

Meeting Report

Regarding:

**EDF Energy Hinkley Point C:
Community Forum.**

Date & Venue:

**Thursday 23 January 2020 18:00
Bridgwater & Taunton College, Cannington.**

Participating:

Jim Claydon, Chair

Mike Wilkinson, Civil Nuclear Constabulary(CNC)

Justin Sargent, Somerset Community Foundation

Peter Stolze, Somerset Community Foundation

Anne Reed, Wembdon Parish Council

Lucinda Spelman-Ives, North Petherton Town
Council

Roy Pumfrey, Stop Hinkley

Alastair Higton, Somerset County Council

Erland Plomgren, Holford Parish Council

Mike Dixon, Kilve Parish Council

Ann Bown, Somerset County Council

Terry Ayre, Local resident

Allan Jeffery, Green Party

Robert Downes, Somerset West & Taunton
Council

Paul Crosland, Fiddington Parish Council

Lisa Wright, Environment Agency

Alex Lord, Environment Agency

Julie Evans, Otterhampton Parish Council

Marie Beckley, Otterhampton Parish Council

Stuart Hill, C.H.A.I.R / Wildfowlers

John McVerry, Stockland Bristol Parish Meeting

Chris Green, National Grid

Mike Painter, National Grid

Doug Bamsey, Sedgemoor District Council

John Burton, Somerset West & Taunton Council

Sue Goss, Stogursey Parish Council

Peter Payne, Williton Parish Council

Malcom Reid, Nether Stowey Parish Council

Leigh Redman, Somerset County Council

EDF Energy Team:

Lidia Bosa, EDF

Tom Thayer, EDF

Barbara Pocock, EDF

David Eccles, EDF

Immy Silby, EDF

Drew Aspinwall, Newgate Communications

Apologies received:

Richard Cuttall, WHAG

Jean Stanford, Williton Parish Council

Item		Action
1	Introductions	
1.1	Jim Claydon (The Chair) welcomed attendees and opened the meeting.	
1.2	David Eccles (DE) informed forum members of a fatal road incident which happened on the C182 on Monday 20 January 2020. DE said that it would be inappropriate to raise questions or speculate regarding the circumstances around this incident whilst the investigation by the Police was ongoing. Our thoughts are with the family and friends of the deceased at this time.	
1.3	The Chair then asked all attendees to introduce themselves.	
2	Meeting Note and Matters Arising	
2.1	<p>The Chair reviewed the previous Community Forum meeting note from 3 October 2019 including the actions and after-notes inviting any further comment.</p> <p>The Chair made reference to the more concise style of the meeting note and requested that members continue to keep their questions brief and to the point in order to facilitate the running of the meeting.</p>	
2.2	Item 3.2 Allan Jeffrey (AJ) explained that his query regarding the sea wall had initially concerned its height.	
2.3	Item 4.2 Sue Goss (SG) commented that her question was not recorded correctly but that her query had been answered elsewhere.	
2.4	Item 3.2 Stuart Hill (SH) shared with the meeting that signage was in place now but damage to the layby had already occurred. SG added that the sign referred to HPC traffic only. Alastair Higon (AH) said he would take this up as signage should be for all HGVs not just HPC.	Action: AH re layby signage
2.5	<p>Members then agreed the meeting note.</p> <p>In addition to the forum meeting notes and agendas, all presentations and reports are available at www.edfenergy.com/hpccommunity - the documents for each forum will be available to view a week ahead of each meeting and will remain there for reference. In a bid to cut waste, only the forum agenda will be printed and provided for attendees.</p>	
3	Project Progress	
3.1	<p>DE gave an overview of the recent progress on site. This was then followed by a short film fronted by Stuart Crooks, Managing Director of HPC, in which he looks ahead to activity on site in 2020.</p> <p>The presentation and the film is available here: www.edfenergy.com/hpccommunity</p>	
3.2	<p>Follow up questions and points of clarification included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How many apprenticeships have been created? 529 apprentices have worked on the HPC project so far. This topic was picked up at length in Item 5. More information was requested about the Mental Health First Aider initiative. Immy Silby (IS) gave a very brief overview and suggested that a presentation is given at the next Community Forum. SH offered his assistance with regards to plans for creating allotments at the Bridgwater Campus. Impact on project schedule in the light of recent bad weather. DE confirmed that despite challenging site conditions recently, for example in relation to lifting operations in high winds, the project remains on track. Could Luke Stevens (LS) from HPC attend future Community Forums, to update on wildlife and landscape matters as he does at the Main Site Forum? 	<p>Action: IS to follow up with SH</p> <p>Action: LS to be invited to all CFs</p>

- Will there be any applications for material or non-material changes to the DCO in 2020?
 - DE confirmed that the picture will be clearer later in the year as to which applications would be required. Appropriate consultation or engagement activity will take place and the fora will be kept updated.
 - Regarding the changes to the site 'plot plan', DE explained that a DCO application would be required to amend this. The application is likely to contain minor adjustments to the position and dimensions of some of the buildings on site.
 - DE also reported that conversations are at an early stage with the local authorities with regards to potential increase to workforce numbers. The current situation is that HPC are jointly working with the councils to look at various scenarios in relation to increase workforce and the potential impact of these. One element of this scenario planning involves looking at adjusting shift patterns to ensure the numbers of buses remain constant but will be run at a greater capacity. The fora will be kept up to date on progresses over the course of the year.
- Could more detailed plans be provided about works at Comwich Wharf?
It was confirmed that more detailed plans would be available at the next Parish Council briefing session.
- Could a map of the footpaths around the site be provided?
- There was a report of noise disturbing residents of Shurton & Burton from a stone crusher, could this be looked into?
Forum members were reminded to report activities via the website or email edfenergy@hpcenquiries.com so they can be directed to the correct person.
- Could a presentation be given to the forum regarding the sea wall now that the work is almost complete?
The sea wall may well feature in a regular update as wider works progress. More information can be found in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the PINS website (<https://tinyurl.com/tahtf55>). Specific technical questions can be directed to The Environment Agency who are always happy to respond to queries regarding the EIS.
- Was there any update on the Acoustic Fish Deterrent (AFD)?
Lisa Wright (LW) from The Environment Agency (EA) update the forum. She confirmed that this currently sat with them, and that the EA had not yet arrived at its conclusion; they have engaged some external independent support to assist and there may be more to report around June time. If the permit is granted or granted with conditions attached, then there will be a further round of public consultation.

