

**Tullo Community Liaison Group
Arbuthnott Village Hall 2nd September 2009
Minutes of Meeting**

Attendees:

Guy Madgwick	Eneco Wind UK	GM
Helen Cassini	Eneco Wind UK	HC
Heather Barry	Natural Power	HB
Eryl Roberts	Jones Bros	ER
Islwyn Williams	Jones Bros	IW
Michael Pullan	Daybreak Communications	MP
Mr & Mrs B Barclay	Tullo Farm Landowners	BB
Mr & Mrs K Barclay	Tullo Farm Landowners	KB
Cllr Tom Fleming	Aberdeenshire DC	TF
Cllr George Carr	Aberdeenshire DC	GC
David Nelson	Mearns CC	DN
Chris Green	Benholm and Johnshaven CC	CG
Brenda Harmer	Arbuthnott CC	BH
Andrew Jones	Arbuthnott CC	AJ
Isabella Williamson	Kincardine and Mearns Area Partnership	IW2

Apologies

Cllr William Howatson	Aberdeenshire DC
Cllr Jean Dick	Aberdeenshire DC

Introduction

- GM opened the meeting with an introduction to Eneco and the Tullo Wind Farm, also introduced MP as chair of the meeting
- MP ran through the purpose of the meeting.
- Introductions were made by all present.

Presentation by Natural Power

- HB undertook short presentation regarding the construction of the wind farm.

Question and Answer Session

- Following the presentation a number of questions were raised by the Councillors and are listed below:

Q - Which quarry is the stone to come from?

A - ER stated stone will come from quarry North of Dundee and there is likely to be 120000 tonnes delivered over 5 weeks

Q - Where will the spoil go?

A - ER stated that they will be using a floating road construction method and any spoil will be lost in hollows and then these will be re-seeded.

Q - How does bad weather affect construction?

A - IW stated that temperature is very important as they can't work below temperatures below -5 as this impact on the concrete.

Q - Will concrete be supplied or made on site?

A - IW stated that concrete will come from the closest source.

Q - How much is the community fund to be and will guidance be available as how to manage the fund?

A - MP/HC stated that the community is £1000 per MW, so the total is £17000 per annum. Guidance is available and the local council can also offer such guidance.

Q - When will the community fund be available?

A - HC stated following construction.

Q - What level of objection to the wind farm was received?

A - KB and BB answered the question jointly stating that there had been a limited amount of objection to the scheme.

Q - What happens at the end of 25 years?

A - HC stated that the turbines can either be removed or a new application can be submitted to the Council for a new scheme.

Q - Will the turbines need to be replaced at the end of 25 years?

A - MP stated that this is dependant upon what the developer wishes to do and also what advances have been made in technology. Wind power may have been replaced by a new technology by that point.

Q - How much local employment will the construction phase generate?

A - ER answered stating that a certain level will be generated and they will use local contractors wherever possible.

Q - Where will contractors be staying?

A - ER stated that some will stay on site in temporary caravans whilst others will use local B&B's; the choice is up to the contractors as to where they stay.

Q - What voltage do the turbines generate?

A - MP stated that the turbines will feed into the 33Kv supply.

Q - Do you have a grid connection date?

A - GM stated that the date is July 2010 at the earliest and October 2010 at the latest.

Q - Under what circumstances do the turbines operate?

A - HB stated that the turbines start operating at wind speeds over approximately 4 metres per second and for safety reasons can't operate over wind speeds of 25 metres per second.

Q - What happens to those roads which are already in a poor condition?

A - ER/IW commented that a couple of areas have been identified which will need widening and any damage made to roads as a direct result of construction will be repaired.

A general comment which was made by a number of the Councillors was that they felt that traffic was likely to be a major concern in the community.

ER and IW stated that they were considering a one way approach for the traffic and are looking at a variety of options to control the traffic

Information to Local Community

- MP explained the purpose and content of the Tullo wind farm leaflet which is to be distributed within the local community.
- MP passed round a draft of the leaflet to enable the Councillors to have a look and comment upon
- Received positive comments and the Councillors agreed that it was acceptable to have their contact details on the last page of the leaflet in order to act as another point of contact in the local community.

Frequency of Liaison Group

- MP asked whether the Councillors wanted to elect a chairperson. General consensus was that they were happy with MP chairing the meetings
- Agreed only one representative from each Community Council needs to be present at the next meeting
- Agreed that next meeting would be held at the same venue.

AOB

- No matters raised

MP thanked everyone for their attendance and contribution to the meeting and closed the meeting.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 8th October, 6.30pm, Arbuthnott Village Hall