

UBB Javelin Park Community Liaison Group.

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday January 16th 2018

Present

Cllr. David Mossman (Chair)	Stroud District Council
Herve Orjubin	UBB
Ian Barber	UBB
Caroline MacDonald	UBB
Neil James	Western Power
Robert Kellie	Standish Parish Council
Sue Hartley	Standish Parish Council
Chris Harmer	Consultant
Rachel Ferris	Gloucestershire County Council
John Callinan	Stonehouse Town Council
Dave Jackson	Stroud District Council
John Dickinson	Moreton Valence Parish Council
Kevin Phillips	Gloucestershire County Council
Anna Turner	Environment Agency
Andrea Burton	Environment Agency
Graham Brearley	Hardwicke parish Council

In attendance

Kevin Lee, Clerk

1/18 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from; Andrew Bendall, John Perkin, Carol Kambites Tim Jackson, Gill Oxley, Stephen Davies, Lesley Williams, Graham Smith, Rob Gaffney and Pat Gilmore

2/18 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on November 14th were approved as a correct record.

RESOLVED To approve the Minutes

3/18 Power cable to EFW

Neil James, WPD gave an update on the progress of the programme for the cable installation.

Work had recommenced following the Christmas and New Year Break, the work at Horse Trough Junction was on schedule to be completed by January 20th.

The team at Horse Trough would then support the work in the High Street, Stonehouse to speed up the programme through the town. WPD were aware of the concerns through the commercial centre and would work as quickly as possible to minimise the impact.

Neil responded to a number of complaints that had been forwarded to him about long delays and or faults with the temporary traffic lights. He reminded Members of the Group that, adjacent to each set of lights, the notice boards contained emergency numbers for reporting faults or incidents with the lights. Members were unaware of this and it was agreed to circulate the number to all members.

John Callinan noted that work was due to commence in Bath Road, where a number of residents held 'residents only' parking permits which had been issued by the County Council. The parking spaces would not be available during the works. The nearby Bethel Church had offered to allow parking on its premises. John had spoken to the Church and asked if a donation could be made to the Church as a good will gesture. A figure of £70 - £80 was suggested

Ian Barber and Neil James agreed to consider the request. They also confirmed that appropriate notices would be given to residents.

John Callinan asked why two adjacent trenches had been dug near to Horse Trough Junction. Neil James agreed to investigate and report back.

Robert Kellie reported that he was still receiving complaints about the trench reinstatements and the dangers for cyclists. Neil James informed the group that the County Council's Highways Inspectors had had held site meetings and had no major concerns about the reinstatements. The County Council would continue to make informal visits and monitor the work. Kevin Phillips agreed to forward the concerns to colleagues in County Highways.

Neil James reported that WPD had held meetings with Stagecoach and agreement had been reached about moving the temporary bus stops in line with the works.

The 'pulling through' of the cable would commence on January 22nd. The target completion date is March 30th.

It was agreed that a further meeting with Stonehouse Town Council would be held on February 21st

4/18 Two and Six Month Look Ahead

Ian Barber presented the reports on future progress of the works. Photographs highlighted how the facility was developing and Ian explained how the various components could be removed for maintenance.

It was confirmed that there were several stages to the commissioning prior to the final 'hand over' in July 2019.

David Mossman reminded the Group that the monitoring equipment would need to be installed 6 months prior to the EFW going live, which would be January 2019. Chris Harmer asked for confirmation that a power supply would be available for the locations at Haresfield and Quedgeley East. David Mossman agreed to forward details for Quedgeley East.

5/18 Community Fund Group

David Mossman reminded the Group of the meeting held in October 2015 which set out broad details of the Community Fund; (£25,000 per year (index linked) for the lifetime of the contract) for the benefit of local groups from adjacent parishes affected by the Energy from Waste Facility at Javelin Park.

Very early discussions had taken place with UBB on how the fund might be operated with representatives from parishes and UBB making up the panels to assess and approve projects. David reported that outline proposals would be presented to the meeting of the CLG at the meeting in May 2018.

6/18 Community Feedback

Ian Barber gave the following information in response to a question from Chris Harmer about employment;

The gate control system for all people working on site, for 2017 recorded nearly 20,000 people days (58%) from workers giving addresses within 20 miles of the site; 7,600 (22%) people days originating from 20 to 40 miles of the site; 7,000 people days (20%) from over 40 miles. The system does not record nationality or ethnicity. There are several groups of 'foreign workers'. Examples - Spanish steel erector Metaldeza has around 30 Spanish nationals, and grate provider BWV around 15 from Denmark.

UBB does not employ site workers directly but there are a number of local people employed on the site staff in admin and back office, mainly recruited via Adjacency in Cheltenham. Any suitably qualified and experienced local person applying for a job is guaranteed an interview.

Ian also reported on some 20 local firms that have provided supply chain goods and services; from site security, engineering works, crane hire, training and fire protection; print work and stationery. Not included are similar goods and services provided to the main sub-contractors. Mention was also made that people involved in the project in temporary local accommodation are also contributing to the local economy.

7/18 Site Visits

Ian Barber advised the Group that there was one final chance to visit the facility in Worcestershire; Members interested in visiting should contact Ian as soon as possible

8/18 Date of Next Meeting

March 13th 2018 at 19.30

Meeting Closed at 20.55