



**Enoch Hill Wind Farm  
Community Liaison Group (CLG) Meeting  
Meeting #5**

**Time:** 18:00 – 20:00

**Date:** 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024

**Location:** New Cumnock Bowling Club, New Cumnock

**Attendees**

Name (Initials)	Role	Company / Representation
Dean Guy (DG)	Project Manager	RWE Renewables UK
Kathryn Harries (KH)	Community Investment	RWE Renewables UK
Graeme Fyall (GF)	Resident Engineer	RWE Renewables UK
Cllr Jim McMahon	Councillor	East Ayrshire Council
Gette Fulton (GF)	CLG Representative	Resident / NCCC member
Andy Gillies (AG)	CLG Representative	B741 resident
Caroline Gillies (CG)	CLG Representative	B741 resident
Alex Taylor (AXT)	CLG Representative	Burnside resident
Allison Taylor (ANT)	CLG Representative	Burnside resident
Lady Jane Ross (LJR)	CLG Representative	Dalleagles resident
Mike Kondie (KM)	CLG Representative	Resident
William Nairn (WN)	Unknown	Unknown

**Apologies:**

Jerry Mulders	CLG Representative	Local resident
Naomi Bowen	Assistant Project Manager	RWE Renewables UK

<b>1.</b>	<b>INTRODUCTIONS/APOLOGIES</b>	
1.1	DG welcomed all to the meeting and introductions and apologies were made. DG reminded all members that the intention of the meeting was to inform the community about construction progress on the project and to answer any questions related to that. Previous meeting discussions had digressed away from construction/project progress which had caused several meetings to overrun significantly. The next meeting would be restricted to construction topics only.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MEETING ACTIONS</b>	
2.2.2 d	<b>14/05/24</b> LJR also stated that no feedback had been received from NT regarding the request for RWE to back a proposal to permanently reduce the speed limit along the B741. NB expressed sincere apologies that no feedback had been received and agreed to investigate why the action was still outstanding. <b>ACTION- NB</b> to chase NT for update on the request to back the permanent speed reduction proposal. [Post meeting note: on checking the previous meeting minutes it was stated that NT had requested a formal request from the CLG to back to the proposal, no request received to date.] <b>10/07/24 -On-going</b> , formal request for support send to NT by LJR on 05/06/24, NB chased NT for update on progress. No response received. <b>10/09/24 - On-going</b> . No further update, not discussed during meeting. <b>28/11/24 - CLOSED</b> . DG advised that RWE does not have the capability to support the community with their engagement with ARA to try and reduce speeds. RWE could only support in addressing complaints on speeding relating to site. DG confirmed that RWE regularly hold tool box talks with all staff working on the project to remind all to adhere to speed limits on public	

