

MINUTES

Meeting 2

Present: Cllr J Critchley, Frodsham Town Council, Cllrs P Williamson & V Kirk (FTC), Cllr J Inskip (Delamere & Oakmere Parish Council), G Knapp (Alvanley Parish Council UEOG Working Group), 15 members of various Frack-free organisations, 1 from Mothers Against Fracking and 16 residents. Mrs H Catt (Frodsham Town Clerk) and Ms L Kenny (FTC Admin Officer). Ineos – 3 representatives.

1. Appointment of Chair
FTC Cllr J Critchley agreed to chair the meeting until the Terms of Reference were agreed and a permanent chair appointed.
2. Presentation by representatives of INEOS.
Tom Pickering gave a presentation (slides attached). He introduced his colleagues Ray & Gordon who work on the community relations and operational side of the business. Gordon's role is to build Community Liaison Groups. Ineos has been granted licenses by Govt in areas marked blue on the map and igas areas marked in orange.
Gas production is in decline & only produces 50% of our needs. Coal is being phased out. Wind can only provide 30% of our needs.
Gas underpins many manufacturing processes. Timetable is to identify surface drill sites by late 2018 with planning applications being submitted in early 2019.
There will be screening as part of any scheme to limit the visual impact.
It is highly regulated. UK legislation requires pressure testing at every drill section to ensure integrity. The Environment Agency demands that drilling fluids are none hazardous.
They recognise there are concerns over water contamination and cancer-causing chemicals but they are being addressed.

There was a Q&A session following the presentation. These included:
Recent surveys showed that over 70% of people in Frodsham & Helsby are against Fracking.
Leakages of methane – research shows 6-10% includes conventional and unconventional extraction. Technology and equipment improving all the time.
Community Liaison Committee – concern about bullying in other areas – these will be subject to Peer Review & independent research.
Ineos carry public liability insurance – insurance doesn't bring fresh water if water courses are contaminated.

¹ Unconventional Extraction of Oil and Gas

It was agreed that Frodsham Town Clerk would contact all the surrounding parishes to check whether there was still interest in the Working Group and to try and identify another more suitable date for a meeting.

The rest of the agenda was deferred for a future meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.