



**STUBLACH GAS STORAGE PROJECT**  
**MINUTES OF LOCAL LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING (LLC)**  
**HELD WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2011 AT**  
**LACH DENNIS VILLAGE HALL**

Chairperson:

Alan Leadbetter

Storengy UK Ltd

Attendees:

John Beecroft  
Rod Brookfield  
Nicola Clarke  
John Hardman  
Bob Richmond  
Bob Robinson  
Amanda Scarratt  
Frank Still  
Julia Wilson  
John Whieldon

Byley Council  
Cheshire West & Chester Council  
Lostock Gralam Parish Council  
Lach Dennis Parish Council  
Rudheath Parish Council  
Northwich Town Council  
Cheshire Community Action  
Allostock Parish Council  
Allostock Parish Council  
Ineos Enterprises

Bruno Leray  
John O'Donnell  
Rachel Jackson

Storengy UK Ltd  
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Apologies/ Non attendees:

Mike Boag-Munroe  
Theresa Cash

Cranage Parish Council  
Lach Dennis Parish Council



## 1. INTRODUCTIONS AND ADMINISTRATION

Introductions were carried out and the new Parish Councillors were welcomed to the meeting.

## 2. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

R Jackson contacted the unrepresented Parishes of Rudheath and Lostock Gralam to invite them to join the LLC Committee. Both Parishes have nominated members that will represent the Parishes at LLC Meetings:

Nicola Clarke, Lostock Gralam Parish Council  
Bob Robinson, Rudheath Parish Council

R Jackson has worked with Cheshire Community Action to amend the previously named "Environmental Fund" to widen the scope of projects that can apply for funding. The fund is now known as the "Storengy UK Community Development Fund."

Electronic versions of the form and guidance notes can be found on the Storengy UK and Cheshire Community Action website.

Paper versions of the form and guidance notes can be provided on request.

## 3. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Community Development Fund aims to support projects that benefit the local community and have a long term positive effect. This may be communities of interest or place e.g. village hall, community group, youth club, school, housing estate or neighbourhood. A group of people with a common interest e.g. sports club or society.

Paper versions of the Community Development Fund Brochure and posters were distributed to committee members.

R Brookfield gave an overview of the fund for the benefit of new members and encouraged the committee to spread the word to residents within their communities.

## 4. FUNDING SUBMISSIONS

A Scarratt gave an update on funding available. There is £26,845 left over from last year and £20,000 for 2011. A Scarratt presented 4 applications to the Community Development Fund:

### **Ref 01-11: Lostock Gralam FC**

The Football Club has requested £5/6,000 to purchase equipment to maintain the football pitch. This will help to reduce their current outgoings because the council will no longer carry out maintenance of the pitch. Commercial quotes have been received but have been found to be very expensive. Members discussed the application and raised concerns over where the equipment would be stored. Due to the value, it would need to be stored securely and maintained regularly. Members felt that the club should also investigate alternatives such as sharing equipment from other football clubs in the neighbouring area. It was decided that voting on the application will be deferred until alternative options had been investigated.

**A Scarratt to collect further information from Lostock Gralam FC.**

**Ref 02-11: Enterprise an Education Alliance**

The group has requested £8434.05 to create a garden project in Lostock Gramam Two gardens would be created side by side; one would demonstrate being environmentally friendly and the other would show how the environment is damaged through litter, debris, lack of care etc. The project will be used as a learning tool for local school children, to raise awareness of the environment and encourage community cohesion.

Members discussed the application and whilst they felt that it was an excellent initiative had concerns that part of the project costs was to fund the salary of a project co-ordinator. Funding salaries was not felt to be in the remit of the fund and as such it was decided to vote on funding only the equipment and marketing costs of the project, which amounted to £2834.05.

Votes were taken and carried in favour of donating towards the equipment and marketing costs of this project.

**Ref 03-11: Rudheath & Witton Together Conservation Group**

The group has requested £5419.40 to build an orchard and amphitheatre in Rudheath. They intend to provide free fresh fruit from the orchard as well as training for people on orchard management. The space will also double up to be used for music, dance events, outdoor films and an annual apple day. Members discussed the application and were satisfied by the sustainability of the project. Votes were taken and carried in favour of this application.

