

KILVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 1st December 2015 at Kilve Village Hall

Present:

Kilve Parish Councillors: A Keen, P Gill, K Rogers, E Grigg, B Whitehead
K.Samson

County Councillor: H. Davies

District Councillors: S. Goss, C. Morgan

EDF: David Eccles

WSC/TD: Andrew Goodchild

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Clerk: Mrs S Rushent

844/15: Apologies for absence: A. Gorman

845/15: Declarations of Interest: None presented

846/15: Community Mitigations: The Chairman introduced David Eccles EDF and Andrew Goodchild WSC/TD, he said that the PC had invited them both to explain how the CIM works and how it reaches its conclusions. AG stated that the funding for CIM was secured as part of the 106 legal agreement, completed in May 2014 and launched on 20th June 2014. Applications are accepted from all organisations within West Somerset, they can be for any amount. To start the application an “expression of interest” must be submitted first, if this is accepted a full application can go to the Board who make the decisions and/or recommendations. The Board comprises of 8 members, 2 each from the following organisations; West Somerset Council, Sedgemoor District Council, Somerset County Council and EDF Energy (NNB GenCo), the Board meets every other month. The applications are assessed by a Planning Obligations Board who decide which applications to recommend for approval and have to ensure that the process is transparent and fair to all; and projects supported are necessary, viable (both during their development and in the long term), and will deliver social and community benefits. All applications are assessed against the following criteria: Priority Impact Zones, Quality of Life, Sustainability, extent of benefit, Community Need, Community Support, Partner Support, Governance and Value for Money, these are subjective.

If an Application is refused the applicants may apply once more. This is open to the whole of Somerset although the closer to Hinkley the better. £4,000,000 has been allocated to the areas most affected: 2m WS, 1m BWater, 500,000 Cannington and 500,000 Stogursey. Questions followed: AK stated that on 24/02/2011 20m given to “Community” and Local Authority, and asked where is the “Community” in this? DE replied that the LA represent their local communities accurately, AK stated that the EDF S106 to LA whose is it EDF or LA? DE replied that funds are agreed by both, legal agreement which sets out make up of Board and criteria. CIM Fund 7.2m, 12.8m administrated by Somerset Community Fund, their decisions can be challenged, Cabinet is advised to keep within the bounds, not to spend inappropriately, Cabinet and Council can veto it, make sure debate kept within bounds, the CIM representative has more say. P.Grandfield (Holford PC) asked balance of POB members, votes and rules. AG replied the complied with the standard regulations of all meetings, Declarations of Interest have to be declared they can be either personal or prejudicial, the Chairman has the casting vote. PG stated that the POB did not have the right experience to deal with applications such as “741 Enterprise Investment Scheme” even though it ticked all the right boxes, perhaps in applications such as these experts should be consulted. AG agreed that they the first few applications had been difficult, POB were still learning, improving ways of helping applicants. AK stated that the A applications are weighted towards the needs of HPC employees rather than the needs of the individual Communities, cannot predict where workers will settle. He went on to state that village halls seem to be overlooked and they should not be asked to co-join with other Villages, all Villages are individual. Kilve VH Committee has a good relationship with Holford and try to avoid planning similar events at the same time. There have been 4 applications from Kilve, only one has been successful why? AG Replied that applications given to members, WS and EDF look at everything too. Kilve has a poor demographic, plans should appeal to all ages, have to develop a link with what is required and how to implement it the paper work did not show that link. AE stated that the process is very work intensive for volunteers, they have learnt from

experience and are liaising with “Engage”, also working with the community asking what they would like, a “pop up sports” activity day is planned. It was also suggested that as the applications are very paper orientated maybe the POB should visit some of the projects so that they have a clearer idea in their minds. AG replied that changes have been made and there will be a relaunch with better guidance notes. The Chairman thanked them both for coming and that it was appreciated. DE Thanked the PC for inviting them.

847/15: Approval of minutes of meeting held on 22/08/2015: All agreed

848/15: Matters Arising: None

849/15: Report from County Councillor: Cllr Davies reported that he had not heard back from the Fire Brigade asked why not, the Officer in Charge from Williton will come to meeting if asked, still trying to get answers, an important confidential meeting at County was only attend by 10, some concessions for local volunteers, Childrens’ Services will have 26 new trainees in January,

1 years training, Washford Cross road works are now finished and the road is fully open. The Chairman thanked him for coming.

850/15: Report from Dist. Councillors: Cllr Morgan reported that there are concerns over 100,000 litres of diesel that has gone missing over the last 50 years from A & B sites, possible loss into soil HPC will have to dewater the site, lots of tests however not a drop of diesel found. Meeting at Sedgemoor re Tidal Lagoon Barricade on Severn Estuary, not a base load producer, if there are 4 then it will be, there will be an “outage” in January, a new Transformer is to be installed it will arrive at Comwich Wharf. Asked Clerk to email details of Councillors.

Cllr Goss reported that CIM Scrutineers Committee task and finish had looked at both successful and unsuccessful Applications to evaluate how the Applications are working, lot of recommended changes. HPC Forum, Quantock Landscape funding still available until end of January. The Chairman thanked them both for coming.

851/15: “Pledge Funding” for Village Hall: Alison Eyley had written to the Parish Council asking if they were willing to release the funding that they had promised if the CIM Application was successful so that they could use it for works about to begin. This was unanimously agreed.

852/15: Grass Cutting: Village Hall will have to take on the responsibility for the grass cutting themselves maybe do a “Grass Cutters” similar to the Churchyard.

853/15: Cats: Cllr Whitehead asked if any other Cllrs have problems with cats in the neighbourhood, there is a problem in Sea Lane and Millands,

unpleasant mess and smell, this is something the residents have to address with the owner(s) of the cats. The Chairman said he would look into it.

854/15: Memorial seats and damaged picnic table: The Clerk had spoken to EQH Estates and they have taken over responsibility for the upkeep of the these items, all will be made good by the Spring.

855/15: Phone Box Competition when? Judges? It was agreed to ask Robbie plus 2 people from Kilve Court, Advert in Kilve News, April deadline? Clerk to do.

856/15: "Traffic Calming" update: Repeater sign not possible as owner of land not in agreement, SMI scheme for Rowditch, no site visit, nothing will happen until end of year. Contact Martin Evans

857/15: Clerk's Report: Sector Led Body, Precept 16/17: The clerk explained the Sector Led Body has been set up by NALC to procure audit services on behalf of Parish and Town Councils because the auditing process is changing, the Precept for the next Financial year need to be decided, after much discussion it was agreed to keep it the same as this financial year at £5,750, cheques were signed

858/15: Items raised by Councillors: Barry has been in contact with Mr Kett of Friends of Quantock, AK will do letter. Fracking - none applied for in WS, Barry agreed to collect salt with Shirley, Elizabeth had met with Robbie re Defib has to be checked every 2 weeks.

Clean for the Queen agenda next meeting.

859/15: Date of next meeting 26th January 2016

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming.

The meeting closed at 22.00hrs



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