

**Joint East Suffolk Coastal Town & Parish Councils
Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 27th April 7.30pm
Middleton Village Hall**

1. Apologies received from R Dowding, B Perrett, Blythburgh & Blaxhall Representatives, S Robinson and District Councillor Saxmundham Marian Andrews.
2. The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th March were approved.
3. The Chairman of Middleton Parish Council welcomed R & Isabel Owen Aldringham cum Thorpe and Margaret Swanerburg Benhall
4. Matters arising: Following the meeting on the 11th March councillors were invited for feedback and issues raised by their councils.

Theberton Raised concerns over traffic safety issues related to speeding drivers. A reduction to 20mph from 30mph and the installation of a Pedestrian Crossing may help to resolve this.

Yoxford. Some apprehension that Committee membership could become geographically unwieldy.

Benhall Confirmed there had been some interest in the discussion from the March Meeting. Some unease about the impact a new road to the proposed C Reactor site would have on Benhall was expressed.

Moving aggregate by rail had, had an effect on Saxmundham during the Sizewell B construction, noise and the impact of heavy trains pulling 600 tons of materials. However, this was a more attractive proposition for the C build, to countless Lorries on the road.

Thorpeness Expressed an interest in Social Handouts to pay for traffic calming measures in the village and the laying of `quiet road` surfaces.

It was confirmed that an Environmental Impact study would be necessary to confirm the effect the construction of C would have on roads, housing for the workforce and the local environment.

It was suggested that representatives from EDF and related government departments be invited to attend a future meeting to discuss these issues and the planning process for C. A briefing on the method and logistics of moving plant and materials to the construction site would be invaluable.

District Councillor B Slater recommended the committee would have more impact if it remained an independent group. SCDC aware of the generation of

the group and awaited the outcomes of the meeting tonight. He supported the idea of inviting representatives from British Energy/EDF and the government.

5. To agree a Constitution and name for the Joint Council Committee

It was agreed to avoid a name that indicated the joint committee was anti nuclear energy.

After debating numerous variations the name `Sizewell Parishes Liaison Group` was approved.

Constitution

No 7 The query on the number of representatives/votes for each council, is covered in No 13.

After some debate, it was agreed that the geographical boundary for membership of the joint committee, would include Parish Representatives in the locality of Sizewell. By definition membership would come from Parishes most affected by the construction of C. Councils would elect a representative for the joint committee. Their mandate to vote on proposals brought to the joint committee, and adopted, with the remit to report back to their own councils on the result and associated debate.

District and County councillors were members of the joint committee as ex officio, providing advice and contributing to the debates.

Constitution approved subject to the above amendments,

Aims & objectives

These were agreed at the last meeting 11th March and detailed in the minutes.

Steering Group

The Steering Group would be responsible for carrying out the wishes agreed by the joint liaison group.

Steering Group volunteers:

J Swallow Theberton

E Draper Yoxford

T Hodgeson Leiston

M Blakeney Middleton

Trevor Tate Clerk/ Finance Manager

The Steering Group to meet prior to the July meeting, to elect officers and agree a draft budget. A financial levy based on the number of people on the Electoral Roll to be considered by the Steering group during this meeting.

Westleton PC to be contacted to ask for a volunteer for the Steering Group.

6. Date of next meeting

Monday 20th July Middleton Village Hall 7.30pm

NB R Owen would like a copy of members contact and name details.