**Ref 04-11: Byley Village Hall**

Byley has requested £8,000 to part fund the extension of their village hall to provide a bar/ lounge area. The hall would benefit members of the local community as it could be booked for more events e.g. wedding receptions. Planning permission has not yet been sought; the group would like an agreement in principal before they submit proposals to the Council. A Scarratt showed members a plan of the proposed extension. Members discussed the application and there was some concern about fund money being used for new builds and the potential for escalating costs once building work commences. J Beecroft confirmed that the Byley Village hall could sustain an increase in costs should that happen. The LLC concluded that the building will be a benefit to the local community, Members voted to agree to the application in principal with the following conditions Only £8000 will be provided by the fund

If there are any changes to the design / cost via the planning process the application should be further debated by the LLC

Final approval will be voted on at the next LLC meeting

The next LLC Meeting will be held at Byley Village Hall so that members can review existing arrangements and the proposed location for the extension.

**Ref 05-11: Lach Dennis Parish Council**

The Parish Council has requested £420 to pay for 3000 daffodil bulbs. They would like to re-instate the daffodils in the grass verges throughout the village that have disappeared over the years. They have volunteers to plant the bulbs in September. Members discussed the application and votes were carried in favour of the amount requested.

**A Scarratt to discuss with the Enterprise and Education Alliance whether not funding the Project Coordinator costs would stop the project going ahead**

**LLC Members to vote on the Byley Villlage Hall application at the next LLC Meeting.**

## 5. STUBLACH SITE PROGRESS REPORT

J O'Donnell provided an overview of the project to date:

There have been no accidents or incidents since the last meeting.

Activities are beginning to increase at Stublach and so the number of personnel on site will increase to around 150 by September.

Leaching of the first 10 wells is running to programme and testing and commissioning of the next 10 wells is progressing to a point where they all will be ready to begin leaching later this year.

The electrical sub-station which will provide the additional electrical power required for the gas plant is currently being constructed at Lostock Gralam adjacent to the Scottish Power substation.

The underground cable route (from Holford to Stublach) has been exposed and to date the cable ducts have been installed along half the route. At the present time a direction drilling machine is installing the ducts under the A556 / Wade Brook. This installation method has been chosen to avoid any disruption along the A556.

Work to install the gas pipes from the gas plant to 5 well-sites and the connection point to the Gas National Transmission System will begin in July and be completed by October.

On the gas plant site the civil works are progressing well to level the site. Work on the new control and administration building will begin in July

J Beecroft asked, "when the remaining 8 wells will be drilled?"

The new wells will be drilled some time in 2013 and 7 are located on the East side of the site and one on the west side.

### **R Brookfield provided a planning update:**

Storengy UK have submitted a planning application with more information covering the Gas Plant and Lostock Sub Station compounds which has been approved by Cheshire West and Chester County Council.

INEOS due to land ownership issues are required to relocate 4 of the remaining 8 well-heads. In July INEOS will submit a full planning application and Hazardous Substances Consent for the relocation. The relocations are minor in nature and involve moving the wellhead 25 to 40 metres.

A Leadbetter gave an indication of the project timeframe:

Quarter 4 - 2012: The gas plant will be commissioned ready to accept Gas

Quarter 1 - 2013: Gas will be imported

Quarter 2/3 - Gas will be injected into the first caverns



## 6. COMPLAINTS REVIEW

Storengy has received no complaints.  
Cheshire West and Chester Council has received no complaints related to the Stublach Project.

## 7. OPEN FORUM

From the Local Councillor feedback it was clear that questions had been raised concerning the gas pipe refurbishment works being carried out by National Grid along the A530. It should be noted that this work is not being carried out for the Gas Storage Projects in the area. National Grid is undertaking a programme of refurbishment works on its low pressure network pipelines due to the age of the system

It should also be noted that the gas stored at Stublach will not be odourised and as such if anyone smells gas it will not be associated with any gas storage activities.

R Brookfield gave committee members some information regarding the rural cinema/ touring theatre. If anyone would like further information, please contact either R Brookfield or R Jackson.

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