Action. IS to liaise with SH re maps

4 Update: Somerset Community Fund

- 4.1 Justin Sargent (JS) from the Somerset Community Foundation (SCF) gave a presentation covering recent activity. JS also introduced his new colleague Peter Stolze who will be attending future meetings.
- 4.2 The presentation is available here: www.edfenergy.com/hpccommunity

Follow-up question:

- SH asked about if a model application could be produced to help smaller organisations and groups apply to the Fund.
JS agreed to follow this up. **After-Note:** Due to the diverse nature of the applications, creating a model to cover all scenarios will not be possible but SCF will review whether guidelines for applicants for small grants could be strengthened to ensure they are as easy as possible to follow.

After-Note

5 Update: Inspire Programme

5.1 Tom Thayer (TT) gave an update on the Inspire programme: This presentation is available at: www.edfenergy.com/hpccommunity

5.2 Follow up questions / points of clarification included:

- TT clarified that the film showed young people but you can be an apprentice at any age and the job service do advertise these to all.
- How many people will be employed when HPC is operational and how many of those will be local?
There will be around 900 staff when the plant is operational, and the target for local workers is 34% (within 90 minutes commute time), across the lifetime of the project. TT highlighted that job types / opportunities at HPC are included in the primary school assemblies that the team run to get the message out as early as possible.
- TT clarified that the 'Talent Academies' referred to in the presentation were initiatives not organisations or buildings.
- The 'Learn Live' - Apprenticeships LIVE with EDF Energy (Hinkley Point C) - was viewed by over 9,500 students.
- The next podcast will be in collaboration with Chilton Trinity School, Bridgwater on 5 February 2020.

SH welcomed that the benefits of training and employment to the area were far exceeding the targets that were established at the time of the enquiry.

6 Main Site Forum

The Chair gave a summary of the key points from the Main Site Forum (MSF) held on 16 October 2019. The main issue had been a presentation regarding the Jetty by the Harbour Master. The meeting note is available here: www.edfenergy.com/hpccommunity

The next MSF will be 6pm on Thursday 27 February 2020 at Stogursey Primary School, Tower Hill, Stogursey, TA5 1PR.

7 Transport Forum

The Chair gave a summary of the key points from the Transport Forum (TF) held on 21 November 2019. The main issue had concerned updates on transport matters including Bristol Road/Wylds Road. The meeting note is available here: www.edfenergy.com/hpccommunity

The next TF will be at 6pm Thursday 26 March 2020 at The Green at Wembdon, Homberg Way, Wembdon, Bridgwater, TA6 7BY

8 Any Other Business

- 8.1 Roy Pumfrey (RP) asked how long the Community Bus would run for?
DE said the bus would run during the construction period of HPC.
- 8.2 RP asked if there would be an ONR report at the next meeting?
Drew Aspinwall (DA) confirmed that the requirement is for the ONR to report twice a year and would be attending the May and September Community Forums, the report will be circulated with the papers a week ahead of the meeting.
- 8.3 SH recounted an experience he had with SPS bus recently where he felt the driving style was aggressive and vehicle travelling too fast, he was not able to get the number plate as the vehicle was behind him.
IS reminded members that any incidents such as this should be reported. Without a VRN, then the date, time and location can often be enough as the tracking system in place can identify the driver, vehicle and the driver behaviour if the details supplied are accurate. edfenergy@hpcenquiries.com

9 Date of next meeting

9.1 The next Community Forum will be at 6pm on Thursday 14 May 2020 at Bridgwater & Taunton College, Cannington.

9.2 HPC have received confirmation that the proposal to review the start time and frequency of the fora has been approved by the local authorities. Therefore, the dates proposed in the review letter for 2020 can be confirmed (listed again below for reference).

The forums are complemented with engagement with the local Parish Councils and regular drop-in events at the Babbling Brook. Additional forum meetings can be held if required.

2020 dates:

Fora are all Thursdays, all 6pm start times:

Community Forum: (Bridgwater & Taunton College, Cannington, TA5 2LS)
14 May 2020; 24 September 2020.

Main Site Forum: (Stogursey Primary School, Tower Hill, Stogursey, TA5 1PR)
27 February 2020; 25 June 2020; 22 October 2020.

Transport Forum: (The Green, Wembdon, Homberg Way, Wembdon, TA6 7BY)
26 March 2020; 16 July 2020; 26 November 2020.

Babbling Brook Drop-ins: (Babbling Brook, Shurton Ln, Shurton, Bridgwater, TA5 1QE)

All Fridays, all between 12 – 1pm:

31 January 2020
17 April 2020
21 August 2020
11 December 2020

9.3 The meeting closed.