

Preston New Road Community Liaison Group

Meeting: Inaugural meeting Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2014

Venue: Pipers Height Caravan Park, Peel Road, FY4 5JT

Time: 7.00 – 8.30 pm.

Attendees:

Sam Schofield [SS]	Interim Chair, Cuadrilla, Lancashire Communications & Public Affairs Manager
James Adam [JA]	Cuadrilla, Bowland Project Delivery Manager
Stuart Hall [SHall]	World of Water
Andrew Wareing [AW]	Westby-with-Plumpton PC
Susan Holliday [SH]	Resident
Paul Hayhurst [PH]	Lancashire County Council
Anita Ranson [AR]	Resident
Jan Gregson [JG]	Resident
Joyce Whittle [JW]	Westby-with-Plumpton PC
Mary Ellison [ME]	Westby-with-Plumpton PC
Peter Ogden [PO]	Resident
Sheila Ogden [SO]	Resident
Mark Kerr [MK]	Secretariat, PPS Group

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**1.0 Welcome and introductions**

All present introduced themselves.

The representatives from Westby-with-Plumpton PC (AW, JW, ME) requested that all three should be allowed to attend the inaugural meeting before determining who would represent the PC at future meetings. This was agreed.

PH also explained that as Lancashire County Councillor sitting on the Planning Committee he could not be able to participate in any CLG discussions on planning matters.

In addition, PH identified that at the previous week's Roseacre CLG there had been a discussion about the close proximity of the Roseacre Wood site to the boundaries of Lancashire County Council's Fylde East and Fylde West Divisions, and that a similar situation arose with the Preston New Road site. He suggested that Councillor Liz Oades (LCC Fylde East) should be invited to become a member of the CLG.

SS explained that Cllr Oades had subsequently accepted an invitation to join the Roseacre Wood CLG and that a similar invitation could be extended to join the Preston New Road CLG. The meeting considered the issue and decided that it would advantageous for both Cllr Hayhurst and Cllr Oades to be CLG members.

It was agreed that an invitation should be extended by the Secretariat to

Cllr Oades to join the Preston New Road CLG, explaining the views of CLG members.

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There was also a discussion about the representation of Fylde Borough Council on the CLG. It was agreed that all three Warton and Westby ward members should be invited to attend and that the Secretariat should extend an invitation to Cllr Susanne Cunningham in addition to Cllr Susan Ashton and Cllr Julie Brickles.

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In light of the fact that only one representative, (SHall) of the business community had applied to join the CLG, members thought a representative from the farming community should be approached. Members were asked to suggest possible candidates to the Secretariat.

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**In addition there was a discussion round the fact that only PO or SO should attend future meetings, and SH then noted that the CLG was still one resident short. SH suggested that Patricia Davies (from the waiting list) should be invited to join the group, PH agreed with this suggestion particularly given the proximity of her residence to the proposed site.**

**It was agreed that the Secretariat would approach Patricia Davies.**

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SH suggested that the Police should also be represented on the CLG. SS explained that they together with other relevant stakeholder groups could be invited to attend on an ad hoc basis.

Following a suggestion from PH, it was agreed that the minutes of the Roseacre Wood CLG would be circulated to members of the Preston New Road CLG and vice versa.

Apologies were received from Susan Aston (Fylde Borough Council) who was on holiday.

**2.0 Discussion about Terms of Reference (ToR)**

SS confirmed that all members had received a revised draft of the ToR and explained that it incorporated amendments suggested by the Roseacre Wood CLG.

He reiterated that the ToR was the basis for the CLG to work constructively together. It was anticipated that the CLG would work from now until the planning application was decided and, if approved, during the life time of Cuadrilla's operations at Roseacre Wood.

He identified that the CLG was not a decision making body but provided a link between Cuadrilla and the community and other interested parties, for feed-back and information to be shared.

SS confirmed that the minutes of CLG meetings would be made public by being posted on Cuadrilla's website and the group's activities could also be advertised in local Parish newsletters.

SS clarified that provided apologies were received repeated non-attendance would not result in the members' place being offered to others.

The revised draft of the ToR was unanimously approved.