		<p>roads and to respect other road users. Hand held speed cameras had also been deployed through the construction period in a bid to identify speeders. DG also commented that there are other wind farm projects and forestry works in the area, potentially that they could be responsible. DG asked if any community members could take registration numbers and time/date for future occurrences so that it could be more thoroughly investigated. AG asked why RWE reduced the speed limit at the site entrance to 40MPH. DG stated it was to comply with planning (CTMP – traffic management plan) and road safety for the newly formed site entrance, and that it was temporary only for the construction works, with the vehicles entering and existing site.</p> <p>LJR stated she had made a complaint to the police about speeding wagon (McFadyens).</p> <p>AG asked who would be repairing damage to B741. DG confirmed that RWE had commissioned a pre-condition survey of the road before construction had started, that monthly surveys during turbine deliveries continued for the entire delivery period, plus additional for December and January, and a final survey will be done at the end of construction. Any defects to the road attributable to RWE would be repaired at RWE cost. None have been noted so far in the reports. These reports are all send to ARA and ARA are in attendance for surveys and or receive video footage.</p> <p>Residents reported that lorries carrying aggregates were using the U class roads. DG confirmed that not lorries carrying aggregates are going to Enoch Hill, construction works are majority complete and aggregates were sourced onsite from the borrow pit (quarry) and only small amount of aggregates were brought onto site June/July last year.</p> <p>GF commented that a lesson learnt was that something could be used to easily identify vehicles for each site. DG noted and agreed something could be consider (I.e., site name and vehicle number).</p>
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b>PROJECT UPDATE</b></p>	
	<p>5.3.1</p>	<p><b>28/11/24 - Project update:</b></p> <p>DG gave a brief over of the project status and update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Civils – all tracks, crane hard stands and major civil works complete.</li> <li>• 13 out of 15 turbines installations complete. Target to install all turbines before Christmas/New Year shut down but subject to the weather as cranes cannot operate in high winds.</li> <li>• DG advised members that there is an issue with the delivery of the 3 large transformers to New Cumnock Sub-station due to a land slip at Polnessan affecting the A713 road which could mean that the grid connection slips from May to July 25 and the wind farm doesn't become operational (releasing community fund) until around Sept '25.</li> </ul>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>PLANNING COMPLIANCE AND COMPLAINTS</b></p>	
	<p>4.4.1</p>	<p>Beoch Resident has raised complaint regarding the SPEN heras fencing (past the site entrance towards Maneight) blocking pedestrian path and property access. <b>ACTION - DG</b> to discuss fencing/roadworks with SPEN and feedback.</p> <p>[post meeting note: DG went to the SPEN works area to investigate, at the time could not see any obstructions, after speaking with the SPEN foreman, advised that disruption to residents in the work area will be kept to a minimum as much as possible. If a resident was concerned, then can speak directly to foreman to address any concerns (i.e. clear an obstruction).</p> <p><b>28/11/24 - CLOSED.</b> As above post meeting note. We also received the following info from SPEN:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Separate bus was put on for the elderly/vulnerable people in Dalleagles.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workers were being flexible and allowing vehicle access where reasonably possible.</li> <li>No residential areas being blocked.</li> <li>SPEN's community liaison personnel were making regular visits to locals to ensure any issues addressed.</li> </ul> <p>The residents stated that there had been poor communication regarding the road closure for the SPEN grid connection works and that bus company was not told that the road was re-opened.</p> <p>RWE explained that, whilst these works in part attributable to Enoch Hill Wind Farm, RWE had no control over the works and associated road closure. However RWE will pass on feedback to SPEN.</p> <p>Note - the issue with the Herras fencing was resolved on the day and the resident was able to leave their property.</p>
4.4.2		<p>Amber flashing lights on night time delivery convoy vehicles are causing a disturbance to residents at night. LJR queried if there was a minimum amount of lighting for ALL vehicles. DG/NB stated that the lights were for safety purposes but some of the escort vehicles should be / can (if safe to do so) turn off their flashing beacons when passing through residential areas to minimize disruption. However the lights must remain on at all times on the main ALL vehicles for safety purposes to avoid collision. NB had already queried the flashing beacons requirements with the haulage company when travelling through residential areas and the haulage company had stated they the beacons cannot be turned off on the main vehicles for safety reasons however the escort vehicles turn off their beacons if they are stationary within a residential area to minimise disturbance.</p> <p>Some vehicles had been noted to be driving offsite with beacons still flashing (general site vehicles). <b>ACTION - MC/DG</b> to arrange TBT to remind all site user to turn off beacons when leaving site entrance.</p> <p><b>28/11/24 - CLOSED</b>, all construction team reminded to turn off beacons when leaving site. Residents reported that 4x4 vehicles were still driving along the B741 with their amber beacons on. DG stated it could potentially happen by mistake (from EH) including on one occasion himself (therefore easily done) but also could be vehicles from any of the other construction sites in the area. Difficult to monitor/identify culprits during hours of darkness.</p>
4.4.3		<p>A query was raised by LJR if and when an initial noise assessment was carried out during the planning application process and whether other construction activities going on during that time were taken into consideration. General concerns raised over cumulative effect of the multiple wind farm developments in the local area. It was noted that South Kyle Wind Farm have had to put in a directional filter to reduce construction noise pollution. Trucks reading at 70dbs, base line is 20dbs, at Dalleagles for reference. <b>ACTION - NB</b> to find out if and when a noise assessment was done and send to CLG if any were carried out as part of planning application.</p> <p><b>28/11/24 - CLOSED</b>. NB has shared noise info with CLG today by e-mail, no noise monitoring required during construction, only operations (planning condition 33).</p> <p>Residents complained that they were hearing noise from EH - DG stated that this cannot be the noise of the turbines as the blades are not spinning yet. It could be the noise of generators/ construction works but there is not a noise limit during the construction phase. Topic closed but advised if there was any future complaints during construction that they be reported to Dean/Naomi with specific dates/times and type of noise.</p> <p>LJR requested a baseline dB noise level Pre-Construction, as she believed that the site noise levels should not exceed 5dB above the baseline.</p> <p>DG confirmed again that there is no noise limit during construction.</p> <p>LJR still believes the noise to be coming from EH.</p>

