

SIZEWELL PARISHES LIAISON GROUP

Minutes of the meeting held on 27th March 2012 at Theberton Village Hall
Present: J. Swallow, Chairman (Theberton), M. Blakeney, Secretary, R. Dowding (Middleton), R. Perrett (Middleton), E. Atkinson (Aldringham), D. Burns (Benhall), N. Parker (Leiston), M. Andrews (Saxmundham & SCDC), M. Gower (Walberswick & SCDC), P. Watkiss (Friston) & B. Slater (SCDC).

1. Apologies. Trevor Tate & Alan Mackley
2. Welcome & Introductions amongst the members present.
3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 31st January 2012. Approved Unanimously.
4. Matters arising from those minutes. A question was raised regarding possible extra power lines for Sizewell C in the Friston area. Answer was no-the Anglian mammoth wind farm will go ashore at Bawdsey, underground to Bramford and then pylons across Dedham Vale.
5. Feedback from meeting with Cllr. Herring (Leader) and staff of SCDC on 26th March 2012. The Chairman facilitated discussions on the issues from the following notes taken at the meeting with SCDC.

Cllr. Herring (Leader SCDC) opened the meeting saying "This is the right time to talk" (between SCDC & SPLG).

SCDC & SCC are joint partners in planning stage of Sizewell C. Government final agreement & decision in the EDF planning submission.

Presentation by Paul Wood Project Manager. Information from EDF planning stage at Hinckley Point, similar to proposal at Sizewell indicates:

- *£10 Billion building cost over 10 years.*
- *£100 Million per annum boost to regional economy.*
- *5500 workers on building site at the peak of construction*
- *900 jobs over 60 years.*
- *Further information on website.*
- *Reactors will be latest French model.*
- *Safety issues to be agreed at the end of the year.*
- *Parish council's important part of planning consultation.*
- *Planning Stage 1 due to begin at the end of the year.*
- *Planning Stage 2 public consultation may take about 18 months but impossible to place a specific date on this consultation.*
- *Then planning submission to Secretary of State- could take 12 months to agree.*
- *EDF at Hinckley agreed finance to cover costs of planning and areas such as transport links & FE training. Social/economic & community benefit offer £20*

million but rejected as insufficient. To be reviewed. £2 million on leisure facilities.

- *22500 workers over 9 years-approximately 20% local. Average earnings forecast to be 50% higher than average full-time earnings in Suffolk..*
- *Campus accommodation is an option EDF are currently considering-no decision yet but options will be considered at Stage 1 consultation. Problem with 2008 planning legislation which could be altered by government.*
- *Next step at Sizewell. Studies to be undertaken (What?). Consultations with community between June & August.*
- *EDF will establish a Sizewell Community Forum in the autumn. To include representation from PC's, schools, colleges, police & business.*

SCDC position

No objection to nuclear development. Buildings should not be intrusive. The coastal defense requires updating-problem of long term rising sea levels.-EDF & EA conducting survey. Housing issues, traffic & railways to site. SCDC is a member of the national group of local authorities, where new nuclear plant is to be build-lobbying government on changes to business rate, and community benefit etc.

SPLG perspective

Group tasks & issues include:

- *The collation of evidence gleaned from Parish & Town Councils.*
- *The provision of regular feed back to member councils.*
- *SPLG require finance to undertake the above activities-can SCDC help from their EDF planning budget?*
- *Local labour & professional services personnel could shift their employment to EDF site, which would affect vulnerable groups in need of practical or health/social support (pensioners' e.g.).*
- *Employment for local people in skilled jobs.*
- *Education & training-a coordinated approach to develop a local skill base.*
- *The development of a better rail service and link to Leiston. SCDC thought this to be important.*
- *Local social housing built by EDF-change required to 2008 planning legislation.*
- *Broadband speed requires improvement particularly for business development in the area.*
- *Community benefit fund-EDF appears to have gradually moved towards the proposal.*

- *Develop and maintain a close relationship with Therese Coffey MP.*
- *Ensure the local beautiful environment is maintained, particularly for tourism and residents.*
- *EDF are looking at an alternative position for new access road into Sizewell C site.*
- *SCDC to hold a consultation with local organizations on 28th May.*

What is the long term (60 years after completion of building) policy towards the nuclear and other energy providers in East Suffolk? What as a community do we want from that relationship? It could be for example a renowned national place for nuclear engineering training & development (Deputy Leader SCDC)

SCDC & SPLG agreed that the meeting had been helpful and encouraging. Cllr. Herring agreed we should all meet together again.

A list of final outcomes arising from the meeting.

- *No place for SPLG on the Task Group.*
- *SCDC want to continue discussion with SPLG.*
- *Application for finance for SPLG work from SCDC to be followed up in writing.*
- *No long term social & economic policy towards energy providers-could be explored with PC's and SCDC.*
- *Community benefit is to be considered by EDF.*
- *Detailed reports prepared by SPLG gain the interest and support from SCDC councillors.*
- *The Community Forum is a place for SPLG to consult but there could be overlap/confusion if individual PC's are also involved.*
- *SCDC & SPLG have identified roughly the same agenda/issues/priorities towards planning negotiations with EDF.*

Outcomes from discussions. The members were concerned about traffic to the building site. There is an indication that the A12 from the South may be upgraded. However, the bendy route to Yoxford from the North is not to be upgraded. This could seriously increase traffic on the B1122 from Yoxford to Leiston, passing through several villages on route to the site.

6. What should SPLG do next? Raise the following issues. 1). Traffic on B1122.
2). Investigate evacuation emergency procedures following a major accident at Sizewell B or C.
7. SPLG is to receive a visit in May from a council representative of Hinckley Point community.

8. Subscriptions to SPLG are due in April/May- £130 Town Councils & £30 Parish Council members. An invoice will accompany the request to all councils.
9. Any other business. None.
10. Date of next general meeting & AGM. Tuesday 29th May 2012. Venue to be arranged.

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