

Tilbury Liaison Committee: Minutes: March 2015

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| Date | 19:00, Monday 23 March 2015 |
| Location | Tilbury Community Association, Civic Square, Tilbury, RM18 8AA |
| Attendees | Len Orpin, NGAGE (LO) Paul Zanin, Tilbury Green Power (PZ) Alex Doel, Bellenden (AD) |
| Minutes | Stephen Mann, Bellenden (SM) |

1. Welcome

AD opened the meeting and apologised for the rearrangement of the meeting, which had resulted in reduced attendance.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Ian Clabon (Highways Agency), Matthew Gallagher (Thurrock Council), Greg Ewing (ESB), Cllr Bukky Okunade (Tilbury Riverside & Thurrock Park Ward), Barney Barnard-Hill (Tilbury Community Forum), Tessa Dallyn-Roberts (Thameside Community Forum) and Majella McCarron (ESB GWM).

3. Minutes

There were no amendments to the minutes.

4. Matters Arising

LO raised that Majella had not contacted NGage between meetings. AD acknowledged this and said that this would be addressed in the TGP Update.

AD said that Tilbury St Chad's ward councillors were due to be contacted however, following Cllr Okunade confirming she was able to attend the meeting scheduled for 3 March this was not pursued further.

5. Scheme Update

Bellenden

PZ delivered the scheme update and apologised for both the delayed date and GE not being able to attend.

The delay was due to the project financial close being drawn out; however, close was reached on 23 March at 11am.

It was announced that funding was secured from ESB and the Green Investment Bank. A press release was to be released on 24 March at noon and construction was set to begin on 24 March.

PZ mentioned that the announcement was covered by embargo and that GE was keen to reconvene in three months to give a proper update. With financial close sealed, Majella would begin to get involved in the project.

LO said that it would be good for Majella to get involved with NGage and that it would be beneficial to TGP to engage with the local community. LO announced that he is now the Chair of Tilbury Association of Forums which would be a good avenue to circulate information through and that he also has links to the CVS and the Council.

LO sought assurances from TGP regarding the storage of timber for the site. PZ suggested repeating the presentation previously undertaken and discussing the matter of timber storage at the next meeting. AD pointed out that this was discussed at the first meeting of the TLC.

6. Date of next meeting

AD suggested that the next meeting of the TLC could take place in July with a date determined again by the availability of councillors and Council officers.

AD also confirmed with the Group that the venue – the Tilbury Community Association – was also acceptable.

ACTION: Bellenden to confirm date of next meeting following communication with councillors and Council officers and circulate agenda in June

7. Any other business

No AOB

ACTION: Bellenden to add ESB press release to TGP website.