		<p><b>ACTION - DG</b> to confirm what noise level that can be made from the operational turbines.</p> <p>[<b>Post meeting note from NB:</b> this information was provided within the condition 33 Noise Monitoring document sent to all CLG members some months ago].</p>
4.4.4		<p>AG enquired if there were any restrictions on which community groups could apply to the RWE Community Fund once in place. GF confirmed that she had enquired already and no know restrictions. <b>ACTION- NB</b> to arrange for the Community Fund rep to attend the next NCCC meeting and gather any questions from the CLG to bring forward.</p> <p><b>28/11/24 - CLOSED.</b> KH in attendance tonight to discuss.</p>
4.4.5		<p>CLG members enquired which studies are carried out before planning is submitted for a typical wind farm development site. <b>ACTION - NB</b> to source list of studies as per planning application and share with CLG.</p> <p><b>28/11/24 - OUTSTANDING.</b> Enoch Hill 2 as example – link to all planning documentation sent by e-mail today.</p> <p>List of studies carried out as an example (not limited to, all can be found on planning portal):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outline Habitat Management Plan</li> <li>• Environmental Impact Assessment (huge 500+pg doc that covers all environmental impact considerations, studies, reports etc). For example: wildlife, noise, visual impact, shadow flicker, aviation, etc.</li> <li>• Peat Protection Measures</li> <li>• Peat Management Plan</li> <li>• Peat Landslide Risk Assessment.</li> </ul> <p>LJR believes there should have been a baseline noise assessment. <b>ACTION - DG</b> to enquire whether an base line noise assessment was carried out for EH2.</p> <p>[<b>Post meeting note from NB:</b> [The project is still in development phase and if a a base line noise survey is required under planning it will be carried out. However please note that EH2 is only 2 turbines and is located next to the larger Pencloe development.]</p>
4.4.6		<p>CLG members queried why the EAC CLG member (Jim McMahon) had not attended meetings and had dropped off the CLG distribution list. <b>ACTION - NB</b> to ensure EAC member is on distribution list and to also include Neil Watts ( EAC) on invite to future meetings.</p> <p>[<b>Post meeting note:</b> NB has checked e-mails and JM was included on CLG e-mail invites to meetings].</p> <p><b>28/11/24 - CLOSED.</b> NB has reached out to NW and JM. several times, no response from NW for this meeting, JM in attendance today. Will continue to include both on all comms.</p>
4.4.7		<p>MC raised that he felt his water tank on his property was not filling up as quick at Lanehead Farm, since the wind farm construction began and felt this was due to works in the area. GF noted that this had been raised previously and that RWE have investigated with the relevant environmental specialist and had provided a formal response to MC detailing that his water quantity had not been affected. However DG agreed to re-investigate to close out the matter. <b>ACTION - GF</b> to re-send WSP report to MC and also request a second check of the water quantity of the private water supply at Lanehead Farm.</p> <p><b>28/11/24 - CLOSED.</b> WSP report re-sent to complainant. No formal complaint received therefore could not be investigated further. Matter closed but will be re-opened should RWE receive formally articulated complaint.</p>
4.4.9		<p>Vehicles using U road – On 19<sup>th</sup> August – a group of three yellow crane vehicles were seen to be using the U road and KM provided evidence. GF checked the records during the meeting and no cranes were mobilised to</p>

		<p>Enoch Hill on 19<sup>th</sup> August, however RWE agreed to investigate further.  <b>ACTION - GF</b> to double check with WTG supplier to see if any cranes were mobilised to site on 19<sup>th</sup> August.  <b>[Post meeting note:</b> Approved construction traffic route has been re-iterated to all new contractors and sub-contractors to ensure no usage of U road.  <b>28/11/24 - CLOSED.</b> Believe to be related to Nordex, as above post meeting note, Nordex have issued reminder to all suppliers of approved CTMP route. Any further sightings to be reported to RWE to investigate.</p>
	5.4.1	<p>Turbine visibility - AxT requested if wire frames showing turbine visibility could be more accurate. AnT commented that you can see far more from their house than was shown at planning stage and this was de-valuing their property (which they believe to be 25%).  DG explained that these would have been done from set vantage points and not at individual properties. DG noted the property valuation comments but couldn't offer any further comment at this time.</p>
	5.4.2	<p>Aviation lights on turbines- Residents stated that they can see what they believe to be Aviation Lights on the turbines at Enoch Hill. DG advised that the aviation lights on the turbines at Enoch Hill are infra-red so would not be visible to the naked eye. <b>ACTION - DG</b> to check aviation light status and revert.  <b>[Post meeting note:</b> GF has checked this with Nordex and the Aviation Lights on EH are infra-red. There is a possibility that residents saw the red lights fitted to the boom of the crane, otherwise it could have been from South Kyle wind farm.]</p>
<b>5.</b>	<b>AOB</b>	
	2.5.1	<p><b>14/05/24</b> - Enoch Hill 2 – residents queried the status of the Enoch Hill 2 development and requested an update. <b>ACTION - NB</b> to feedback status and update of Enoch Hill 2 wind farm development. <b>CLOSED</b>  <b>10/07/24 - On-going,</b> NB to expedite and provide update via e-mail.  <b>10/09/24 - On-going</b> Enoch Hill 2 planning submitted Sept 2023, still under review and awaiting comments from GPA. No update as to when the application will be under decision. <b>ACTION - NB</b> to issue Enoch Hill 2 site location and layout to CLG.  <b>28/11/24 - CLOSED.</b> Planning application has been approved by EAC. Site layout/location/project overview sent by e-mail today. NB will continue to provide EH2 updates in this meeting.</p>
	4.5.1	<p>New Cumnock Community Christmas Event – RWE have agreed to provide a donation towards the event. <b>ACTION - NB</b> to discuss further with DG and agree amount/form of donation.  <b>28/11/24 - CLOSED.</b> £500 requested for lights, NB investigating whether it would be quicker to purchase lights direct or make donation of £500.  Discussed increasing donation to £1000.  [Post meeting note: £1000 donation agreed and has now been paid].</p>
		<p>LJR commented that with more turbines being erected in the area, she believed this has resulted in a loss of TV signal, mobile phone signal and satellite tv signal in Dallegles.  DG stated that there was a pre-construction survey of the TV signal in the area which concluded it was unlikely that TV reception in the area would be impacted by the wind farm. The planning condition states that if a complaint was received regarding TV signal then RWE would have to investigate and perform another survey. DG was unsure if the mobile phone signal was surveyed but will check and revert in response to complaint. DG commented that he doesn't agree that local satellite tv signal can be effected by wind turbines due to the TC satellite being in the sky and that the turbines were not in line of sight of any property.  LJR asked if the loss of her TV signal can be logged as an official Complaint.</p>

