

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PEOPLE AGAINST INCINERATION
(P-A-IN), HELD AT RAINWORTH VILLAGE HALL ON 21st JUNE 2007

Attendance sheet, details recorded

Apologies – S. Downen, D. Jackson, H. Johnson, R. Kirkham, D. Lissaman, M. & J. Morris, Cllr. R. Sutcliffe, I. Vasey, J. Wood, I. Yapp

Minutes of the meeting held 17th May 2007, had been circulated and were accepted as a true record of events. Proposed R. Johnson, Seconded M. Johnson

Matters arising - B. Thompson thanked R. & J. Hewitt for their efforts in the co-ordination of leaflet distribution in Ravenshead. He pointed out that residents have shown much interest and asked for consideration on how we can involve people more and keep their interest.

L. Tift – Shlomo had contacted A. Statham with a view to arranging an alternative speaker for Prof. Swithenbank, who was unable to visit us as had previously been arranged. Nothing confirmed as yet.

Membership – we are currently putting together information about P-A-IN for circulation with a view to promoting our purpose, ethos and image.

Chair of Governors, Heathlands School – wished it to be known that they are solidly against the plans for the incinerator.

Treasurer's Report – The current balance of account on 21.6.07 stood at £2158.06. Copy of the report is attached.

Fundraising Report - Mansfield East Area Assembly pledged a grant to the group last year, which, as yet has not been available. Cllr. C. Winterton raised an objection regarding the allocation of funds from Mansfield D.C. There is an agenda item in the next Area Assembly meeting on 28th June at the Mansfield Civic Centre for ratification of the £1000 promised.

- Rainworth Parish Council are organising a Family Fun Day at the Village Hall on Saturday 30th June. Help is requested for the P-A-IN stall and with bunting to decorate it.
- A note has been sent to P. Tipping MP regarding the support funds that he promised.

Membership Report – Our membership now stands at 110

A. Tift – Veolia has been very quiet recently, but it is felt that their intention is to re-appear with a roadshow to aid the promotion of the incinerator. It has become known that the liaison meetings have not been popular.

- A visit is being arranged to a future Newark & Sherwood council meeting by representatives of North Kesteven council area, whose current recycling amounts to around 52% of their waste.
- No further news is available on the debate between Notts. C.C., Veolia and P-A-IN.
- Southwell T. C. is still pushing to get a debate organised in their area.

Distribution – Everything is ready for the new and updated leaflets to become available.
- 2 new window posters have been produced. A vote will be taken on which one to use.

Publicity – Group has been working on the new leaflet, which is looking good.

- A newsletter will soon be in production.
- It is intended that future events will be more publicised to maintain public awareness of the ongoing events in the campaign.
- A Powerpoint presentation is currently being worked on which will be used in our roadshow.
- A suggestion has been made as to whether now might be the time to include a window poster with the Newsletter.

Legal & Research – The Radio 4 debate can be accessed via the website.

- A. Watson abroad ?????? *Can anyone fill this bit in if it's important to record.*
- Planning Aid – We will wait until the application for the ERF is made.
- Disk available giving details and information on PFI contracts – Shlomo can organise copies for anyone who is interested. In fact, feedback from anyone who cares to study this would be appreciated.
- We have made representation to a number of law firms with regard to legal support. B. Norris dealing. Nothing to report as yet.
- UK WIN is giving support for current campaigns against incinerators.
- At present, it does not look as if the application for the proposed incinerator will fall into the category of requirement for government interjection. There is planning consent for a coal sorting depot until 2009. After this point, the land must be returned to heathland. This site is classed as Greenfield and so we are hopeful that this may work in our favour for any planning application as a Brownfield site project.
- Training Day Tuesday 10th July – Empowering the Voluntary Sector to help public and statutory bodies in a greater understanding of each other. Limited number of places have been allocated.

Refreshments break – Raffle £24. Refreshments £12.

Any other business – P. Frost stated that there was no guarantee that this project will come under the new planning regulations. At present the regulations are still rather vague, but may be connected to capacity. There will be a national day of action on 14th July – no definite details available.

- Legislation due re bio-diversity. Rainworth heathland is very precious in terms of bio-diversity. Government has a duty to protect heathland.
- Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act – awaiting guidance on the details contained within.
- S. Barnes has volunteered to be our Press Officer.
- A vote was taken on the two new window poster samples. It was agreed that we should use and distribute both.

Date of next meeting – 7.45 p.m. Thursday 19th July, Phoenix Suite, Rainworth Village Hall