

**Tullo Community Liaison Group
Arbuthnott Village Hall 8th October 2009
Minutes of Meeting**

Attendees:

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
Isabella Williamson	Kincardine and Mearns Area Partnership	IW
Cllr Jean Dick	Aberdeenshire DC	JD
Cllr Kerr	Mearns CC	HK
Steve Thomson	Landowner	ST
Suzie Brown	Mearns Ares Partnership	SB
Hugh Black	Nearest Neighbour	HB2
Helen Cassini	Eneco Wind UK	HC
Heather Barry	Natural Power	HB
Eryl Roberts	Jones Bros	ER
Gwen Morris	Jones Bros	GM
Michael Pullan	Daybreak Communications	MP

Apologies

Guy Madgwick	Eneco Wind UK
Cllr William Howatson	Aberdeenshire CC

Introduction

- MP opened the meeting
- MP suggested introductions would be useful
- Introductions were made by all present.

Presentation by Natural Power

- HP undertook short presentation regarding current progress of construction of the wind farm.
- Presentation also detailed some of the archaeological finds made on site
- ER stated that construction is ahead of schedule and that Jones Bros would be finished on site in November 2009 and will return mid February 2010 for 2nd phase of construction

Feedback from Community

- MP distributed copies of Tullo community leaflet to those that hadn't received one
- MP explained that the Tullo telephone line had been up and running since construction and to date had only received three telephone calls (two from Cllr H Black and one from Mearns Area Partnership). Also that the Tullo website is live and three emails had been received (one from Mr S Thomson and two from local suppliers in the area)
- Comment made from HK regarding concern about the tree felling that had occurred on site
- HB/BB stated that Tullo has a tree felling licence for this work and that a re-planting scheme with native species is proposed and that this will take place in winter 2009

- MP asked the Councillors whether any comments/questions had been received from the local communities. All present confirmed that none had been received
- HK raised concern about passing places and whether in bad weather the construction vehicles may have problems with verges etc
- HB/ER advised that a one way system is in place for the construction vehicles and no problems have been encountered to date
- HB also stated that a traffic management plan detailing vehicles movements etc had been submitted to and approved by the Council
- ST asked question about hours of construction work at weekends
- MP answered stating that work at the weekend was only allowed between 7am and 1pm and no deliveries or work would be allowed before or after these times
- ST asked about noise and shadow flicker
- MP explained that developers apply a buffer of approximately 650m from the turbines and outside of this area no noise is likely to be heard
- MP also explained that shadow flicker in this case won't occur outside of 800m from the turbines
- HB2 asked what level of noise would be generated by a motorway as HB2 stated that depending on the direction of the wind he can hear the motorway.
- HC to provide HB2 with requested information

Community Fund

- MP explained the community fund provision and agreed to provide community fund guidelines to liaison group
- GC advised that he had placed an article in the local newspaper following the last meeting regarding the community fund as a discussion point
- Discussion held amongst attendees as to how the community fund should be administered
- MP advised the group that the local Council isn't usually involved in the running of such a fund but that the legal services department should be able to offer guidance
- MP stated that a discussion with the Mearns Area Partnership might be a good place to start
- Other suggestions included placing an advert in the local newspaper in order to attract potential schemes
- Other option may be to involve a third party to manage the fund
- GC stated that the Highlands Council will have experience of administering such funds
- HB advised that the Scottish Community Foundation may be able to assist, link to this organisation is <http://www.scottishcf.org/helping-you-give/developers-and-community>
- SB stated that different areas have different approaches and a discussion is required to establish how the liaison group wishes to progress
- IW stated that a discussion at Arthbuttnot Council had taken place and that Eneco aren't offering a large sum of money
- JD stated that it would be useful to look at how other funds are administered
- Issue of tax implications was raised. MP stated that he would put together guidelines and liaise with GC on this matter

AOB

- Date of next meeting discussed
- Agreed that as 2nd phase of construction doesn't commence until February 2010, MP will send out a proposed date for the next meeting in January 2010.

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