

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF P.A.IN, HELD AT RAINWORTH VILLAGE HALL ON
2ND APRIL 2007

The meeting opened at 7 p.m. The Chair was taken by Trevor Stevens in the absence of Bernard Thomson.

APOLOGIES: B. Thomson (Chair), Pauline and Malcolm Marples, Lorraine Downen, Keith Kondicott, Sue Cullen, Bryan Norris.

MINUTES of the meeting held on 5th March were accepted and signed as a true record. Proposed R. Johnson, Seconded, R. Twyning.

MATTERS ARISING – Following the resignation of the Secretary, the vacancy became open. In the absence of specific nominations, Sue Stevens offered to take on the role and this was accepted.

TREASURERS REPORT – Linda Tift

A donation of £1000 has been received from the Mansfield East Area Assembly. Paddy Tipping has pledged financial assistance. Proposal for a Car Boot Sale in May. No fixed date as yet.

DISTRIBUTION REPORT – Joyce Kitts

20 volunteers gave time to assist in the distribution of leaflets in Ravenshead. Thanks are extended to all who helped

A new leaflet is hoped to be in production for Rainworth in the near future. It was agreed to put door to door calling back to a later date.

Shlomo – Legal & Research Team are in full agreement to prepare a new leaflet for distribution. He advised that our new legal adviser would help us to “move our campaign upwards and forwards”.

A further suggestion to collect petition signatures would help to create a feeling among local residents of belonging and of having contributed something.

MEMBERSHIP – Allen Tift

We currently have 89 signed members. A number of enquiries have been received from concerned residents in Ravenshead.

The Radio Nottingham Groundswell debate was a reasonable success and proved fairly effective in getting our views across and to reaching a potentially wider audience.

Southwell Town Council have approached us with a request for the organisation of a public open debate involving PAIN, Notts. County Council and Veolia.

LEGAL AND RESEARCH – Shlomo Downen

Latest news is that the Environment Agency is investigating evidence that some samples of bottom ash have been proven to qualify as hazardous waste.

Clarification has been made that it is not part of the remit of 3KQ to organise public meetings about the Energy Recovery Facility and that, as part of the planning process,

Veolia will be holding public meetings/exhibitions. PAIN and any other interested party will be welcome to attend. A suggestion has been made that PAIN may wish to offer a nominated expert to give a presentation at a future meeting. Following the recent visit to London for the birth of the new UK Without Incineration national co-ordination body, a proposal (from Shlomo) has been made to make a donation of £10 towards their funds. This was seconded almost unanimously.

RAFFLE - £51

TEA - £21

CAR STICKER SALES - £20

It was also announced that an anonymous donation of £250 has been offered to funds. Thanks will be passed on by the Treasurer.

Paddy Tipping M.P.

Mr. Tipping offered £1000 which will be directed towards the study of the effects of incineration on the neighbourhood.

He felt that this would be a long campaign. Once the application for the ERF has been made, then that will be the time to request a call-in, for the Government to intervene and not to leave the final decision to the County Council. The County Council have agreed to consult P.A.IN with regard to the planning process and that there will be greater opportunity for us to access information regarding the decisions being made.

Mt. David Milliband, Secretary of State has announced that the Government is due to release new figures for dealing with waste over the next few years. It is naturally expected that the target for recycling will be increased.

Mr. Tipping stressed that we must maintain our efforts and work together towards our aims.

SPEAKER – Mr. Andy Statham, Environmental Health Dept., Newark & Sherwood District Council.

The EH Dept. is the department which deals with contaminated land and proposed future development. If any problem / question arises, they will be consulted to deal with the issue.

He pointed out that one remedy would be to cover the land and let nature take its course. However, the present issue is based on whether to return the land to heathland. The council may set certain criteria with regard to the planning process. The job of the EH Dept. is to be non-biased and to create an answer to the situation.

The present scoping exercise is not considered broad enough by the County Council. They are keen to see samples in air and soil etc. Veolia have been asked to provide details following tests to create a bench-mark to work to.

The local district councils need to know more about the details and implications of the PFI contract that the County Council and Veolia have already signed.

There are two options

- The district councils can sign and join the scheme
- They can refuse to sign, but still then be directed in their waste management as to where to take their waste for processing.

At the present time, 10,000 homes have compost bins and the scheme appears to be working well. It is a pity that this waste cannot be added to the re-cycling figures.

A number of listeners asked questions and Mr. Statham also agreed to answer questions in writing if anyone wished to contact him at the Environmental Health Dept.

Mr. Statham was thanked by the Chair for taking the time to come and speak to our meeting. He felt that those present had felt the benefit of his words.

With regard to the proposed Energy Recovery Facility, there are moves to organise a public meeting chaired by a professor from Sheffield University.

PUBLICITY - Trevor Stevens

The dustbin stickers have still not arrived.

We should seriously consider producing a newsletter to keep people informed how progress is being made.

Discussion with Radio 4 – a report will be prepared for the next meeting. Thanks were given to all who attended.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A walk to the local nature reserve will take place on Thursday 4th April, leaving the Village Hall at 10 a.m.

Mr. B. Fairhurst announced his resignation from the Liaison Group

There will be a meeting organised by Veolia at 4 p.m. at the Village Hall on Wednesday 11th April. People are encouraged to attend in quiet protest.

A general plea was made for anyone to provide a name of a representative at Center Parcs locally, who could be contacted as a starting point to raise their awareness of the implications of the proposed ERF.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 7 p.m. Thursday 17th May at Rainworth Village Hall