

Drax Gloster Community Advisory Panel

Meeting Minutes 11/12/2024

Present	In attendance (from Drax)	Apologies
Aarika Plunkett (Drax) Crystal Murray (Drax) Christy Havard Jackie Robinson Vivica Hoover Krystal Wilson Eric Brown Velicia Anderson Linda Campbell Inez Bell Jackie Robinson Elaine Green Shalonda Weathersby	Matt White (MW) Will Gardiner (WG) Lee Dawes (LD) Shelby Stewart Michelli Martin	n/a

MEETING NOTES:

1. Opening Remarks & Administrative-

- Drax opened the meeting and thanked the Panel members for participating
- Drax guest attendees from the Amite Bioenergy Operations team gave remarks on their roles at the facility and their support for the panel.
- All panel members introduced themselves and rules of action explained.
- WG welcome comments and Drax history.
- LD brief welcome.
- MW brief welcome.

2. Topics under discussion: areas to support through Drax Community Fund

- There were questions on potential support for Blackmon Hole to improve drainage at the site.
- Panel members noted the need for more educational support for local children, and the need for more extra curricula activities for children
- Panel members advised Drax to support local sports in Gloster. At present, families must travel to McComb to participate in local sports. More participation in sports would help to build discipline and leadership skills.
- Panel members expressed the need for more after-school programs for children, because parents struggle to keep them off the street
- Panel members expressed thanks for Drax's support of the Wilk-Amite Youth Action Network.

- Panel members expressed interest in “parent enrichment courses” (soft skills) sponsored by Drax.
- Panel members advised Drax to tackle issues head on and be open and honest with the community.
- Drax invited Panel members to share feedback on Drax using an anonymous survey tool.

3. Review and approve minutes from the last meeting

- The minutes from the last meetings were reviewed and approved.

4. Future meetings

- It was confirmed that the next meeting will take place at 6pm on February 11, 2025.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7.10pm

Minutes submitted by: Michelli Martin

Approved by: Shona King