

**Dunmaglass Wind Farm
Minutes of Community Liaison Group (CLG) Meeting
Thursday 30 January 2014**

Attendees:

Jimmy MacPherson (JMacP)	Chair
John Murray (JMu)	Strathnairn Community Council
Edward Osborne (EU)	Strathdearn Community Council
Ian Bateman (IB)	Stratherrick and Foyers Community Council
Ailsa Fraser (AF)	Farr Primary School
Ian MacGillivray (IM)	The Highland Council (TEC Services)
Steve Scott (SS)	RJ McLeod (RJM)
Jamie Meneely (JMe)	SSE Renewables
Marianne Townsley (MT)	SSE Renewables (minutes)

1. Welcome and introductions

JMacP thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

2. Apologies

- Councillor Carolyn Caddick, Highland Council
- Councillor Margaret Davidson, Highland Council
- Margaret Saunders, Strathdearn Community Council

3. Approval of minutes of last meeting

The approval of the minutes from the meeting held on Monday 9 December 2013 were proposed by JMu and seconded by IM. These are therefore approved as an accurate record of the meeting and will be posted on the project website (www.sse.com/dunmaglass).

4. Matters arising

- 4.1 JMu queried the current state of the verges on the B851 and asked if SSE could look to fill in some of the larger potholes with gravel. IM confirmed THC's policy is only to fix potholes which exist between the white lines of the road (ie, within the main carriageway), and THC wish to prioritise widening of the B851 road between the junction with the A9 and Fort Augustus, which the wind farm developers working in the area are contributing towards.
Action: IM to write to Strathnairn CC to confirm this position.
- 4.2 JMacP commented that the lorry drivers delivering materials to the Dunmaglass site are currently driving in a courteous manner, and the concerns that existed previously regarding the lorries which were parking at the local shop and so on have been alleviated. This situation has improved following the introduction of the Drivers Code of Conduct which appears to have been effective.
- 4.3 AF requested that THC ensure that the local school is kept up to date is there are any road closures planned.
Action: IM to ensure that AF is kept up to date with any planned closures.
- 4.4 IM clarified that Item 4.6 from the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2013 was in relation to Corriegarth wind farm.
- 4.5 JMacP raised a query with IM regarding the work at Brinmore Bend, particularly regarding when the work might take place. IM confirmed that there has been progress with this and THC have now arranged to meet with Mr Leslie from Flichity Estate.
- 4.6 JMacP asked about the progress with the works at Sockich Bends. IM confirmed that this is currently a high priority for THC and they are currently looking at options for the project.

4.7 JMacP asked how the trial run went for the delivery of the turbines to Dunmaglass. JMe confirmed that overall the exercise went well and the main pinch point during the trial run was at Sockich Bends, as expected.

5. Project update

- 5.1 JMe confirmed that progress on site has been good given the time of year, and he confirmed that the two timber deck bridges (called Mains Bridge and Lodge Bridge) are now operational on the site.
- 5.2 JMe confirmed that the number of deliveries to the site should decrease over the coming weeks once the borrow pit becomes operational. However, when the construction of the on-site substation begins (once this has received consent, possibly around March or April) it is likely that the number of deliveries of quarry materials will increase for the construction of this element.
- 5.3 JMe confirmed that the tenders for the main civil works are currently being priced and SSE is aiming to award the works in May, with a view to starting in June this year.

6. Questions

- 6.1 IM to approach the shop to look at a potential area of land that could be used as parking for the shop and also for the school bus.
Action: IM to discuss this with the local shop in Inverarnie.
- 6.2 IB advised the group that he had heard there has been some archaeology uncovered at the Corriegarth site. IM clarified that Headland Archaeology had undertaken a survey and they have recorded an old building which is not of any significance and it is to be stripped out and removed.

7. Date and time of next meeting

- 7.1 The next meeting will be held at 7pm on Thursday 24 April in Farr Hall.
Post-meeting note – this has since been amended to **Thursday 15 May 2014 at 7pm in Farr Hall.**

8. Any other business

- 8.1 MT reminded the group of the offer made by SSE for the project team to give up a day through the Community at Heart scheme to volunteer in local communities.
- 8.2 MT reminded the group that the SSE Sustainable Development Fund is currently open for applications from communities in the Highland area and provided copies of the booklet that gives more details on this. The closing date for applications to this is 15 February 2014.
- 8.3 JMacP thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.