



**LAMBS HILL WIND FARM
INAUGURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING
RE/N/749/COM-1**

**Held on Monday 15 February 2016 at Stillington Youth & Community Centre
Commencing at 6.00pm**

MINUTES

PRESENT:	Lewis Stokes Rob Cant John Corbey Andrew Glossop Catherine Hart Brian Hunter Norman Melaney Martin Parker Jill Platten Mark Rowcroft Judith Turner Sarah Wolleter	Banks Group Sedgefield Town Council Stillington & Whitton Parish Council Stockton Borough Council Foxton Resident Banks Group Bishopton Parish Council Stockton Borough Council Banks Group Banks Group Stillington & Whitton Parish Council Stockton Borough Council
APOLOGIES:	Judith Wood	Bishopton Crossings Resident
FOR INFORMATION:	Eleanor Lane	Foxton Resident

ACTION/DATE

1 Appointing of Chair and Vice Chair

A discussion was held and it was agreed that Judith Turner would be Chair and John Corbey would be Vice Chair.

2 Review and Agreement of Constitution

A discussion was held regarding the Constitution and several changes were made. A copy of the revised Constitution is to be included with the Minutes.

AP1 – L Stokes

3 Update on progress of the Development

3.1 M Parker asked that a copy of the turbine layout and a location plan be circulated with the Minutes.

AP2 – L Stokes

3.2 B Hunter outlined that setting out works had commenced but the main construction works are scheduled to begin mid-March. The first works would include construction of the site compound, the access

tracks and the crane pads for the turbines. This would last until approximately July. The foundations for the turbines would be dug by the end of July too and then turbines would arrive in September.

- 3.3 N Melaney asked about the main access points to the site and how materials would be delivered to the site. J Platten replied that all deliveries would be made in accordance with the approved Traffic Management Plan (TMP) which included routes and times for deliveries. L Stokes also commented that Banks have a lot of experience with these projects and would ensure that deliveries avoided peak traffic times including school drop offs and collections. L Stokes to send through a copy of the TMP with the Minutes.

AP3 – L Stokes

- 3.4 J Corbey mentioned that since the closure of the steelworks on Teesside, the amount of trains on the railway had significantly decreased. He asked if Banks could look at bringing equipment to site that way rather than via the local road network. M Rowcroft replied that Banks had previously looked at that however Network Rail had refused this. Banks to consider rail line use again.

AP4 – M Rowcroft

- 3.5 C Hart asked if Banks would be using local companies and contractors on the site and would local stone be used as part of the construction. B Hunter commented that Banks use local companies and contractors wherever possible and it would be local quarries that would supply stone and materials wherever possible.
- 3.6 M Parker asked how Banks and Stockton would assess any damage to the roads. M Parker and M Rowcroft mentioned that a dilapidation survey had been agreed so that would assess any damage to the roads from construction traffic.
- 3.7 J Turner asked about the new housing estate and could there be a clash in construction of their site with the wind farm. A Glossop mentioned that two of the sites were for outline permission only and there hadn't been much activity recently on the other site.
- 3.8 N Melaney asked how the wind farm would connect to the National Grid. B Hunter replied that there cabling would be underground to the Northern Power Grid (NPG) connection. Final discussions are still taking place with NPG regarding the grid route and this could be discussed at a subsequent meeting once agreed.

4 **Views of Local Residents**

- 4.1 M Parker asked if Banks would give compensation to residents who lived near the wind farm. L Stokes replied that compensation is not given to residents for the wind farm. Banks had applied for planning permission for the wind farm and would build it in accordance with the permission. There would be a community benefits fund which will support community groups, projects and initiatives and this will be available once the wind farm becomes fully operational.
- 4.2 C Hart mentioned that it was important to ensure that residents are safeguarded from any negative impact of the wind farm. A discussion was held regarding the various planning conditions (including noise and shadow flicker) that are there to protect residential amenity for the whole duration of the wind farm. Further work including noise monitoring and shadow flicker assessments would be done when the wind farm construction and commissioning is complete. S Wolleter showed a plan detailing the locations for the noise monitoring kits.
- 4.3 L Stokes mentioned that in a liaison committee meeting which will be held a few months before construction of the wind farm is complete, the Community Fund Committee (CFC) will be set up. The purpose of this group is to assess any application for funding available via the Lambs Hill Wind Farm Fund.

5 **Any Other Business**

- 5.1 L Stokes asked if everyone was happy with the venue for the meetings and everyone agreed although it was noted that the heating should be on and refreshments made available.

6 **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

- 6.1 The next meeting will be held on **Monday 11 April 2016 at 6pm in Stillington Youth & Community Centre.**

Minuted by L Stokes
15 February 2016

Prepared by D Newby
16 February 2016