

Roseacre Wood Community Liaison Group

Meeting: Second meeting Tuesday 29th April 2014

Venue: Elswick Village Hall, Elswick, PR4 3UD

Time: 7.00 – 9.00 pm.

Attendees:

Sam Schofield [SS] Interim Chair (Cuadrilla, Lancashire Communications & Public Affairs Manager)
James Adam [JA] (Cuadrilla, Bowland Project Delivery Manager)
Heather Speak [HS]
Elizabeth Warner [EW]
Gordon Smith [GS]
Emma Smith [ES]
Barbara Richardson [BR]
Jane Barnes [JB]
Angela Livesay [AL]
Joyce Stuart [JS]
Mark Reed [MR]
Pete Marquis [PM]
Bob Haresceugh [BH]
Jim Thornley [JT]
Mark Kerr [MK] Secretariat (PPS Group)

In attendance:
Peter Webster (Arup)

Item	Action
<p>1.0 Welcome and introductions</p> <p>All present introduced themselves.</p> <p>SS confirmed that apologies had been received from Liz Oades and Paul Hayhurst.</p> <p>SS explained that JB, PM and JT had been invited to consider if they wished to fill the two vacant positions for local business representatives. Following the meeting they were asked to confirm with the Secretariat if they wished to serve on the CLG.</p> <p>2.0 Minutes of previous meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the 9th April meeting were approved.</p> <p>In response to the request from GS that consideration be given to circulating CLG minutes to other forums that Cuadrilla is involved with in Lancashire and vice versa, SS explained that this was only appropriate where meeting minutes were in the public domain but not where this was not the case, the Cuadrilla Lancashire Advisory Board was one of the forums that Cuadrilla was involved with and the minutes of which were not being offered by Cuadrilla into the public domain.</p>	<p>JB, PM, JT/ Secretariat</p>

LCC presentation on the planning process: SS explained that the Preston New Road CLG had requested a presentation from LCC on the planning process and an invitation had been extended to LCC to that effect.

It was agreed that this should take the form of an extraordinary joint meeting of the Preston New Road CLG and the Roseacre Wood CLG focusing exclusively on this single issue.

MK added that the preferred date for this was 7.00 pm on Wednesday 14th May at the Pipers Height Caravan Park, Peel Road, Blackpool, FY4 5JT.

The Secretariat would confirm details when available.

3.0 Matters arising;

a. Terms of Reference (ToR)

The revised Terms of Reference were agreed.

During discussion it was further agreed that the composition/representation of the CLG would be kept under review to ensure that it included those residents most impacted by the planning application. For example, the membership might need to change in light of the final traffic route to be adopted.

It was also agreed that all the Parish Councils in the relevant area should be made aware of progress and that the Editors of Parish newsletters should be approached with a view to publicising the web site link where the CLG minutes could be found.

b. Election for Chair

SS and JA suggested that as Cuadrilla representatives they felt they should not vote in the election for Chair in order that the decision was reached by local residents and their political and business representatives. After some discussion this was agreed.

In addition, all agreed that the Chair should be independent, impartial and show no bias in undertaking the role. This was considered very important in ensuring the CLG was credible and that people could have confidence in its work.

Following an intervention from EW it was noted that the Chair would retain the right to and responsibility of voting.

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In a secret ballot overseen by BR and MR, HS was elected Chair and GS was elected Deputy Chair.

For reasons of continuity it was agreed that SS would Chair the remainder of the meeting with HS taking on the role at future meetings.

4.0 Programme update

Roseacre Wood application: JA confirmed that the consultation period on Cuadrilla's emerging proposals ended on 24th April and that the company and its advisors were reviewing the comments received to inform the EIA and ES. He added that there were a significant number of comments to consider but that there were a number of common themes.

In response to questions, JA confirmed that the target date for submission remained May but he could not be specific in relation to a particular date. He explained that once submitted to LCC the application would need to be validated and registered which, given the complexity and scale of the documentation, could take a period of time. It would then be up-loaded onto LCC's planning application website and from that point would be in the public domain.

In response to a question from BR about the future possibility of Roseacre Wood becoming a production site, JA and SS confirmed that it was Cuadrilla policy that the wells would not be refracked.

He confirmed that LCC was required to consult on the application for a minimum of 21 days but that this could be extended, and that the determination period was 16 weeks.

GS asked for a copy of the Environmental Risk Assessment and JA explained that a draft had been sent to DECC and the Department's view would need to be sought before any copies could be released more widely.

SS added that the Environmental Statement is a lengthy document designed for planning officers and technical consultees and therefore not likely to be an easy read for the layperson. He suggested that the non-technical summary may provide more digestible information as a starting point. He

advised members to contact Cuadrilla if they had any questions about the contents.

Reinstatement of Preese Hall/Anna's Road: JA confirmed that the plug and abandonment had already begun with reinstatement to follow. A series of cement plugs would be put down the well with a cement seal at the surface. JA also confirmed that the plugging process was approved by the HSE and that the planning permission required completion of the exercise by the end of July 2014. The permission also required on-site ground water monitoring for 12 months thereafter.

