



**Enoch Hill Wind Farm
Community Liaison Group (CLG) Meeting
Meeting #4**

Time: 18:00 – 20:00

Date: 10th September 2024

Location: New Cumnock Bowling Club, New Cumnock

Attendees

Name (Initials)	Role	Company / Representation
Naomi Bowen (NB)	Assistant Project Manager	RWE Renewables UK
Dean Guy (DG)	Project Manager	RWE Renewables UK
Graeme Fyall (GF)	Resident Engineer	RWE Renewables UK
Mark Cunnane (MC)	Project Manager	Farrans
Gette Fulton (GF)	CLG Representative	Resident / NCCC member
Andy Gillies (AG)	CLG Representative	B741 resident
Caroline Gillies (CG)	CLG Representative	B741 resident
Lady Jane Ross (LJR)	CLG Representative	Dalleagles resident
Kerry Milton (KM)	CLG Representative	Meikle Hill CC member
Mark Craig (MC)	Local Resident	Lanehead Farm resident

Apologies:

Jerry Mulders	CLG Representative	Local resident
Alex Taylor (AXT)	CLG Representative	Burnside resident
Allison Taylor (ANT)	CLG Representative	Burnside resident

1.	INTRODUCTIONS/APOLOGIES	
1.1	DG welcomed all to the meeting and introductions and apologies were made.	
2.	PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MEETING ACTIONS	
2.2.2	14/05/24	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. ACTION- NB 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.] 10/07/24 -On-going , formal request for support send to NT by LJR on 05/06/24, NB chased NT for update on progress. No response received. 10/09/24 - On-going . No further update, not discussed during meeting.
3.2.1	10/07/24	- Land access for water quality checks - LJR stated that John Amy (water course quality monitoring contractor), had crossed LJR's land without permission being granted. (Normally e-mail received from JA and permission granted by LJR each time). However this time e-mail received but land accessed prior to permission being granted. LJR expressed that she will no longer grant permission for John Amy to cross her land. ACTION - DG to speak to John Amy to investigate why he entered without permission and also to source alternative access route going forward. 10/09/24 - CLOSED . DG notified John Amy he can no longer access water course via LJR's property. LJR confirmed an apology had been received and that he was now accessing on foot

	3.2.2	<p>10/07/24 - Concerns over peat movement (peat slides) and the condition of the peat (i.e., peat preservation) on site were raised. A discussion was held on peat management and land slide risk. DG explained about Enoch Hill's current peat management plan (PMP) and land slide risk assessments. DH explained that robust assessments took place as part of our Environmental Impact Assessment and planning consent. Details of the Peat Management Plan, Habitat Management Plan and peat assessments can be found online at the East Ayrshire Council Planning portal. Concerns were raised over peat land slide and emergency response plans. DG confirmed response plans are in place in case of unexpected landslides. DG explained the current mitigation in place for peat landslide management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The wind farm's design is based on peat stability assessments by peat experts. • The experts also came to site to brief the civils team on looking out for peat movement and how to avoid. • If a need to re-assess the risk occurs then the peat expert will be consulted and risk assessment be re-done. • A Planning Monitoring Officer (PMO) is also in place to monitor site environmental conditions and planning compliance (as stipulated by EAC). <p>KM noted a Land slide was perceived to be visible on the side of Chang Hill – previous know landslides further down the water course. ACTION – DG/NB to arrange for the Environmental Clerk of Works (ECoW)to take a look at area where new slides have been seen from KM's property.</p> <p>10/09/24 – CLOSED. ECoW has investigated and no landslides on site could be found. CLG members to inform RWE if anymore perceived landslides become visible.</p> <p>KM noted that a new visible shiny surfaced dark area/mound could be seen from her property and queried what this was an whether it was movement in the peatland.</p> <p>[Post meeting note: NB & DG investigated and it is noted to be a temporary stock pile of processed aggregates from the borrow pit and that was wet in the rain.]</p>
<p>3. PROJECT UPDATE</p>		
	3.3.1	<p>10/09/24 - Project update</p> <p>DG/NB gave a brief over of the project status and update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civils – all tracks, crane hard stands and major civil works complete. Borrow pit re-instatement on-going. • Deliveries – nighttime deliveries commenced on 9th August, approx. 35% complete. WTG installation – 9/15 base and mid-section towers installed. First top tower, nacelle, hub and blades due to be installed this week. <p>b) 14/05/24 - Concerns were also raised by the CLG on the amount of traffic during school start and finish times, causing potential hazard to children walking / being dropped off to and from school. MC assured the group that the policy for all deliveries was to avoid school start and finish times where reasonably possible. NB noted that there is a lot of traffic associated with other wind farms under construction and RWE can only be responsible for their works traffic so far as reasonably possible.</p> <p>10/07/24 – various speed checks carried out and feedback provided to CLG members. Some improvement in speeding, 20mph construction signs have been put in, ACTION – NB to ask NT, NT apparently arranged for these signs to be put up.</p> <p>[Post meeting note: NT categorically did not arrange for these signs to be erected].</p> <p>10/09/24 – CLOSED, sign was not installed by RWE.</p>

