



**Stronelaig Windfarm
Community Liaison Meeting Minutes
Thursday 19th January 2017**

Attendees

Chair – Carol Pritchard – CP
Councilor Margret Davidson – MD
Jim Cameron – JC
Catriona Fraser –CF
Sam McKellar – Project Manager -SM
Andy Gregory – Project Manager – AG
Corinna Scholes – Project Liaison Manager – CS

1. Welcome and introduction

All welcomed and meeting commenced

2. Apologies

Deirdre Mackinnon – DM
Iain Brown - IB

3. Approval of previous minutes

Minutes from the last minute were sent for approval, no comments were received. Minutes have been posted on the microsite.

4. Matters arising

CP – We had discussed that moving forward I would not be the chair of the group. I still want to be part of the CLG however I would like to pass the chair responsibilities onto someone else.

CS- I am looking to get a new Chair. I will Chair the meeting on this occasion.

5. Stronelaig Wind Farm: Project Update

SM – We haven't started construction, the work we are doing is to get the site ready for construction in late March/ April. The existing Glen Doe access track is not as good as we had expected. It is fit for purpose for the maintenance of the hydro asset however it will need to be upgraded to cope the construction traffic travelling on it.

We are having some problems with drainage which we are working on fixing theses. We have used up borrow pit 11 and are moving on to develop borrow pit 4 and 2



Plant for the works has begun to arrive. A lay down area has been developed as well as a batching plant; the batching plant can work in any weather and has less impact.

We have been very lucky with the kind weather, although there has been snow on the site it hasn't been as bad as we expected and planned for.

The site is pretty much established, there is little to do with this to complete it. Visitor systems have been put in place as well as timing systems for going up the hill allowing us to monitor activity.

We have developed a good working relationship with the estate and we are trying to do as much as possible.

Work in the village

CP- There is to be amendments made to the triangle, how much planning is going into this, how much planning will it take. Will there be any consultation?

SM – We got the drawings of this work in January, we will actually be taking out much less than initially thought. Sketches have been done, the lamppost and the signage will be removed for the duration of the deliveries. We will be increasing the path width on the lower side of the triangle and temporary drop kerbs will be put in place. The swept path is 1.8 meters.

JC – will it return to its normal shape?

SM – It will be reinstated in 2018 but it will be slightly smaller as the path on the other side has been increased in size.

CS- We can bring drawings of the triangle work to the next CLG.

Action – bring copies of the works to the triangle to the next meeting

CF – What about Lorrie signage?

AG – They will be placed on the distribution road.

CF – How much is cascaded to the quarry.

SM – Instruction will go out to all the contractors.

CF – Will you be using signs on the lorries.

CS – That is something we can look into doing to identify the lorries. We will come back to you on this.

SM – The hauliers will all be sent the 16 page document.



CF – There have been complaints about speeding, is there a possibility of doing speed checks?
What are the working hours?

SM – RJ's working hours are Monday –Thursday 7.30am – 6.00pm and Friday 7.30am -15.00pm.
SEEN work 7 days a week, however they are establishing a camp up at the reservoir which will reduce the amount of traffic and journeys to and from the site.

CF – What about the access paths?

SM – Is this the cycle path?

CF – No the access track on site.

SM – it does come down the health and safety concerns we do have a duty of care to everyone that comes into our CDM zone. There is heavy large plant travelling up and down that track due to their size they do not stop quickly.

AG – In the short term we are reviewing the safety of the walkers and we are in contact with the Outdoor Access Officer discussing everything we are doing. Due to the nature of the work we are carrying out there may be times when sections of the track which may be closed but this will be on a case by case basis and only for the duration necessary.

CF- There is definitely a political sensitivity and people will want to have access.

CS- The focus is to keep the track open however for safety there may be points when access will need to be restricted to keep the public safe. This will be during periods of blasting or repairs to the track.

SM- We will be doing some repair work to the road as it is not in as good a condition as we had hoped it would be.

MD- Why is that?

SM – The path was made with spoil from the tunnel construction is not of the grade we would use if we were creating the track from scratch. The path is sufficient for the hydro team traffic but when you add in dumpers, lorries etc it makes more of a impact on the track.

MD – How long would the repair work take?

CP – Really people need to take responsibility for their own actions. I would suggest meeting with Graeme Ambrose about the walkers' access.

JC – Yes it needs some management of the walkers and some education.

CS – We will be pulling together a leaflet about how to conduct yourself safely if accessing the site.



6. Questions

N/A

7. Any other business

N/A

8. Actions

- 1) CS to bring copies of the drawings of the changes to the triangle
- 2) Bring copies of the out door access leaflet

9. Date and time of next meeting

4th April