

Wressle Community Liaison Group

Meeting note

Date: Tuesday 1st February 2022

Venue: Virtual MS Teams meeting

Attendees:

Community	
Wayne Gammon	Resident
Louise Price (LP)	Resident
Agencies	
Howard Goulbourne (HG)	Environment Agency
Councillors	
Paul Tattersfield (PT)	Broughton Town Council
Egdon representatives	
Mark Abbott (MA)	MD, Egdon Resources, Egdon
Martin Brookes (MB)	Operations director, Egdon
Martin Durham (MD)	Technical Director, Egdon
Rachel Smith (RS)	Community and communications

Apologies were received from Councillor Carol Ross, Martin Hempstock and Andrew Law (North Lincolnshire County Council).

NOTE: the following is not a verbatim report of the meeting but intended to capture the principles of the questions asked and the salient points of issues discussed.

MA gave an update of operations on site. There have been no health or safety or environmental issues. Oil production continues to be constrained by the equipment on site to between 600 and 650 barrels per day. Pressure data indicates that the well has potential to achieve between 1000 and 1200 barrels per day if the equipment could manage the associated gas. There may be cranes seen on site as the temporary equipment is replaced with more permanent facilities.

The quarterly report for water monitoring has been produced and has been posted on the community website. There is nothing out of the ordinary in those results.

We continue to work on options to use the gas which is being produced with the oil. We have existing planning permission in place for a gas engine to be installed on site (which would convert gas to electricity for export to the grid). However, if we wanted to export gas into the local network

then that will require a small additional planning permission. Other gas usage options are also being evaluated.

It has been quite a warm winter and there have been very few issues with the site operations.

RS gave an outline of the community fund and the associated grant panel and how that might work with Broughton Sports and Community Association. She also updated on interim grants made for example to Broughton Wombles litter pickers.

WG asked a question about a potential application for an organisation called Men in Sheds. He will bring forward further details as the fund progresses

WG also apologised for confusion over the taekwondo club and the change of its status to a profit-making organisation.

WG also suggested that the Queen's Jubilee celebrations or Broughton in Bloom might be an opportunity for funding to support the local community.

LP reported that the Broughton in Bloom campaign was taking shape and that the village was keen to maintain their standards.

PT added that the village was very fortunate in that it had good relationships with the local MP, parish councils and the local church and that they would all be willing to help to support the community fund.

HG gave an update from the Environment Agency. Site visits have continued, with the most recent on 31st January to undertake Permit compliance checks. He reported there were no issues with anything on site and he had no complaints or questions.

There was no update from North Lincolnshire County Council (Andrew Law) who advised by email to Egdon that he had nothing new to report in planning terms.

MA asked a question of the community group around the appetite for continuing the Community Liaison Group meetings over the Teams platform. The attendance has dwindled over recent months and MA asked if people would prefer to have an email or newsletter update on a regular basis and meetings to be convened as and when there was information to impart. MA asked the community group to take this action away and consider the need for future meetings. RS added that that question would also be asked of non-attending members to gauge the wider view from the rest of the group.

WG suggested that email updates would work well and the face-to-face meeting should take place if there were new issues to be reported.

LP added that she found the meetings useful to keep up to speed with operations but understood that attendance was dwindling. She also mentioned that the existing chair may not be available due to additional work pressures. LP offered to chair the CLG if it would be useful.

LP also noted that wider attendance at the CLG had dwindled even to the point that Facebook postings and comments on the Wressle production operations had also petered out and interest from protesters had diminished.

WG asked a question about directional drilling which MA answered in terms of how the drill bit was steerable and the bottom of the drilled well need not be directly below the wellsite.

There were no additional questions or any other business.

Next meeting: tbc