

Levens Hyperfast Broadband Project

Minutes of Meeting dated 10 October 2017, held in Levens

Note: matters which have not changed since the last meeting are not repeated.

Present

Simon Doddrell, Gary Mason, John Wood, John Watson, Kevin Holmes, Laurence Ormerod.

Apologies:

Finance and Project Progress

1. Status: Ducting has been installed from Hincaster to the A6 opposite Levens Hall, the main crossings under the A6, the River Kent, the A590 and the route into the location for the main cabinet have all been identified and agreed in principle.
2. Total investment in B4RN made by Parish residents is £82,000. Further investment will be required to make the project viable: the total cost will be approx. £250,000.

Land Owners

1. The route into the village is now known with the relevant land owners agreeing.
2. The main core route round the village has been identified and agreement obtained from landowners. However, it would be possible to improve this route with further landowner agreement and this is still on-going.
3. This route has been supplied to B4RN so that they can check out any potential conflicts with other utilities and suggest any modifications that may be needed.

Equipment and Contractors

1. Local contractor engagements are pending the route finalisation for the main "cross country" installations.

Route Planning

1. Block champions for most of the blocks are working to gauge interest in connecting to B4RN, and possible routes. 10 out of total 26 blocks have provided customer interest and outline plans.
2. All block champions will be invited to a meeting in the Institute where the provisional detailed routing within the village will be discussed and the first pass plan for the whole will be defined.
3. At a later date it will be for individual householders who wish to have a connection to plan their own route from the edge of their property into their house.
4. Champions for the remaining blocks with no responses yet, will be re-energised. Champions for the blocks which have no representative (so can currently not be connected) will be approached.

Network Specification

1. This task will become much more active as the route round and into areas of the village gets defined.

Marketing

1. Updates and news releases are being put out by email, website and Facebook.
2. A banner to draw attention to the project has been produced and is being put in prominent places round the village.

Secretarial

No actions to note.