

Aldbrough Community Liaison Group Meeting

Date:	1 st February 2024	Location:	Aldbrough Sports Hall
Date issued:	20 th February 2024	Recorded by:	Rachel Fox
Attendees:		Apologies:	
Michael Gillatt, SSE (MGi)	Rachel Fox, SSE (RF)	Janice Harvey, St Michaels Church (JH)	
Steve Mattinson, EGPC (SM) - Chair	Victoria Spooner, SSE (VS) Part Meeting		
Avril Crowthorn, EGPC (AC)	Andy Sloan (AS) Part Meeting		
Mick Robinson, Aldbrough Sports Hall (MR)	Stewart Allen, Aldbrough Primary School (SA)		
Paul Dacombe, Equinor (PD)	Billie Henry, Equestrian (BH)		
Sally O'Brien, SSE (SO)	Caroline Turner, VOICE (CT)		
Rachel Palmer, SSE (RP)	Julie Dickinson-Shaw, St. Michael's Church (JDC)		
Cllr. John Holtby, Mid Holderness Ward Councillor (JHo)	Tim Isherwood, St Michael's Wood (TI)		

Contact Details

Rachel Fox – Stakeholder Manager – 07467 652088 / rachel.fox@sse.com – (Monday to Friday 08:30 – 16:30).

Site Security – 01964 527885 (24 hrs a day)

Purpose of Meeting

- The Community Liaison Group will include representatives from the SSE, ERY Council, Aldbrough and Garton Parish councils and other relevant local interest groups.
- The Community Liaison Group shall provide a forum in which consultation can take place to consider the effects and issues which may arise from the development during its implementation and operation.
- The Community Liaison Group shall meet on a regular basis being at least once every six months.
- Meeting of the Community Liaison Group shall be open to members of the public, as observers.
- SSE shall nominate a Liaison Manager to act as point of contact; they will be a member of this Community Liaison Group.

Above is an extract taken from the Section 106

Meeting Notes

Item	Discussion
1	Operations Update
	<p>The meeting started with a presentation on cavern creation and the lifecycle, maintenance & decommissioning process. This was presented by Dr Victoria Spooner (SSE Thermal Subsurface Engineer/Geoscientist) & Andy Sloan (Independent Subsurface Technical Authority). The presentation prompted many good questions, and the slides will be shared. There were three questions that were taken away for future responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the approx. quantities of sea water used for creation • A request for some statistics on amount of gas stored v general household consumption • Which layer of rock is the most difficult/challenging to drill through <p>MGi provided an update regarding ongoing site operations.</p> <p>The workover rig is at site carrying out maintenance work and will be on site for approx. the next four weeks. Any changes to this will be shared to the group. All previous lighting restrictions have been implemented.</p>



MG shared that he and some of the GS team had attended a careers event at Hornsea Secondary school to share information about opportunities in the local industry. Other businesses were in attendance and the pupils found it very useful.

2 Aldbrough Hydrogen Pathfinder Scheme

SO shared an update on the AHP (Aldbrough Hydrogen Pathfinder) development.

An update was shared regarding the next steps for the Pathfinder project following the announcement shared in December that the first funding bid had not been successful. The update also included a high-level indicative timeline of planned key milestones & events.

SO acknowledged that due to the timeline changes that there is a possibility that the AHP & AHS project construction could overlap if both projects proceed. The cumulative impact was raised a concern by the group, particularly lighting, noise and traffic.

Following a site visit on the day of the meeting, SO shared a progress update on the tree planting that is taking place. The schedule is still on track with all key areas to be completed by the end of the planting season. There have been some amendments due to landowner permissions and some other changes following advice from landscapers. Strong concerns/questions were raised by SM as to the quantity of trees planted not being the same as promised and asked if this was linked to costs. Assurances were made that the visual impact would still be the same, but some areas did not require additional trees, so planting them would be non-productive and would only require thinning in the future. Any areas that were highlighted as an issue could be reviewed and addressed.

SM mentioned that tree species for the cliff top should be investigated to prevent unnecessary loss of trees given the difficult growth environment. Additionally, the cabins used by the landscaping team have made effective use of 'wrapping' to blend into the surrounding environment, this type of wrapping could be a possibility for future buildings or temporary cabins.

The DBD project team was asked if any of the planting would need to be removed if the DBD project progressed to construction. RP advised that whilst this was a possibility, the focus was on ensuring that the current planning schedule proceeded.

A visit to review the planting was offered. The planting update slides detailing progress will be shared.

3 Aldbrough Hydrogen Storage Scheme

PD provided an overview of current and expected activity relating to the AHS (Aldbrough Hydrogen Storage) development project.

There are still ongoing wintering bird surveys carried out at the coast until April, which are approx. 2 days per month.

4 DBD Project Update

RP updated that a report would be available following the recent non-statutory consultation events detailing themes of feedback received.

RP shared that an independent community fund report relating to Dogger Bank A had been published and would be shared.

A question was asked as to how the DBD community benefit application are/would be managed. RP explained that each project was managed according to feedback from consultation.

AC & CT raised that there had been further occurrences of Dalcour Maclaren arranging to carry out surveys with residents on their properties but have not shown up. There have also been a number of strange cars and individuals seen around the Grimson area, and it's not known if they are carrying out surveys. A suggestion was made of ID cards or some other way of easily identifying the teams appointed to carry out any project activities.

RP commented that this had been fed back to Dalcour Maclaren and was disappointed that there had been further instances of issues.

The call centre for Dogger Bank D can be contacted 24/7 on **0800 254 5029**, this can be used to report non-attendance at surveys out of hours.

ACTION: - RP to follow up with Dalcour Maclaren for feedback on the 'no show' issues.

	<p>ACTION: - RP to share the visual images submitted with the original planning document from existing DB project -- Outstanding</p> <p>Contact information for Rachel Palmer is below. This can be used for any further information on the DBD project.</p> <p>Rachel Palmer – Rachel.palmer@sse.com M: +44 (0) 7467 397742</p>
5	AOB
	<p>SM suggested that as part of the ongoing maintenance of St Michaels Wood and site trees that an arboriculturist consultant is approached to look at the long-term strategy for the upkeep and future plans for the woodland and other planted areas.</p> <p>SM raised that the pond in St Michael's wood required dredging – Post Meeting Update: This will be completed later in the year due to frogs already starting to spawn.</p> <p>RF shared that Catherine Raw the SSE Thermal MD was leaving the business at the end of March to take up a role in Australia. Her replacement will be communicated as soon as the recruitment process is completed.</p> <p>TI proposed that a storage area be placed in St Michael's wood for temporary storage of tree protectors collected to prevent them being blown away.</p> <p>ACTION:- RF to speak to Heritage Hedging</p> <p>RF shared the link for the 'Cash for Kids' application for local assistance for families struggling with the cost of living. This is a simple process to apply for the grant. This has been sent out to local schools, Ward Councillors and Parish councils for onward sharing.</p> <p>Apply for a Cost-of-Living Grant Info - Viking FM (planetradio.co.uk)</p>
6	Questions & Comments
	<p>A request was made for an indicative timeline of key activities that cover all project – showing consultation dates, proposed planning submission etc.</p>
7	Date and Time of Next Meeting
	<p>The proposed date is Thursday 29th February from 7pm until 9pm.</p>

