

**Dunmaglass Wind Farm  
Minutes of Community Liaison Group (CLG) Meeting  
17 September 2015**

**Attendees:**

Jimmy MacPherson – Chair (JMacP)	Strathnairn Community Council
John Murray (JMu)	Strathnairn Community Council
Ian Bateman (IB)	Stratherrick and Foyers Community Council
Steve Scott (SS)	RJ McLeod
Jamie Meneely (JM)	SSE Renewables (SSER)
Kirstanne Land (KL)	SSE Renewables (minutes)
Ross Cowie (RC)	SSE Renewables (SSER)

**1. Welcome and introductions**

JMacP thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

**2. Apologies**

Ian MacGillivray	The Highland Council (THC)
Colin Ross	The Highland Council (THC)
Margaret Saunders	Strathdearn Community Council
Edward Osborne	Strathdearn Community Council

**3. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

3.1 No changes were proposed.

3.2 The draft minutes from the meeting held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2015 were proposed by JMu and seconded by SS. These are therefore approved as an accurate record of the meeting and will be posted on the project website ([www.sse.com/dunmaglass](http://www.sse.com/dunmaglass))

**4. Matters arising**

4.1 JMu asked if there were any updates on the possibility of creating a layby outside the shop in Farr to allow vehicles to safely stop and park. No representatives from Highland Council were able to attend the meeting therefore JMacP said he would contact the council for an update on this.

4.2 JMacP also said he would discuss the issue of pot holes on nearby roads with the council.

4.3 IB asked if any further updates had been provided on the wall covering following the works at Sockich. JMacP stated that Ian MacGillivray had provided an update for the meeting and stated that trials were expected to take place during w/c 26<sup>th</sup> October.

**5. Update from Highland Council**

5.1 JMacP read out the update provided by Ian MacGillivray:

**Sockich**

- The surplus material from the site stockpiles will be removed during October.
- The water main diversion is subject to Scottish Water's approval so we don't have firm dates yet.
- The wall surface coating is still under review to determine an appropriate affordable solution, We will try to do trials during w/c 26th October (when traffic on the road will be restricted)but the main works will be deferred to spring 2016 when the weather is more sympathetic to the application of surface coatings

### **Flichity Bridge**

Repairs will take place between 19th October and 6th November. For the week of 26th-30/31st October the road will be closed at Flichity and traffic will be diverted around the Dunlichity route for light vehicles and Dores for HGVs. The diversion route repairs (currently underway) will have been completed before then.

- **Mon 19th October** - Removal of temporary propping (Corriegarth Wind Farm). From that date no abnormal loads will be allowed over the bridge and there may be some restrictions on HGV traffic.
- **19th -23rd October** – Construction of temporary works under and to side of bridge for repair works.
- **26th – 31st October** – Road closed – 0800 Monday 26th September to 1800 Saturday 31st October – for repair of arch barrel and spandrel walls. By 31st October all temporary works below and to the side of the bridge to be removed.
- **1st November – 6th November** - Bridge reopened to traffic. Works to parapet walls continuing under traffic management (20 min delays).
- **9th November** – road open to all normal traffic.

## **6. Dunmaglass project update**

- 6.1 JM stated that construction is progressing well. RJ McLeod (Principal Contractor) is expected to be finished on site in mid October.
- 6.2 JM stated that the site was currently undertaking some improvements to the roads at the site and some cabling works.
- 6.3 Works on the substation on site are underway and were expected to finish in April 2016.
- 6.4 JM stated that as per Ian MacGillivray's update some works would be undertaken at the Flichity bridge from 19<sup>th</sup> Oct until 9<sup>th</sup> Nov.
- 6.5 JMu asked if residents will be notified in advance and kept informed of plans for the Flichity Bridge works. JMacP said he would contact the council who is carrying out the works at Flichity Bridge, to enquire about plans for this.
- 6.6 JM stated that construction works will be greatly reduced through the winter months. Turbines are still scheduled for delivery in Spring 2016.

## **7. Questions**

7.1 JMu raised concerns on behalf of his community council following a few incidents with Taylor's Lorries on the local roads. JMu stated that a number of residents had raised concerns regarding speed and road positioning of these vehicles. JM stated that this contactor was working with SHE Transmission and passed on contact details for the project manager. KL said she would also pass on this info to Neil Anderson in the Transmission Community Liaison Team.

## **8. Date and time of next meeting**

8.1 The group agreed that the next meeting should take place on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm in the Farr Hall as works would be undertaken on the Flichity Bridge at this time. KL to send out invite to next meeting once hall booking is confirmed.

## **9. Any other business**

9.1 KL provided an update on some community initiatives the Dunmaglass team had been undertaking including a planned volunteering day at Gorthleck Playpark and sponsorship for a rain shelter at Farr Primary School.

9.2 KL confirmed that the first round of community fund cheques had also been sent out to the host communities.

9.3 JMacP stated that Strathnairn Community Council would also like support with a volunteering project. KL said she would look to get a date to help with this in Spring 2016. JMacP to provide further details in due course.

9.4 JMu and JMacP said that they would be standing down from Strathnairn community council in November.