



**Dunmaglass Wind Farm
Minutes of Community Liaison Group (CLG) Meeting
18 May 2016 at 7pm
Farr Hall**

Attendees:

Jimmy MacPherson (JMacP)	Chair
Councillor Margaret Davidson (MD)	Highland Council
Peter Christie (PC)	Strathnairn Community Council
Dougie Henderson (DH)	Strathnairn Community Council
Catriona Fraser (CF)	Stratherrick and Foyers Community Council
John Murray (JMu)	Local Resident
Maxwell Andrews (MA)	Local Resident
Nancy Andrews (NA)	Local Resident
Jamie Meneely (JMe)	SSE
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

- Ian MacGillivray, Highland Council
- Margaret Saunders, Strathdearn Community Council
- Edward Osborne, Strathdearn Community Council
- Ian Bateman, Stratherrick and Foyers Community Council
- Ailsa Fraser, Farr Primary School
- 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 DH and seconded by PC. 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 CF raised concerns regarding the current turbine deliveries as these are not taking place as per the schedule that is being issued by SSE, and the local community is also concerned about the Saturday deliveries. JMe provided an update on the current position.



- 4.2 JMe advised that SSE is aware of the concerns in the local community, and he confirmed that the project team currently share the same frustrations regarding the changeable nature of the deliveries.
- 4.3 JMe explained that the turbine deliveries are based on a “just in time” system and the components are being delivered to site as they are required. However, poor visibility and strong winds has meant that the Contractor has not been able to offload the components this week. This has had an impact on the planned deliveries as the trailers need to be offloaded before further deliveries take place.
- 4.4 JMe confirmed that the deliveries are also being co-ordinated with Police Scotland and the timings of these often depend on their availability.
- 4.5 CF advised that many of the complaints that she has received are around the deliveries taking place on Saturdays and MT asked CF to explain the reasons for these concerns. CF explained that there is a significant number of tourism businesses on the south side of Loch Ness, including holiday cottages, and their change over days are often on a Saturday.
- 4.6 CF asked if it would be possible to erect Variable Message Signs (VMS) at two points on the B851 to update the local community on the deliveries on a daily basis, and for those signs to include something along the lines of “deliveries today” or “no deliveries today”.
- 4.7 RC advised that he is currently in contact with Alasdair MacLeod from Highland Council to obtain permission for these VMS boards. RC confirmed that it is SSE’s intention to erect two of these on the B851 – one near Little Mill Bridge and one at the Calanour Junction and the group were in agreement with this approach.
Action: SSE to erect VMS boards as soon as permission is granted by Highland Council
- 4.8 PC advised that there are a number of concerns regarding the school bus times clashing with the deliveries and JMe confirmed that the deliveries will be timed to ensure this does not happen.
- 4.9 MD asked where the team in Police Scotland who are co-ordinating the deliveries is based. JMe and RC confirmed they are based in Glenrothes and Motherwell.
- 4.10 KM explained to the group that Police Scotland currently allows only two components to be delivered at once (three times per day). This is in contrast to the advice received following the trial run whereby the local police advised it would likely be three components at a time (twice per day). MD asked if it is possible for SSE to speak to Police Scotland on this to see if they can amend the number of components being delivered each time.
- 4.11 JMe advised that, given the concerns raised by the local community, SSE would discuss with Police Scotland and request that three turbine components are delivered at a time. JMe advised that this may remove the need to deliver on Saturdays and SSE would look into this. JMe advised MD and the Community Council representatives that it would be helpful to have a letter from each of them in support of this request.
Action: SSE (JMe/RC/MT) to discuss with Police Scotland
Action: MD/CF/PC to consider writing to Police Scotland in support of this request



5. Dunmaglass Project Update

5.1 The main point of discussion at the meeting was around the turbine deliveries. No further update was provided.

6. Questions

6.1 JMacP and JMu advised that potholes along the B851 are an ongoing concern. MD advised that Highland Council is aware of these concerns and a proper job needs to be done on these and this requires budget.

6.2 DH advised that a local resident in Inverarnie had raised concerns about damage to the bollards on the pavement near the shop. MT confirmed that SSE had already been told of this incident by a local resident which allegedly involved an H Taylor lorry (which was not delivering to Dunmaglass wind farm) and three vehicles delivering cabins (Dyce Carriers) on behalf of GE (the turbine supplier for Dunmaglass). According to the report received by MT, the H Taylor lorry knocked three bollards under direction from one or two of the Dyce Carriers drivers. RC confirmed that Dyce Carriers were in Inverarnie waiting to be escorted along the B851. RC advised that an investigation into this is currently underway and RC will report back to the group on the findings of this. RC also advised that all lorries waiting for an escort have been told to wait on the A9 rather than on the B851.

Action: RC to report back to the group on the investigation into the incident

7. Date and time of next meeting

7.1 The next meeting will be held at **7pm on Wednesday 15 June 2016** in **Farr Hall**.

8. Any other business

8.1 JMacP thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.