

**Tullo Community Liaison Group  
Arbuthnott Village Hall 9th June 2010  
Minutes of Meeting**

**Attendees:**

Mr & Mrs B Barclay	Tullo Farm Landowners	BB
Mr & Mrs K Barclay	Tullo Farm Landowners	KB
Isabella Williamson	Kincardine and Mearns Area Partnership	IW
Cllr Jean Dick	Aberdeenshire DC	JD
Cllr Kerr	Mearns CC	HK
Cllr Bill Howatson	Aberdeenshire DC	BH
Susie Brown	Mearns Ares Partnership	SB
Hugh Black	Nearest Neighbour	HB2
Nigel McManus	Eneco Wind UK	NM
Heather Barry	Natural Power	HB
Eryl Roberts	Jones Bros	ER
Michael Pullan	Daybreak Communications	MP
Chris Ruscombe	Mearns Community Council	CR
Karen McWilliam	Aberdeenshire Council	KM

**Apologies**

Cllr David Nelson  
Cllr Tom Fleming  
Cllr Chris Greene

**Introduction**

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

**Presentation by Natural Power**

Heather Barry gave a presentation updating members on the construction.

**Feedback from the Community**

CR: Why are the turbines painted off white?

MP: This followed research at the start of the wind industry in the UK to determine the best colour to minimise the visual impact of the turbine. The colour was chosen that is most like the sky the majority of the time.

BH: There seems to be quick progress, are you on schedule?

ER: We are on schedule. Each turbine takes two days to erect, so this can take longer than expected especially if we are unlucky with the wind.

BH: I think that once the turbines are up this will help people to visualise what the actual impact is, this will help the wider district which has many wind farm planning applications but few turbines.

SB: Stonehaven Angling Club has asked if they would be able to apply for community funding?

MP: This is a decision for the community fund committee, though they are outside of the boundary set out at the last meeting.

HK: Where are the cables going?

HB: The cables meet at the substation on site and are then take off site to the substation south of Laurencekirk. The route goes past the Garvock picnic site, under the A90 and railway line.

HB2: This isn't according to the plan?

HB: The route was updated, but follows the original path but now feeds in to some existing cabling near to the A90.

HK: What depth is the cable?

ER: 1.2 metres. It has a plastic warning tags to ensure nothing disrupts it.

NM: The cabling offsite is the property and responsibility of Scottish and Southern Energy.

HK: How many farms has the cable route been taken through?

NM: Five (including the landowners)

HK: Who pays for the connection and how much is it?

NM: Eneco pays for the connection, the cost is approximately £250,000

### **Presentation by Daybreak Communications**

Michael Pullan gave a presentation on the community fund, it outlined the fundamental changes made to the community fund guidelines in the first meeting of the community fund committee.

These included:

- An alteration to the geographical area that the fund will cover. Applicants should come from the following community council areas: Mearns, St Cyrus, Arbuthnott, Benholm and Johnshaven, Gourdon, Inverbervie
- Each member of committee will now to assess applications and an aggregate score will be awarded for each application
- The following changes were made to the marking criteria, environment changed to sustainability, addition of health criteria

### **Feedback from the Community**

KM: Would applicants need to submit invoices?

MP: Receipts would need to be submitted with the annual report, it is the responsibility of MAP to ensure the fund is spent appropriately.

HB2: How would people be made aware of the fund?

SB: The six community councils would make people aware, MAP and KMAP would also spread the word and the Mearns Leader and Observer have said they will include information.

### **AOB**

HK: What is happening with the picnic area?

ER: Eneco is renovating the picnic area, there will be resurfacing works, new timber demarcation bollards, new information board and three new picnic benches.

Karen McWilliam suggested that an update on the works at the picnic site be produced and posted on notice boards, all felt this would be helpful.

- Date of next meeting discussed
- MP will send out a proposed date for the next meeting.

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