



Sizewell Parishes Liaison Group

Minutes of the meeting held on 31st January 2012 at Theberton Village Hall

Present: Jon Swallow Chairman, Trevor Tate Secretary and 20 members.

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th September 2011: **Agreed**
4. Matters arising: **None**
5. Presentation by Paul Wood, Sizewell Project Manager for SCC and SCDC
The IPC is to be replaced by another government planning authority to oversee the development of new nuclear power stations. Affected local authorities are also to form a new group to draw up a framework for community benefits. Town and Parish Councils will be “consultees” during the planning consultation process. A planning performance agreement was signed by SCDC and EDF in November 2011. Work packages including Environment, Transport, Land use, Water and associated development will be looked at. Hinckley Point will cost £10 billion and is 2 years ahead of Sizewell in terms of development. The local council there have been offered £20M from EDF as community mitigating benefit, and more is being negotiated. Design drawings for Sizewell C are not yet available. No additional overhead power lines will be required.
6. Presentation by Tom McGarry, Communications Manager for Sizewell C.
EDF have agreed a substantial payment to SCDC to cover officers’ time in dealing with the planning process at a local level. The planning application for Hinckley had now been submitted and ran to 100,000 pages. Stage 1 of the consultation for Sizewell C would take place during the second half of 2012, and look at various options, including transport policy for construction workers and staff, access, accommodation for up to 5000 construction workers e.g. on site “campus” and transport policy. Stage 2 would be reactions to the feedback and EDF’s preferred proposals. EDF were aware of SPLG and thought it could make a valuable contribution during the consultation process, and they will consult with SPLG and local councils. Their Leiston office will be open during the consultation process, which they want to be “open and transparent”. Sizewell Stakeholders Group is not discussing Sizewell C, but a Community Forum is to be set up.
7. Finance: Bank balance currently was £611.50
8. Local Development Framework Pre-submission Core Strategy: Cllr. Alan Mackley led a brief discussion on this subject with particular reference to the needs of retirees (a large demographic group in the population). Retirees are likely to be more dependent on local builders, social & health services, which could be seriously affected if staff transfer their employment to EDF during the building programme.
9. AOB: unfortunately Trevor Tate had to resign as Secretary, because of other commitments. Thanks were expressed for all his hard work and commitment over the past 3 years. Members were invited to put themselves forward to take over this important role as we move into the detailed consultation period.
10. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 27th March 2012 at 7.30pm at Theberton Village Hall.