

Tilbury Liaison Committee: Minutes - October 2015

Date	Wednesday 7 October 2015, 19:00
Location	Tilbury Community Association, Civic Square, Tilbury, RM18 8AA
Attendees	Cllr Bukky Okunade, Tilbury Riverside & Thurrock Park Ward (BO) Tessa Dallyn-Roberts, Thameside Community Forum (TDR) Mark Lawlor, Tilbury Green Power (ML) Brian McGrellis, Tilbury Green Power (BM) Alex Doel, Bellenden (AD)
Minutes	Alex Doel, Bellenden (AD)

1. Welcome

Alex Doel (AD) opened the meeting and thanked those present for their attendance. AD asked those present to introduce themselves given that there were several new people in attendance.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Len Orpin, Ngage and Rodney (Barney) Barnard-Hill, Tilbury Community Forum.

3. Minutes

Draft minutes from the meeting on 6 July 2015 were circulated. Minutes will be finalised and uploaded to the TGP website.

4. Matters Arising

It was noted at the last meeting that AD had agreed to circulate the previous traffic management presentation to TLC attendees. AD agreed to do this ahead of the next meeting.

Cllr Bukky Okunade (BO) mentioned another potential contact at Thurrock Park Residents' Association.

ACTION: AD agreed to make contact with the new contact at Thurrock Park Residents' Association regarding attendance at future meetings.

5. Update on 'Tilbury Green Power' (TGP) Project

Mark Lawlor (ML) from Tilbury Green Power (TGP) presented an update to Committee on the progress of the project over the last three months and showed a number of photographs to illustrate the nature of the works. Details are provided in the accompanying presentation.

Works included ongoing demolition of below ground structures; laying of underground utilities; piling; and UK Power Networks installation of the underground electrical cable connecting the power plant to the Tilbury Local substation.

BO advised that a noise complaint had been received, and on further discussion it was confirmed that the noise complaint was not related to the TGP site.

Brian McGrellis (BMcG) advised that it was not possible to eliminate noise from the piling operations, but the project's planning consent restricted the timing of piling works to 9:00am to 6:00pm Monday to Friday; 9:00am to 1:00pm on Saturdays, and noise limits were in place to ensure that any noise generated was within the acceptable limit.

Tessa Dallyn-Roberts (TDR) asked if TGP's construction contractor was involved in other local biomass plants. ML and BMcG advised that they were not involved to the best of their knowledge.

6. Three month look-ahead

ML presented details of the construction activities to be undertaken over the next three months.

Works will include ongoing demolition of below ground structures; piling; erection of structural steelwork and ongoing construction of the underground electrical cable connecting the power plant to the Tilbury Local substation.

7. Community Engagement

BMcG outlined the community engagement strategy, which is centred on a significant update of the TGP website and circulation of newsletters.

The website will be updated regularly and will include a 'contact form' to allow contact with TGP.

The first newsletter will complement the website, and include much of the information that the website contains. Newsletters will be circulated approximately every six months or where a significant milestone has been reached on the project.

The circulation area for the newsletter was discussed, being approximately 500m from the site boundary (as shown on the accompanying presentation), being the area that is considered to have the highest sensitivity to the development. An illustration of this area is shown on the accompanying presentation.

BMcG stated that the newsletter was one aspect of TGP's communication strategy, with other aspects being the Liaison Committee itself, and the website.

TDR advised that many in the local community do not have internet access.

ACTION: TGP to consider how to engage further with this group of stakeholders.

8. Date of next meeting

Date of next meeting was provisionally arranged for Wednesday 20 January 2016. Location to be confirmed but likely to be at the Tilbury Community Association.

9. Any other business

BMcG advised that some confusion had been caused by the term 'Tilbury Liaison Committee', as it suggested that the focus of communication was Tilbury Town, rather than being the TGP Project. No objections were received when BMcG proposed that the Liaison Committee be renamed 'Tilbury Green Power Liaison Committee'. BMcG stressed that this does not change the basis of the Liaison Committee or the area that it represents.

ACTION: BMcG to investigate the mechanism to change the Liaison Committee's name to the 'Tilbury Green Power Liaison Committee'.

ACTION: AD confirmed that the minutes of the previous meeting would be published on the TGP website (www.tilburygreenpower.co.uk).