### 3.0 Chair

SS explained that although Cuadrilla would act as Interim Chair it was hoped that an independent Chair would be forthcoming in due course.

It was agreed that CLG members who wished to be considered for the roles of Chair and Deputy Chair should nominate themselves to the Secretariat together with a brief pen portrait detailing relevant experience etc.

The candidate's details would be circulated to Group members in advance of the next meeting at which a vote would be held to elect a Chair and Deputy Chair.

### 4.0 Items for discussion at future meetings

Following discussion it was agreed that the standing agenda items for future meeting would include:

- Apologies
- Minutes of previous meeting
- Matters arising
- Programme update (Cuadrilla – 10 mins)
- Community update (CLG members – 10 mins)
- Discussion of two substantive issues (with outside speakers as appropriate)
- AOB
- Date of next meeting

SS asked for suggestions for outside speakers and explained that the Secretariat would approach those suggested. A number of suggestions were made.

PH suggested a presentation from Lancashire County Council about the planning process and who LCC would consult on any applications. It was agreed that this should be the subject of a joint meeting with the Roseracre Wood CLG.

It was agreed that the secretariat would approach Stuart Perrigo, LCC Chief Planning Officer to arrange a suitable date for the meeting.

In response to questioning from SH, JA thought that the planning application would be submitted during May 2014 giving time for comments to be considered following the end of the consultation period on 24th April.

SH suggested a presentation from the Police on security issues would be helpful and this was supported by SHall.

It was agreed that the secretariat would make a formal request at Chief Inspector level to ensure senior input so that operational experience gained from Barton Moss and Balcombe would be taken into account. PH suggested that if this proved difficult Mark Menzies, MP should be approached to assist.

In response to this suggestion, PO questioned whether involving the Police suggested an assumption was being made that planning permission would be granted. SS said that this was not the case but it

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was appropriate to consider potential future issues.

JW suggested that traffic and road safety issues should be considered and it was agreed that the secretariat would ensure that Arup attended a future CLG to discuss these matters.

SHall thought that a presentation on environmental impacts, ecology, hydrology and the surveys undertaken would also be useful. PH added that Stuart Perrigo would cover the environmental issues LCC required to be covered in his presentation on the planning process.

SS/JA added that the Scoping Opinion, which covered LCC's requirements would be circulated by the Secretariat to all CLG members.

In addition, the Secretariat would invite those representatives from Arup responsible for the environmental reports to present to a future CLG meeting.

It was agreed that the following issues should be covered at future CLG meeting:

- The Planning process (Stuart Perrigo, LCC Chief Planning Officer to present)
- Security issues (Lancashire Constabulary)
- Highways/traffic (Arup)
- Environmental issues (Arup)

It was further agreed that addition suggestions from CLG members should be made the Secretariat.

#### **5.0 Date of next meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place at:

**7.00 pm – 8.00 pm on Wednesday 14th May 2014 at Pipers Height Caravan Park, Peel Road, FY4 5JT**

PH suggested that the joint meeting with the Roseacre Wood CLG at which LCC would present the planning process/framework should take place outwith the usual cycle of Roseacre Wood CLG and Preston New Road CLG meetings.

He stressed that it should be organized as quickly as possible and offered his help as a County Councillor if problems were encountered.

#### **6.0 Any other business**

SS explained that in the interests of transparency, the membership of the CLG would be made public, not least by the publication of the meeting minutes on Cuadrilla's web site. He asked if members were happy with this or were there any concerns that would require individual names to be redacted?

The consensus was that the role of CLG members was to be the "eyes and ears" for the community and other stakeholder groups which supported the need for transparency in all the CLG's activities.

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It was agreed that members should consider the issue and inform the Secretariat if they wished their names to be redacted.

The meeting ended at 8.30 pm.

POSTSCRIPT:

Following the meeting the representatives of Westbury-with-Plumpton PC requested that the PC's representation on the CLG be increased from one to three attendees, in line with the increased representation of Fylde BC agreed at the meeting.

SS explained that although he had some sympathy with this request it would need to be considered at the next meeting. He also emphasized that the ToR specifically covered the issues of alternatives being able to attend CLG meetings so the PC could always be represented

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