

SIZEWELL PARISHES LIAISON GROUP

Minutes of the General Meeting held on 27th May 2014 at Theberton VH at 8.00 pm. Held immediately following the AGM.

1. Apologies: Cllrs. R. Swindell & J. McIntyre.
2. To approve the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 11th March 2014 at Theberton VH. Approved with the inclusion of Cllr. B Slater's apologies.
3. Matters arising. None.
4. Report on latest developments of Sizewell C. EDF have instigated Focus Groups to address with particular residents/communities issues of concern to them. To this end Theberton have taken EDF on a journey around the Parish to highlight their concerns about accommodation, B1122 and environmental issues in the countryside. A protest march will take place along the B1122 on 31st May to highlight the opposition of residents to the use of this B road as the major route from the A12 to Sizewell C construction site. Worker accommodation at Hinckley is split into three campuses and, following completion of the nuclear power station, the accommodation will be available for social & student housing. According the government housing policy this is acceptable but EDF claim it is not possible at Sizewell-a point to follow-up with SCDC Planning Authority. With regard to the 4 Villages road scheme the community is pursuing a by-pass round Stratford and Farnham. Proposed that finance should come from EDF and government. Now awaiting a Traffic Report on the situation on the proposal. Criticism that JLAG lacks transparency in communication with councilors and the public, which might be related to an EDF confidentially clause.
5. To report on young people and monitoring proposal (Attached) The Secretary explained that the proposal for young people required research to back a claim with EDF for funding. Currently some figures were available from a Leiston TC survey in 2012; a earlier report on deprivation in Leiston and Saxmundham; and a report from The Princes Trust on youth unemployment and mental illness. Current unemployment figures from the government and crime figure from the Youth Offending Service are awaited. The meeting suggested that the Monitoring proposal should clearly and concisely specify the needs/issues/problems to be examined and the agencies that should be involved in the work. These proposals to be referred to the Steering Group for further consideration.
6. To receive a Paper from Cllr. D. Burns on community issues affected by the EDF building programme (Attached). The Paper was well received by the members and made the front page of the EADT. The conclusion to the Paper specified a joint meeting with the MP, SCC & SCDC & MEP-to be arranged by the Steering Group. Also to develop a petition covering the geographical area of all members of SPLG, to reinforce the concerns of SPLG with figures of support from the population.
7. Visit to Hinckley Point. The visit will take place on 9th June and the delegation from SPLG is Cllrs. Swallow, Burns & Gilbert. A programme of visits and discussions have been arranged with EDF officials, Councilors and MP's in Somerset. Permission will be needed to photograph the site and surrounding area of roads and villages. The press to be informed of the visit. A report on the visit to be made available to SPLG members and the local press.
8. Any other business. The Chairman was thanked for his work on producing a reply to the Scoping Report. An issue around air pollution was raised for further discussion.
9. Date of next meeting. A date in September. Steering Group to meet shortly after the Hinckley visit.