

Lincolnshire Reservoir Community Liaison Group 8 November 2023

Present:

Anglian Water attendees:

Kelly Linay (KL)	Chair – Stakeholder engagement lead
Grace Wilson (GW)	Assistant programme manager
Greg Phillimore (GP)	Stakeholder engagement and consultation
David Bull (DB)	Engineering
Alex Tomaszewicz (AT)	Engineering
Simon Railton (SR)	Masterplanning/reservoir design
Grant Tuffs (GT)	Regional affairs manager
Keiron Hyams (KH)	Socio economic
Sakhi Sumaria (SS)	Socio economic
Roxanne Blake (RB)	Stakeholder engagement and consultation
Phoebe Todd (PT)	Stakeholder engagement and consultation

Member attendees:

Elaine Penketh Charles Campion	Swaton Parish Council
Helen Earley Tony Lion-Marrion	Threekingham Parish Council
Mark Robinson Will Watts Geoff Hotchkin	Helpringham Parish Council
Richard Johson Jon Johnson	Scredington Parish Council
Michael Coy	Burton Pedwardine and Burton Gorse Village Meeting
Sue Fortune	Lincolnshire Community Foundation
Chris Close Julie Close	Sleaford Wheelers
Geoff Mullet	Ramblers: Lincolnshire
Rebecca Leighton	Helpringham School

Russell Jackson Sally Tarry Luisa McIntosh	North Kesteven District Council
Andrew Key Andrew Hagues	Lincolnshire County Council

Apologies: N/A

Time:	7:00pm – 8:30pm	
Location/Format:	Scredington Community Centre, 30 Church Lane, Scredington, Sleaford, NG34 0AG	
Item		
Purpose of the meeting		
Introduction to the project team followed by attendee introductions.		KL
KL provided an overview of what the session will cover.		
Aims of the CLG and election of a Chair		
KL provided an explanation of the aims and role the CLG will have as the project develops. One of the first plans for the group is to elect a chair. KL provided an overview of the type of characteristics that would be important for this role:		KL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent. • Impartial. • Relevant experience. • Representative of both community and Anglian Water. • Commit to attendance for one year. • Volunteer. <p>This was followed by breakout discussions in groups around the role of the chairperson and CLG, before points were shared at the meeting.</p> <p>Feedback on the role of the Chair included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The suggestion for an educational representative, in order to represent those who will be most benefitting from the reservoir. • A county councillor would have too much political influence. • A local, affected village representative would be too close. • That they serve three years or more, and that one year does not allow for finessing the role. • The suggestion of someone with legal experience. • The need to consider the potential of a Vice-Chair. • AW advised that it would consider reasonable expenses if this was important to the Chair. 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That a representative from Fens could chair Lincs and vice versa. <p>It was decided that nominees should submit a short CV and statement to the project team, who would then circulate these among members. This was decided to be done in the interim period between the first and second meeting.</p> <p>ACTIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AW project team to distribute guidance to members on how to submit an application for Chairperson, and the process for electing a Chair. • Applicants to prepare statement on suitability for role. • Chair to be elected according to given process prior to next meeting. 	
<p>Overview of project development</p>	
<p>GW provided an overview of the land surveys being undertaken, before DB shared further details on the process of planning the necessary associated infrastructure, pipelines and transfers for the projects.</p> <p>Discussion points around associated infrastructure and project developments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the current process for flood modelling and has it considered the recent flood damaged due to Storm Babet? • Has the project team considered the output location for the emergency drawdown? • How will water be taken from rivers to the reservoir and then to people, and how many pumps will be needed? • Has the project team contacted landowners that will be impacted by the additional infrastructure? • Has the team considered the impacts of climate change and rising sea levels on the chosen site location? <p>ACTIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AW to share presentation slides after the meeting in order for members to get a clearer look at supporting diagrams on associated infrastructure. 	<p>DB and GW</p>
<p>Masterplanning overview</p>	
<p>SR provided an overview of what masterplanning involves, how this has been led by the shared project ambition, and the progress which has been made so far. This included an in-depth look at the inspiration behind the masterplanning process, such as geography, local heritage and culture.</p> <p>Project team representatives on each table noted comments on attendees' thoughts on the reservoir masterplanning process and any areas of interest.</p> <p>Points raised included: penses</p>	<p>SR</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether we considered any sites not in the Lincolnshire area. • A discussion about the embankments and what design ideas have been produced to reduce their impact on the landscape, as well as the potential for agricultural usage areas. There was also a question about how the 20m embankment height will be managed, and if it's possible for there to be variable heights around the water edge. • There were multiple requests for a 3D model. • How will people access the recreational aspects and will there be a traffic management plan? • Are the surrounding amenities to be constructed and finished at the same time as when the reservoir will be in operational use? • There is concern for a perceived increase in flood-risk. • There has been comparison to Covenham Reservoir and its appearance. • That educational and curricular opportunities should be a priority. • There should be space for conservation and nature restoration. • That local heritage should be treated with sensitivity and respect. 	
Socio-economic strategy	
<p>KH provided an overview of what is a socio-economic strategy and how it will influence the development of the project. A series of questions are included on the slides which attendees were encouraged to take back to their organisations, sending any feedback to the project mailbox info@lincsreservoir.co.uk.</p> <p>Points raised included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What sort of employment opportunities could arise as a result of the reservoir? • What will be done to mitigate the traffic and transport impacts of the construction, recreational usage, and associated traffic? <p>ACTIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AW to share slides with attendees, where they can find questions from KH and socio-economic team. • Attendees to share questions with their organisations and respond with any feedback to the project mailbox. 	KH
Communications and engagement round up	
<p>GP shared an overview of what community engagement has been carried out since the end of the first phase of consultation. This included a community e-newsletter, the release of the <i>Delivering our Shared Ambition</i> document, and the announcement of a residential property support scheme. This was followed by a look ahead to the second phase of consultation, which will be discussed at the next meeting.</p>	GP
Reflections and close	

<p>KL provided a final summary of the meeting and actions to occur in the interim period prior to the next meeting in early 2024.</p>	<p>KL</p>
<p>Additional questions</p>	
<p>Additional questions, unrelated to individual presentations, included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A request to review the invitee list and allow for suggestions of invitees. 	
<p>Summary of Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendees considered the important qualities for a Chair, and discussed the process for selecting a CLG Chair. After a discussion, it was decided that a Chair will be chosen in the interim period before the next meeting. • Project developments were outlined, including the process which has been made on developing a proposal for the additional infrastructure needed to support the reservoir. • The masterplanning team explained how their design process has been influenced by the project’s shared ambitions and the local area, before taking questions from attendees. • The purpose of a socio-economic strategy was outlined to attendees. Attendees were asked to consider a series of questions, which will be shared via the presentation slides. • There was an overview of what community engagement has been carried out since the end of the first phase of consultation, and attendees were asked to consider what they would like to see more of before the next meeting. • Questions were taken and answered throughout. 	
<p>Summary of Key Actions – including responsibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AW to share slides and minutes with attendees • AW to explain process of electing a Chair, and to request submission of applications. • Attendees to share relevant information with their organisation and gather feedback as representatives. Feedback can be shared via the project mailbox prior to the next session. • Attendees to provide applications for role of the Chair. • AW to announce the details of the next session. 	
<p style="text-align: center;">DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: TBC</p>	