

**WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE BRADWELL MONITORING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON TUESDAY 11th AUGUST 2020 AT 11.00AM**  
**USING THE ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE SYSTEM**

PRESENT  
Councillor Peter Banks (PB) - Chairman  
Councillor John Akker (JA)  
Councillor Julie Baker (JB)  
Councillor Sophie Weaver (SW)  
Ms Bea Chandler (BC)  
Mr Roger Mullis (RM)  
Mr Richard Haward (RH)  
Mr Ian Clarke (IC)  
Ms Shirley Swan (SS)  
Mrs Varrie Blowers (VB)

20/001 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence received from Cllr Sylvia Wargent, Cllr David Bragg, Graham Farley

20/002 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were declarations of interest received by SW, SS, RM, BC, IC, VB and PB as members of BANNG. RH as officer of The Tollesbury & Mersea Native Oyster Fishery Co Ltd. JA and JB as members of STOP350 and JA and IC as members of Mersea Island Society. PB of ONR and BEIS NGO Forums.

20/003 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 24th SEPTEMBER 2019 AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th Sept 2019 were confirmed and virtually signed by the Chairman as a true record. Matters arising: There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

20/004 BRADWELL B STAGE ONE CONSULTATION

JA and PB outlined the campaign that WMTC had undertaken in contacting all the local authorities from Parish to County, local MPs, Bradwell B Co. and the Planning Inspectorate to communicate our thoughts on the inadequacy of the consultation. JA spoke about the WMTC consultation response and its coverage.

PB asked VB to expand on the campaign and response that the Blackwater Against New Nuclear Group (BANNG) had implemented.

Discussion ensued on the various responses.

20/005 BRADWELL B INVESTIGATIVE WORKS

PB reported on the Maldon District Council (MDC) planning meeting outcome and the pending meeting on Thursday 13th August 2020. IC raised concerns about the wreck of the Richard Montgomery.

IC raised concerns concerning council procedure and protocol for the past Scrutiny Panel and the forthcoming meeting at Colchester Borough Council (CBC) to propose adopting a policy that CBC is against developing BRB. The point was made that WMTC should contribute to the addendum CBC will make to their BRB Consultation response. JA raised the point about the role Essex County Council are playing. IC and JB raised the issue of emergency preparedness including evacuation plans. All matters were discussed.

## 20/006 REPORTS OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATION (NGO) ACTIVITY

VB and PB outlined the meeting held in February 2020 with the Environment Agency (EA) and Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) including the concern that there was no hint given about Hybrid Cooling Towers. PB spoke about the virtual meetings that took place with the NGO community with both the ONR and Govt. Dept of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), the latter including an interaction with Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at BEIS Nadhim Zahawi.

VB spoke about the meeting with the ONR and EA in Bridgwater re Hinkley Point C (HPC). PB spoke about contact with NGOs associated with HPC and Sizewell C (SZC) and will circulate website links.

## 20/007 TO RECEIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS AND UPDATES

It was decided most had been covered during the meeting. VB pointed out that BRB have applied to Ofgem for elec generating licence with deadline for comments 18/08/20, JA suggested writing to Sir Bernard Jenkin MP to ask for an extension to deadline. VB mentioned a forthcoming BANNG letter campaign and encouraged the council to support it. PB explained the principle behind Hybrid Cooling Tower water flow.

## 20/008 TO RECEIVE AND UPDATE ON THE TASK TRACKER

PB asked for approval to update in line with the matters discussed during the meeting which was agreed.

## 18/016 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The committee members requested a further meeting within a few weeks, tbc.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at midday 13:10pm.

Written by Cllr. Peter Banks, Chair on 12th August 2020, revised 13th August 2020