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		RWE stated that when the wind farm is operational this can be more fully investigated. <b>ACTION - DG</b> to check the TV signal survey conclusion and if mobile phone signal was included and provide formal response to complaint logged by LJR.
	5.5.1	GF confirmed that NC CC has signed up to be a member of 9CC.
<b>6.</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>	
	5.6.1	IT was suggested WC 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 was suggested as date for next meeting. <b>ACTION - NB</b> to send out dates and subsequent invites.



### ACTION LOG

<u>Action Date</u>	<u>Agenda Item no</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Update</u>	<u>Actionee</u>	<u>Status</u>
<b>Section 2 Actions</b>					
14/05/24	2.2.2d	NB to chase NT for update on the request to back the proposal.	Formal request for support send to NT by LJR on 05/06/24, NB chased NT for update on progress. No response received. RWE cannot support.		CLOSED
<b>Section 3 Actions</b>					
<b>Section 4 Actions</b>					
10/09/24	4.4.1	<b>DG</b> to discuss fencing/roadworks with SPEN and feedback.	DG went to the SPEN works area to investigate, at the time could not see any obstructions, after speaking with the SPEN foreman, advised that disruption to residents in the work area will be kept to a minimum as much as possible. If a resident was concerned, then can speak directly to foreman to address any concerns (i.e. clear an obstruction)		CLOSED
10/09/24	4.4.2	<b>MC/DG</b> to arrange TBT to remind all site user to turn off beacons when leaving site entrance.	Site personnel reminded again to turn off beacons when leaving site.		CLOSED
10/09/24	4.4.3	<b>ACTION - NB</b> to find out if and when a noise assessment was done and send to CLG if any were carried out as part of planning application.	Noise assessment details shared with CLG.		CLOSED
10/09/24	4.4.4	<b>ACTION- NB</b> to arrange for the Community Fund rep to attend the next NCCC meeting and gather any questions from the CLG to bring forward.	KH in attendance at this meeting.		CLOSED
10/09/24	4.4.5	<b>NB</b> to source list of studies as per planning application and share with CLG.	List provided.		CLOSED
10/09/24	4.4.6	<b>ACTION - NB</b> to ensure EAC member is on distribution list and to also include Neil Watts ( EAC) on invite to future meetings.	Both JM and NW on all comms.		CLOSED

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10/09/24	4.4.7	<b>ACTION - GF</b> to re-send WSP report to MC and also request a second check of the water quantity of the private water supply at Lanehead Farm.	Report re-sent to resident concerned.		CLOSED
10/09/24	4.4.9	<b>GF</b> to double check with WTG supplier to see if any cranes were mobilised to site on 19 <sup>th</sup> August.	Confirmed as Nordex crane.		CLOSED
28/11/24	5.4.2	<b>DG</b> to check aviation light status and revert.		DG	ON-GOING
<b>Section 5 Actions</b>					
14/05/24	2.5.1	<b>NB</b> to issue Enoch Hill 2 site location and layout to CLG.	Layouts issued.		CLOSED
10/09/24	4.5.1	<b>NB</b> to discuss Xmas event donation further with GF and agree amount/form of donation.	Donation of £1,000 paid.		CLOSED
<b>Section 6 Actions</b>					
10/09/24	5.6.1	NB to arrange a suitable date, time and location for the next meeting, no later than two months from today.		NB	ON-GOING