Frodsham Town Council
UEOG Working Group
Monday 15 August 2016
7.00 pm
Castle Park House

UEOG – Unconventional Extraction of Gas and Oil (includes Fracking)

MINUTES

Meeting 1

Present: Cllrs C Ashton, L Brown, D Critchley and J Critchley

Roger Parkin	Mickle Trafford Parish Council
Suzanne Chadwick	Alvanley Parish Council
Thomasine Buckeridge	Frack Free Frodsham
Ginny Kirk	Frack Free Frodsham
Patricia Holder	Helsby Parish Council
Sarah Temple	Helsby Parish Council
Vernon Hockley	Barrow
Adrienne Baines	Frack Free Frodsham & Helsby
Carol Roberts	
Liz Sandiford	Frack Free Frodsham & Helsby
Pauline Lowrie	Frack Free Frodsham & Helsby
David Crossley	Kingsley Parish Council
Mike Garvey	Helsby
Cllr Lynn Riley	CWAC
F Jackson	Frack Free

Apologies: Cllrs A Oulton and P Martin.
Kingsley, Barrow, Elton and Ince Parish Council.

1.	**Appointment of Chair**
	It was agreed to defer the appointment of the Chair as the Chair of Environment Committee was on annual leave. Cllr Linda Brown agreed to chair this first meeting.
2.	**Appointment of Deputy Chair.**
	It was agreed to defer the appointment of the Deputy Chair as the Chair of Environment Committee was on annual leave.
3.	**To agree the Terms of Reference.**
	It was felt that using the work 'Fracking' would limit the scope of the working group so it was agreed that 'UEOG' would be used. UEOG would stand for Unconventional Extraction of Oil and Gas (includes Fracking) and this legend would be included in a glossary. Concern was expressed about the formality of the ToR but as a Working Group of FTC, which had been requested at the last FTC meeting, this was necessary. The Working Group could be set up independently of FTC if that was preferred. The ToR will be amend and brought back to the next meeting for further discussion.
4.	**Feedback from Environment Committee.**
	TC confirmed that Environment Committee had made a recommendation to full Council that no seismic testing will be allowed on FTC land.
5.	**To consider documents and reports to be reviewed/considered by Working**

	Group.
	Mike Garvey reported that he has a list of documents, some supportive & some opposed to UEOG, and it was agreed that links to these documents will be circulated to those present by TC. The need for DropBox or a website was discussed and TC will investigate the possibility of having a section on FTC's website. Mike will also speak to Frodsham Transition Initiative about them hosting the information as they have previously shown interest in public debates on UEOG. The website would need to allow anyone to post to it but this would need to be moderated by this working group. Concern was expressed about the lack of information from the industry itself. Information or links could be included from CWAC Planning and the regulatory bodies. CWAC have a Commission Enquiry into all UEOG and TC agreed to circulate details. **R1.** To set up a website or webpage on FTC's or FTI's website (there may be a cost) The possibility of getting Helsby High School involved in the website was discussed but this might be difficult due to the time of year and pressure of exams. It was agreed that the debate about UEOG needed to be as broad as possible but it is often difficult to find people to inform the debate without being too narrow or scare-mongering. It was agreed that Mike Garvey would work with TC in the first instance to get things started.
6.	**Community Survey, including discussion on result of Mickle Trafford Community Survey. To agree support required.**
	A survey of households has been carried out in Mickle Trafford but the results have not been analysed or verified as yet. There was a 65% response rate. Adrienne Baines explained that Frack Free Frodsham and Helsby are planning to carry out a survey of public opinion involving 1500 households in Frodsham. John Murray, a professional data analyst, has provided advice on the survey and will be carrying out the statistical analysis once it is completed. The forms will be posted through the letter boxes and then volunteers will go round to collect them in. A similar survey will be carried out in 1200 households in Helsby. The contents of the survey paperwork was read out by Linda Brown. The return envelopes are coded for audit purposes only. FTC has been asked to provide the independent witnesses to the opening of the envelopes but the venue hasn't been agreed yet. Vernon Hockley reported that residents from Barrow had been on a site visit and had had a presentation from the Health & Safety Executive about regulations and monitoring.
7.	**CWaC Local Plan Part Two Land Allocation and Detailed Policies Preferred Options consultation as far as it relates to unconventional gas and oil extraction. To note the consultation timetable.**
	CWAC has announced the 6 week consultation period for Part Two of the Local Plan staring on Friday 12 August. UEOG is covered in Section DM50 on page 205 of the Preferred Approach Written Statement. It is possible for Town and Parish Council's to ask for an extension. The Supplementary Planning Document is also being prepared.
8.	**To agree agenda items for the next meeting.**
	Chair & Deputy ToR Website & document Presentation from Frack Free Dee – this presents a balance view. Feedback from FTC meeting Ineos/Igas – TC to see if their offer to make a presentation will be taken up. Identify other contacts & information Administering the Working Group
9.	**To agree the date, time and venue for the next meeting.**
	Monday 19 September 7pm at Castle Park House.

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