	2.4.2	<p>WTG delivery update -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Turbine deliveries are due to commence in July but may potentially be delayed. Full information will be shared via a newsletter and mail drop several weeks before commencement of deliveries. <p>ACTION - NB to arrange a newsletter drop for nearby residents with full update of planned activities.</p> <p>ACTION - NB to arrange WTG delivery notification letter drop along the delivery route corridor prior to commencement of deliveries, NB to ensure Burnside residents are captured within both drops.</p> <p>10/07/24 - on-going, revised programme still under discussion with RWE management and Nordex. Delivery programme has been pushed back by 1 month, newsletter and delivery letter drop will be done this month once revised programme finalised.</p> <p>[Post meeting note: newsletter sent out on 26/07/24, closing both above actions]</p> <p>10/09/24 - CLOSED. Two newsletter drops made.</p>
<p>4. PLANNING COMPLIANCE AND COMPLAINTS</p>		
	4.4.1	<p>Beoch Resident has raised complaint regarding the SPEN heras fencing (past the site entrance towards Maneight) blocking pedestrian path and property access. ACTION - DG 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>
	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 AIL 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 AIL 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). ACTION - MC/DG to arrange TBT to remind all site user to turn off beacons when leaving site entrance.</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. ACTION - NB 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>
	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. ACTION- NB to arrange for the Community Fund rep to attend the next NCCC meeting and gather any questions from the CLG to bring forward.</p>

4.4.5	CLG members enquired which studies are carried out before planning is submitted for a typical wind farm development site. ACTION - NB to source list of studies as per planning application and share with CLG.
4.4.6	CLG members queried why the EAC CLG member (Jim McMahon) had not attended meetings and had dropped off the CLG distribution list. ACTION - NB to ensure EAC member is on distribution list and to also include Neil Watts (EAC) on invite to future meetings. [Post meeting note: NB has checked e-mails and JM was included on CLG e-mail invites to meetings].
4.4.7	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. ACTION - GF 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.
4.4.8	MC raised a serious complaint in relation to the nighttime delivery convoys associated with Enoch Hill which he felt risked his safety and breached civil rights. RWE are fully aware of the circumstances and have investigated both MC's complaint and complaints made by the haulage company against MC. However due to this now being a police matter it cannot be discussed further within the CLG at this moment in time and will be dealt with separately between MC/RWE/Scottish Police.
4.4.9	Vehicles using U road – On 19 th 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 Enoch Hill on 19 th August, however RWE agreed to investigate further. ACTION - GF to double check with WTG supplier to see if any cranes were mobilised to site on 19 th August. [Post meeting note: Approved construction traffic route has been re-iterated to all new contractors and sub-contractors to ensure no usage of U road.
5.	AOB
2.5.1	14/05/24 - Enoch Hill 2 – residents queried the status of the Enoch Hill 2 development and requested an update. ACTION - NB to feedback status and update of Enoch Hill 2 wind farm development. CLOSED 10/07/24 – On-going , NB to expedite and provide update via e-mail. 10/09/24 – On-going 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. ACTION - NB to issue Enoch Hill 2 site location and layout to CLG.
2.5.4	14/05/24 - Turbine visibility from Burnside – Burnside residents queried how many of Enoch Hill WF's turbines will be visible from the Burnside area. ACTION - NB to investigate turbine visibility post construction and feedback. 10/07/24 – On-going . Unsure as to whether they will be visible from Burnside. Wireframes (zones of visual influence) of the visual impact of turbines have been produced and were submitted with the planning application and would be available with the planning application. ACTION - NB to locate files and supply to CLG. 10/09/24 – CLOSED . NB stated no wire frames available for Enoch Hill from a residential point of view. WTG towers have now been erected and visual impact can be seen from road side.

