a new stable established down near the proposed converter station site and that horse riders, and others, regularly use the bridleway. Cllr Jump offered to forward their contact details to Forewind.

ACTION: Forewind to ensure that an invitation to the public exhibitions has been sent to the riding stables.

Post meeting note – This is complete.

4.8 A question was asked about the cable corridor width (AC route). Andrew Riley explained the basic difference between AC and DC and that more details can be found in chapter 5 of the Environmental Statement.

4.9 A question was asked about Forewind's approach to construction works and a watching brief for archaeology. Andrew Riley explained that a written scheme of investigation will be in place.

5. Future of the community working group

5.1 Cllr Jump suggested that a further meeting ***only be called*** after the consultation and before the final application is submitted, if there is any change to the current application. Otherwise, it was agreed that this would be the final meeting of the Converter Working Group.

ACTION: Forewind to ask the group to vote on whether to have another meeting after the 'summary of consultation' is published in the summer edition of Dogger Bank News.

6. Question and answer session

6.1 Cllr McCloud asked whether there was a conflict of interest with the former Energy Minister, who had previously had some responsibility for policy and funding for wind developments, being appointed Chairman of Forewind. Forewind explained that Mr Hendry no longer holds a ministerial position in the Department for Energy and Climate Change and therefore is no conflict of interest.

7. Chair's closing remarks

7.1 Cllr Jump thanked the group for their contributions.

7.2 Cllr Jump thanked Nikki Young and the team from Forewind for the open, honest and inclusive approach that the organisation had adopted from an engagement, education and involvement perspective. She said that Forewind's approach is refreshing and an example for other organisations to follow.

7.3 Cllr Jump thanked Andrew Acum and Mercury for professionally administering the meetings and other working group members for their enthusiasm and active participation at all four meetings.

7.4 The meeting closed at 20.00