Elswick: JA explained that consideration was being given to the options for the future of the Elswick site there were no current plans for further development of the site. He added that any changes would need to be subject to a planning application.

5.0 Community update

Future meeting venues: HS suggested, and it was unanimously agreed, that as the Roseacre Wood site was in the parish of Treales, Roseacre and Wharles, rather than Elswick, that the CLG should meet in future either in the Boys Brigade Hall or Treales Church.

The Secretariat was tasked with making the necessary arrangements.

Delays in Cuadrilla's response to letters: EW raised the undue delay in Cuadrilla's response to a letter from Anne Broughton submitted in early April. SS apologised but explained the letter had contained a number of detailed questions that required input at a senior level from both Cuadrilla and Arup in order for a comprehensive response to be given. EW and others accepted the need for credible responses but thought the delay was unacceptable.

EW commended Cuadrilla's painstaking responses and ascribed it as creditable that no standard replies were sent.

SS suggested that a target period for responses should be within 10 working days of receipt but that Cuadrilla's initial acknowledgement should flag up the possibility of things taking longer in specific cases where detailed technical answers were required.

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Canvassing outside schools: MR raised the issue of a local school refusing to allow canvassing of parents on school property by opponents about Cuadrilla's application. In discussion although it was recognised that the "school gate" was a community meeting place and that in this case it had been a personal communication, the general feeling of the CLG was that such activity was not appropriate but was a matter for the Governors and staff of the school concerned and not within the remit of the CLG.

Possible protestor activity: HS explained that she was being asked about how any protestor activity would be managed and by whom. ES added that this was a very real and serious concern and that there had already been an incident that had required Police involvement and assistance from Cuadrilla. While it was accepted that legal protests could and should not be stopped, it was agreed that there needed to be a planned and managed approach.

SS explained that the Preston New Road CLG had raised this issue at its inaugural meeting and as a consequence the Police were being invited to attend a future meeting to discuss the issue.

It was agreed that, because security issues were site specific, the Secretariat should extend a similar invitation to the Police from the Roseacre Wood CLG to attend a future meeting to discuss policing and security issue, alongside an invitation to Cuadrilla's security manager.

6.0 Cuadrilla's company structure

A general discussion about the concerns local residents raised the following key issues;

- Cuadrilla's capability and competence as an operator;
- what would happen if it went into liquidation;
- the role of Centrica as a Joint Venture Partner in the Bowland licence;
- the role of Riverstone and A J Lucas as shareholders; and
- the need for public confidence

During the course of discussion concern was voiced about insurance arrangements. JB and PM outlined their arrangements for disclosing insurance liability and requested comparable reassurances.

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It was agreed that in order to have a more detailed discussion about these issues the Secretariat would invite Centrica to attend the next meeting.

It was requested that Cuadrilla/Centrica address;

- the nature and longevity of Centrica's joint and several liability
- the extent to which Centrica's liability applies to both the PEDL 165 licence and EXL 269 licence
- the value, or in the case of commercial confidentiality issues, the indicative level of insurance cover.

7.0 Transport issues

In the discussion that followed PW's presentation a number of points were raised.

PW confirmed that the merits of the 4 possible traffic routes were being discussed with Highways but the ultimate decision would be made by LCC as the planning authority. He also confirmed that 50 two-way traffic movements meant 25 in and 25 out.

JA explained that the working assumption was that 30-40% of the flow back water would be treated off site but in the future it was possible, dependent on the specific nature of the flow back water, that it may be practical for some treatment to take place on site.

It was agreed that JA would confirm the size of the vehicles to be used to take away the flow back water.

In the discussion about the number of wells on a well pad, JA explained that four wells were required at the exploration stage to assess whether production was viable. The number of wells on a production site was subject to a number of factors and dependent on securing additional planning consents. SS stated that Cuadrilla did not have a blue print for field development, as the scale of potential field development would be informed by the exploration phase which was ongoing.

In a detailed discussion about traffic impacts it was recognised that a number of mitigation measures were under consideration including; traffic marshals, passing places, control of incoming/outgoing vehicles, advance warning of traffic movements.

JA

Secretariat/ PW(Arup)

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Considerable scepticism was expressed about Arup's proposals for the mitigation of traffic issues, especially marshalling and waiting areas. HS raised concerns about the location of passing places and the difficulties in Wharles, particularly around school drop-off and pick-up times, and JT the impact on seasonal agricultural activity.

It was agreed that Arup would produce a short note with diagrams where appropriate to explain the traffic management measures through Wharles.

8.0 Any other business

It was agreed that a CLG email address would be set up to enable CLG members to communicate with each other and for members of the public to contact CLG members.

9.0 Date of next meeting

7.00 pm, Wednesday 28 May 2014

Venue to be confirmed. It would be either Treales Boys Brigade Hall or Treales Church.

[NB: An extraordinary joint meeting of the Preston New Road CLG and Rosacre Wood CLG may take place at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 14th May at the Pipers Height Caravan Park, Peel Road. This will be confirmed.]