

TARPORLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

ZOOM MEETING TO DISCUSS GAS & ELECTRIC CONTRACTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

Present:

Matthew Grant, , Linda Martin, Anita Langford, John Smith, Ken Wood, Tony Yeates, Geoff Crump, Kay Walker

Apologies:

Andrew Locke

AL said 2 quotes have been sent out that TY has received from EnergiSave. JS said that we will be making a decision as Trustees and not as individuals. Trustees will be looking at long-return for some time. Ken W said he agrees we should be looking for best price but the market is so volatile just now. Ken said he has contacted Octopus Energy and other companies and they all say that trying to book too far in advance maybe not the best thing and perhaps better waiting until June next year.

TY said the deal on the table at the moment is the best; they are within the budget that AL and he did and that if we do get rid of the field, we can manage these prices. However, can't argue that a better deal might come up later on.

MG asked, if we sign for a deal now when does this come into place? TY said electricity 1st September and gas 1st October next year. MG asked, if we signed for a deal that was longer than a year is there a clause if we want to come out of it? TY said he did not know. MG said that if the prices fall in a year, we could be charged a 'get out fee'. TY to find this out from the broker. TY said he has not seen a detailed document of the T's & C's of business – 0.7kw ph for gas and electric. Ken said that we need clarity on the T's & C's and conditions of the deal and to find out what commission they are getting, also what is the cost if we decided to change 12 months down the road?

TY said we have never looked at purchasing groups in the past. AL said it would be difficult trying to tie all the village halls together when their fixed contracts are ending on different dates. AL said maybe sort ourselves out for this time but investigate later on in a few years.

AL said she would contact Cheshire Community Action to see if they're aware of any purchasing groups and would also ask at next week's CCA Network meeting.

MG asked Committee 'do we want to sign off a new contract now'? Agreed not to enter into a 3 year contract today until we get a full set of T's & C's of supplier and broker. Agreed for TY to find out the details of the T's & C's. TY said this is breaking out into a huge topic.

To be discussed again at the next meeting on 30th October.

Agreed that we continue using the Energy Broker.