

OLDBURY POWER STATION

SITE SOCIO-ECONOMIC SUB-GROUP MEETING

Minutes of meeting held on 12 November 2008 at Eastwood Park
Conference Centre

Present

SSG

Cllr Malcolm Lynden
Cllr Colin Evers
Cllr Matthew Riddle
Rev David Primrose

Site

Jon Bishton
Saranne Postans

1. Apologies

Michelle Dixon

2. Introduction

Jon briefed the group on the revised preparation for this meeting. A process of pre-consideration was undertaken to filter out applications that did not fulfil the criteria, those falling into the community support category and those for consideration as socio-economic investment. This was done to help decision making at the meeting.

3. Community support

The applications for funding under community support were:

1 st Olveston Scouts	£500
Rotary Club of Thornbury	£500
The Willow Tree	£250
Golf Memorial Day	£150

4. Socio-economic requests

The applications received, together with the amounts agreed were:

St Mary's Church, Olveston

Requested £6,000 Agreed £2,000

Thornbury RFC

Requested £5,000 Agreed £500

Breakthrough project

Requested £1,500 Agreed £750

(letter to be written to Breakthrough project explaining that this would be the last investment by the sub-group)

Turnberrie's

Requested £8,000 Agreed £2,000

St John's Church, Charfield

Requested £10,000 Agreed £2,000

Hill Village Hall

Requested £3,000 Agreed £2,000

Thornbury FM

Requested £1,500 Agreed £1,500

(letter sent to Thornbury FM explaining that this would be the last investment by the sub-group)

5. Update on NDA socio-economic proposals

Saranne Postans outlined the current proposals from Oldbury that have been submitted to the NDA's Site Programme Manager:

- Cycle path between Oldbury and Thornbury
- Castle School's Carbon Neutral plan
- SARA – new headquarters

Stephen Barker has agreed to sponsor these requests through the NDA process and will feedback as soon as possible.

6. Groundrules for the meeting

A discussion on the need for some basic groundrules for the meeting was undertaken. The key points raised are detailed here and the draft agreed groundrules are attached – Appendix A – for members comment.

- The sub-group is an advisory body and, as such, are happy to make recommendations and leave the site operator to make the final decision.
- Rules applied within local authority apply both inside and outside council business so standards of interest do apply. These state that there are two levels of interest – personal and prejudicial – and these should be applied to the business of the sub-group.
- Renewing membership on a regular basis may be appropriate.
- Membership should cover the core geographical areas, travel to work as well as immediate vicinity.

7. Actions to be completed before next meeting

1. Saranne to circulate copies of the Castle School's application to members of the sub-group.
2. Saranne to arrange visit to Information Centre for sub-group to look at possible future use.

3. Saranne and Jon to progress suggestion of future use as Severn Study Centre.
4. Saranne to follow up with Michelle Dixon regarding the South Gloucestershire Food Festival 2009.
5. Colin Evers to send through to Saranne and Jon the document outlining the new standards of interest.
6. Saranne to distribute information regarding applications received to group members before the meeting.
7. Saranne to devise feedback mechanism to demonstrate how money invested has been spent – additional section in current soc-ec report suggested as mechanism.
8. All members to comment on proposed groundrules and feed back to Saranne with amendments.

8. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting is proposed to be held on Wednesday 28 January at 10am at the Information Centre, Oldbury Power Station.