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	3.5.1	DG queried how do the CLG meeting notes get cascaded through the community. CLG responded normally by Word of mouth. GF currently emails all CLG correspondence to relevant local community councils, but requested that RWE take over this action to ease admin burden. ACTION - NB to send minutes to community councils going forward. 10/09/24 - CLOSED , NB sending all comms in cc to the CCCs.
	4.5.1	New Cumnock Community Christmas Event - RWE have agreed to provide a donation towards the event. ACTION - NB to discuss further with GF and agree amount/form of donation.
6.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
	4.6.1	ACTION - NB to arrange a suitable date, time and location for the next meeting, no later than two months from today.



ACTION LOG

<u>Action Date</u>	<u>Agenda Item no</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Update</u>	<u>Actionee</u>	<u>Status</u>
Section 2 Actions					
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.	NB / CLG	ON-GOING
10/07/24	3.2.1	DG to speak to John Amy to investigate why he entered without permission and also to source alternative access route going forward.	DG notified John Amey he can no longer access water course via LJR's property. LJR confirmed an apology had been received and that he was now accessing on foot	DG	CLOSED
10/07/24	3.2.2	DG/NB to arrange for the Environmental Clerk of Works (EcOW) to take a look at area where new slides have been seen from KM's property.	ECoW has investigated and no landslides on site could be found. CLG members to inform RWE if anymore perceived landslides become visible.	DG/NB	CLOSED
Section 3 Actions					
10/07/24	2.3.1b	NB to ask NT, NT apparently arranged for these signs to be put up	NT categorically did not arrange for these signs to be erected, to be further discussed at next meeting.	NB	CLOSED
Section 4 Actions					
10/09/24	4.4.1	DG 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	DG	ACTIONED
10/09/24	4.4.2	MC/DG to arrange TBT to remind all site user to turn off beacons when leaving site entrance.		DG/MC	ON-GOING
10/09/24	4.4.3	ACTION - NB to find out if and when a noise assessment was done and send to		NB	ON-GOING

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		CLG if any were carried out as part of planning application.			
10/09/24	4.4.4	ACTION - NB to arrange for the Community Fund rep to attend the next NCCC meeting and gather any questions from the CLG to bring forward.	NB has spoken with Kath Harries (Community Fund rep) and arrangements are being made and will be shared with CLG.	NB	ON-GOING
10/09/24	4.4.5	NB to source list of studies as per planning application and share with CLG.		NB	ON-GOING
10/09/24	4.4.6	ACTION - NB to ensure EAC member is on distribution list and to also include Neil Watts (EAC) on invite to future meetings.		NB	ON-GOING
10/09/24	4.4.7	ACTION - GF 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.		GF	ON-GOING
10/09/24	4.4.9	GF to double check with WTG supplier to see if any cranes were mobilised to site on 19 th August.		GF	ON-GOING
Section 5 Actions					
14/05/24	2.5.1	ACTION - NB to issue Enoch Hill 2 site location and layout to CLG.		NB	ON-GOING
14/05/24	2.5.4	NB to investigate turbine visibility from Burnside post construction and locate files and supply to CLG.	Unsure as to whether they will be visible from Burnside. Wireframes (zones of visual influence) of the visual impact of turbines have been produced and were submitted with the planning application and would be available with the planning application.	NB	CLOSED
10/07/24	3.5.1	NB to send minutes to community councils going forward.	CCCs now in cc on all CLG official comms.	NB	CLOSED
10/09/24	4.5.1	ACTION - NB to discuss Xmas event donation further with GF and agree amount/form of donation.		NB	ON-GOING
Section 6 Actions					
10/09/24	4.6.1	NB to arrange a suitable date, time and location for the next meeting, no later than two months from today.		NB	ON-GOING