

WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE BRADWELL MONITORING COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 28 APRIL 2022

PRESENT:	Councillors:	John Akker (Chair) Julie Baker Sophie Weaver
IN ATTENDANCE:		2 members of the public Town Clerk

22/001 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Wargent, Jarvis and Bragg and 3 members of the public.

22/002 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** To receive declarations of personal, prejudicial and pecuniary interests from members relevant to items under discussion at the meeting

Councillor Akker declared an interest in relation to membership of Stop 350, Mersea Island Society and BANNG.

Councillor Baker declared an interest due to membership of Stop 350.

Councillor Weaver declared an interest due to membership of BANNG.

22/003 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.** A period of up to 15 minutes for members of the public to ask questions or submit comments

A member of the public had emailed a submission with concerns regarding;

1. Stage 1 Public Participation. Colchester Borough Council Planning authority have equal status with Maldon District Council, but CBC did not object under the consultation despite objections. Request that WMTC request CBC amend their response and resubmit.
2. Restrictions on EDF Developing Bradwell B. Request that WMTC write to MP and CBC to highlight the restrictions.
3. Role ECC Emergency Planning. WMTC should contact ECC to ensure credible evacuation plans are to be developed.

A member of the public requested that the aims and objectives of the Committee be established.

A member of the public suggested maintaining connections with ex Councillor Peter Banks through BANNG.

22/004 **CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES.** To confirm Minutes of the Bradwell Monitoring Committee Meeting of 18th July 2021

It was RESOLVED that the MINUTES of the Bradwell Monitoring Committee meeting held on 18th July 2021, be confirmed as a true record of the meeting.

22/005 **BRADWELL AND RECENT ANNOUNCEMENTS.** To consider:

- I. The implications arising from the recent Government Statement on Energy and future action by West Mersea Town Council
- II. To discuss latest interactions with Bradwell B (BRB)
- III. 3. To report/discuss latest from local authorities in particular consideration of a regional conference in the East of England

Councillor Akker thanked and noted comprehensive concerns received in email representation.

Committee discussion on;

1. WMTC is anti-nuclear at Bradwell and not anti-nuclear.
2. Bradwell an inappropriate site for nuclear
3. The principle objections put forward in the June 2020 Stage one questionnaire response from WMTC remain
4. Research and information collating on energy security strategy
5. Alert CBC to the debate about small nuclear
6. Authority for Councillor Akker to arrange meetings with CBC and MP Bernard Jenkins.

It was RESOLVED that Councillor Akker should make representation to CBC Cabinet and with Local authorities in the region, (Nuclear Free Local Authorities, NFLA).

22/006 **NEXT AGENDA.** Items to be added to next agenda

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 11.25am.