

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF P-A-IN
HELD AT POTTERS SNOOKER HALL, 20TH MARCH 2008

The meeting opened at 7.10 p.m., attendance as per signing in sheet.

Apologies: S. Cullen, P. Kirby, A. Tift (arrived later), M. & H. Williams

Minutes: Confirmed as a true record. Proposed L. Tift, seconded J. Bradbury

Updates:

Both MDC and NSDC are consultees for the proposal. NSDC are withholding opinion until all questions have been answered by Veolia.

MDC, although not objecting to the planning application, have shown concerns on health grounds. It would appear that their view is not now so strongly in favour of the proposal, but it does seem they may be hoping that we will create the opposition for them.

Treasurer: Linda thanked everyone who helps the cause and especially those who gave time to help at the recent workshop. We raised £33. The whole day was busy for all, but generally it was agreed that we could call it a success.

From the Van Steenis event we gained £11 memberships and £168 from refreshments and donations.

Our current bank balance stands at £2230, with two small bills to pay.

Members were asked to consider whether a raffle may bring in much needed funds for the group.

Suggestion of probably 12 – 13 prizes ranging from £250 to £10. Also what about a Car Boot Sale in the Summer?

It does not look as if the incinerator will be on the NSDC planning committee agenda on 22nd April. We may have a more definite idea around the first week in April. A number of protest ideas are being investigated, which would be made public both at the former pit site itself and at Kelham Hall.

Membership: We presently have 169 members and the mailing list increases constantly. Good wishes were passed on from a similar organisation in the south of England by the name of D.O.V.E.

Distribution: Joyce gave thanks to all the volunteers who have helped with literature distribution. She said that there was definite proof that people are reading our correspondence from the number of new faces that appear at each event or meeting.

Raffle raised £40

Van Steenis event: It is proposed to organise the production of a DVD, which is intended to be produced in two parts, the first being the full speech and the second, the question and answer session. The idea is to cost the item, so that it will fund the cost of another to send to a councillor. It was noted that only one councillor felt it necessary to be there - our own Alan Tift even though personal invitations had been sent to all NCC and NSDC councillors.

It is hoped that not only will the DVD provide information for the councillors, but also research data for us, to provide more ammunition for the campaign. Shlomo took notes and will enhance these for circulation to other people in the same field of work as Mr. Van Steenis. Our hopes are that their approval will support his claims.

The Environment Agency day produced many questions from people who were not fortunate enough to get an appointment. Shlomo encouraged everyone to put pressure on and contact the EA direct or let him know if they would like a further meeting. One member, who is an angler, stated that he had contacted the EA and had been advised that there would be no more public consultations until all of the objections had been considered. - REPAC, a body that deals with pollution control and the welfare of water life, is liaising with a committee for the Environment & Fisheries, Midlands Group. The contact who is responsible within the EA for fisheries nationally is Dafyd Evans. It is felt that fisheries in this area have been disregarded as to the possible impact of incinerators on water quality.

Legal & Research: It was reported that the Secretary of State has overruled a Planning Department decision and refused an application in the south of England to go ahead on a previously dedicated Greenfield site.

- Everyone was encouraged to keep looking at our own website for information and also to check the CHAD website, where a recent poll of readers on the popularity of an incinerator polled 98% against.

- The Jonas Armstrong web site is promoting our cause really well. It would appear that fans all over the world are sending in messages of support to us. We have suggested that they also write to NCC. This has started to happen and also info relating to us is appearing on the web site, demonstrating resistance to the incinerator.

- A letter has been sent to the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England. Their written reply has indicated that they are sufficiently impressed with our strong and well presented case that they have suggested possibilities for meetings with them.

- Thanks were extended to all those people who have provided copies of correspondence with NCC.

- "Call-In" – the proposal for a call-in is based on the fact that NCC appear rather too close with Veolia and are also making decisions on planning – a conflict of interests.

- UKWIN – UK Without Incineration, is now running and the intention is for other groups, through them, to share relevant information. Shlomo has been appointed the new co-ordinator. The first AGM of the group will take place in London on Saturday 12th April. . Anyone wishing to go should let Shlomo know.

- In a recent PAIN committee meeting, a suggestion was made that we create an alliance with the Sherwood Forest Regional Park proposals and that we refer to the village as Rainworth, Sherwood Forest. A. Tift is prepared to go to the Sherwood Forest meeting on 11th April to make them aware of our concerns.

- 14th April – Chris Jackson, Bio Diversity Officer in Nottinghamshire will be at Rufford Park for a meeting. Allen and Linda Tift have agreed to attend on behalf of P-A-IN. Since this meeting is organised on an invitation basis, Shlomo suggested that it might be a good idea to invite Mr. Jackson to one of our meetings, when we could put more questions to him.

-The meeting was asked to consider whether, when we pay our water bills for the coming year, we communicate with Severn Trent Water and ask two questions – 1 – How will they protect the purity of our water supply? and 2 – How will they protect the water supply quantity as a whole?

A question was asked "Who is responsible if our water is polluted?" P. Cullen replied that no-one from Severn Trent has provided a definite answer to this question. Information given showed that, based on a previous incident at Crown Farm, the EA appears to have ultimate responsibility. It was commented that the EA make any prosecutions where problems arise, but also suggested that it should be written into legislation that they are ultimately responsible and should be making regular inspections to protect water.

Lobbying: Everyone was urged to continue lobbying M.P.'s and councillors and to keep writing letters. Physical numbers of protest on demonstration days will also show our strength of feeling.

Publicity: Plenty of information on the web site. Also the CHAD is giving us reasonable coverage.

Any Other Business: There followed an interesting and informative question and answer session. The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 17th April, 7 p.m., Potters Snooker Hall, Rainworth