

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PEOPLE AGAINST INCINERATION
(p-a-in) HELD AT RAINWORTH VILLAGE HALL ON 20TH JULY 2007

Attendance Sheet – details recorded

Apologies – S. Cullen, L. Downen, S. Downen, R. Hurd, J. Norwood

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

Matters arising –Confusion has arisen in relation to the £1,000 funding promised us by the Mansfield East Area Assembly (MEAA). Despite receiving yet another endorsement from those present at the MEAA meeting in June, the funding has not been forthcoming. This matter is being followed up by both the Treasurer and the Legal & Research Team.

TREASURERS REPORT – L. Tift.

A copy is included with these minutes.

It was also reported that Mansfield East Area Assembly has withdrawn the promise of £1000 towards the p-a-in campaign. This will be challenged.

LEGAL & RESEARCH – P. Cullen

The Public Law training day held recently, which was attended by members of the group proved to be a very good day of information. The team will be prioritising a number of issues to follow up, given the information that was obtained. We can also have access to the assistance of a solicitor.

The question has been posed with regard to how uncategorised waste can or will be treated. It is understood that waste treatment companies do have the right to make the decision without consultation with the county council as to the ultimate channel for such waste.

Veolia has denied that waste would be brought in to the ERF (Energy Recovery Facility) from other areas to maintain its target figures. It is known that this already happens in Derbyshire, so feasible that it may happen in other areas.

There is a possibility that if the ERF is privatised, then jobs in other areas controlled by the local authority could be at risk.

Waste PFI Contract Applications A & B

A (for waste services other than the incinerator)

B (for the building and operation of an incinerator)

It is evident that a number of pages are missing from the documents and that details are being withheld from public information.

Whole sections have not been released because it is claimed they are commercially confidential.

PUBLICITY – T. Stevens

- The new leaflets have been received and now being distributed
- Roadside posters are being placed in strategic positions around the area
- A report is being compiled from the weather details that we have been collecting over the past few months. It is intended to display this on the web site.
- Still in discussion – proposals for a roadshow to highlight issues

MEMBERSHIP – A. Tift - Report attached

- We now have 122 paid-up members.
- 8 messages have been received on the PAIN telephone number in response to the new leaflet. People have shown real interest in the information given.
- A card has been received from a resident in Ravenshead sending wishes of support.
- Time is running short until the first planning application for the ERF can be expected. We do need to maintain the force of the protest.
- It would appear that we will be fighting alone as it is almost certain that Newark & Sherwood will not be supporting. At a recent meeting which A. Tift attended, there should have been a visit by representatives of North Kesteven Council demonstrating their excellent recycling record. When the question was asked why they were absent again, it appeared that Newark & Sherwood were either not interested or were unwilling to answer the question.
- L. Tift will be contacting 40 people who are on the mailing list to receive hard copies, to ascertain whether they wish to continue receiving information.
- A suggestion to target Bilsthorpe and its surrounding area in the near future has received support. Indications are that many people out of the immediate area of Rainworth village are not aware of the implications of the incinerator proposal.
- The first members newsletter will hopefully be circulated very soon.

A question was asked regarding the potential number of vehicles using the roads around the village when the ERF is operating a maximum level. A general consensus of opinion was that not only the by-pass may be affected by such vehicles.

A comment was made and echoed by others that disposal of domestic waste is becoming more and more difficult at Hermitage Lane Depot, where more and more unreasonable regulations are being imposed.

Distribution – J. Kitts – Report attached.

The new leaflets are almost entirely distributed around the village. A suggestion was made that a small number which are left could perhaps be distributed in the Bellamy Road area. This was agreed, but that minor changes need to be made for distribution further afield.

Raffle - £32.00

Refreshments - £13.50

Chair thanked all people who give their time for the campaign, both during and out of meetings.

Any Other Business - The proposals in the White Paper with regard to changes in the Planning Law will make objections to planning applications more difficult to be heard. Printed objection cards, prepared by Friends of the Earth were circulated for the purpose of completing and forwarding to Government.

Date of next meeting - Thursday 16th August, Rainworth Village Hall, 7.45 p.m.

Meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.