



**Dunmaglass Wind Farm  
Minutes of Community Liaison Group (CLG) Meeting  
Thursday 21 April 2016 at 2pm  
Farr Hall**

**Attendees:**

Jimmy MacPherson (JMacP)	Chair
Peter Christie (PC)	Strathnairn Community Council
Dougie Henderson (DH)	Strathnairn Community Council
Kevan Moulton (KM)	SSE
Ross Cowie (RC)	SSE
Marianne Townsley (MT)	SSE (minutes)

**1. Welcome and introductions**

JMacP thanked everyone for attending the meeting and introductions were made.

**2. Apologies**

- Cllr Margaret Davidson
- Cllr Carolyn Caddick
- Margaret Saunders, Strathdearn Community Council
- Colin Ross, Highland Council
- Ian MacGillivray, Highland Council
- Jamie Meneely, SSE Renewables
- Steve Scott, RJ McLeod

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

The draft minutes from the meeting held on Thursday 24 March 2016 were proposed by PC and seconded by DH. 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 Ian MacGillivray (IM) from Highland Council (THC) was unable to attend the meeting and provided an update which MT read out to the group. The text from this is included below:
- Layby at Inverarnie shop – will be considered in the future design of traffic calming/footpaths in Inverarnie. No allocation of capital funds at present but design programmed for this financial year 2016/17.
  - Flichity Bridge – the bridge was damaged in March. SSE Renewables are planning to install a temporary propping and inspection scaffold in the next few weeks for the duration of the turbine deliveries. Design for the replacement bridge and improving visibility at Brinmore bends planned for 2016/17. No allocation of capital funds at this stage.

- Sockich – landscaping of the 6m grass strip above wall with native plants and small trees will be undertaken this autumn. The coating on the wall at Sockich and on the Calanour-Farigaig road will be done in Sept/Oct. The specification has not yet been determined.
- Sockich narrowing at south end – CLG/CC to provide information to Ali Nairne on specific incidents. No update on possible proposals for Vehicle Activated Sign and for timing of surface dressing.
- Road subsidence around the area of Little Mill. Asked Community Services (Ali Nairne/John Taylor) to re-inspect the area prior to wind farm component deliveries starting. Response awaited.
- Contact details for Senior Engineer in Community Services Inverness office circulated: Alastair (Ali) Nairne, Senior Engineer, Inverness Area Office, Diriebught Depot, Inverness Tel 01463 703116; E-mail – ali.nairne@highland.gov.uk
- Dunmaglass site entrance – surfacing works complete. Lining and signs to be completed within the next month.

4.2 JMacP and DH commented that there is some subsidence at Little Mill.

4.3 JMacP and DH commented that the weather could be bad during September and October which may have an impact on the efforts to paint the new wall on the B851.

## 5. **Dunmaglass Project Update**

5.1 RC provided a project update, and advised that the trial run on 5 April went well and there may be some minor works to do ahead of the turbine deliveries starting. This will include:

- Skimming back the road verge to kerb level to allow turbine oversail at the turn off from the A9 to the B851.
- The 40mph sign on the left hand side on the westbound entry to Inverarnie is to be removed to allow for blade oversail and it will be replaced following the completion of the deliveries.
- The 40mph village sign on the eastbound entry to Croachy is required to be moved to the fence line to allow for the oversail of the turbine blade.
- On the south side of the B851 between Little Mill Farm and the entry to the Forestry Commission car park, there is a requirement to add additional fill to the verge to bring it up to the same level as the carriageway. This work will be completed under traffic management and will take approximately two days and will not require a road closure.

5.2 RC confirmed that the turbine deliveries would be starting during week commencing 9 May 2016 and these are currently planned for Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays each week, although this could be subject to change once the police escorts have been confirmed.

**Action: MT to confirm details of the deliveries as soon as possible**

5.3 PC asked the weight of the turbine components. KM confirmed that the nacelles are the heaviest parts and weight approximately 80-85 tonnes each. The tower sections are around 35-45 tonnes and the blades are 9 or 10 tonnes each and the blades for Dunmaglass are slightly longer than Corriegarh. KM confirmed that there may be some Saturday deliveries required and MT advised that SSE would confirm this to each of the three community councils as and when this would be happening (including Strathnairn, Strathdearn and Stratherrick & Foyers).



- 5.4 RC confirmed that the Central Police function had favoured night time deliveries but the local police had advised against this. RC advised that there would likely be three components in each convoy with the police escort and Police Scotland would confirm this as soon as possible. RC also advised that these deliveries would continue into August and there would likely be other HGV movements to the site over the next few weeks. These would not require a police escort but may be escorted by the haulier and would include items like GE's site cabins as they mobilise to site.
- 5.5 RC advised that there would be four cranes delivered to site during week commencing 2 May.
- 5.6 RC advised that the site team are currently finishing work on the crane hardstandings and there has been a slight delay with the recent snow.
- 5.7 RC and MT advised that SSE is planning to apply to THC to allow turbine erection to take place at night. This is because the site experiences very high wind conditions which make it difficult to erect the turbines. Therefore the turbine erection team would like to utilise low wind conditions when they occur. RC and MT will provide a further update at the next meeting on this application.  
**Action: RC and MT to update at the next meeting**
- 6. Questions**
- 6.1 DH asked how many turbines will be at Dunmaglass and RC confirmed there would be 33.
- 6.2 PC asked if Dunmaglass is importing stone and if the quarry lorries currently running are going to the wind farm. RC confirmed that these are not for Dunmaglass wind farm. RC also advised that the Estate at Dunmaglass are starting to construct a hydro scheme.
- 6.3 PC asked who the haulier is for the turbine components. RC advised that the deliveries are being co-ordinated between Bolk and Potteries.
- 7. Date and time of next meeting**
- 7.1 The next meeting will be held at 7pm on Thursday 19 May 2016 in Farr Hall.  
**Post Meeting Note: This has now been changed to 7pm on Wednesday 18 May 2016 in Farr Hall**
- 8. Any other business**
- 8.1 The group discussed the road closure at Calanour Junction which is due to start on 25 April for two weeks. RC is to note this for the project team.
- 8.2 JMacP thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.