



**Enoch Hill Wind Farm
Community Liaison Group (CLG) Meeting
Meeting #3**

Time: 18:00 – 20:00

Date: 10th July 2024

Location: New Cumnock Bowling Club, New Cumnock

Attendees

Name (Initials)	Role	Company / Representation
Naomi Bowen (NB)	Assistant Project Manager	RWE Renewables UK
Mark Cunnane (MC)	Project Manager	Farrans
Marie Buchanan (MB)	Stakeholder	Farrans
Liam Paech (LP)	Project Manager	Nordex
Jessica Board (JB)	Project Coordinator	Nordex
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
Alex Taylor (AXT)	CLG Representative	Burnside resident
Allison Taylor (ANT)	CLG Representative	Burnside resident

Apologies:

Nicholas Taylor (NT)	Stakeholder Manager	RWE Renewables UK
Dean Guy (DG)	Project Manager	RWE Renewables UK
Jerry Mulders	CLG Representative	Local resident
Cllr Jim McMahon	Ward Councillor / Deputy Leader EAC	Ward Councillor / Deputy Leader EAC

1.	INTRODUCTIONS/APOLOGIES	
1.1	DG welcomed all to the meeting and introductions and apologies were made.	
2.	PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MEETING ACTIONS	
2.2.1	ACTION - NB to ensure CLG meetings are arranged in a timely manner within the agreed timescales, so far as reasonably possible. 10/07/24 - CLOSED , meeting arranged within two month time and will be kept regular going forward.	
2.2.2	14/05/24 Update	
a	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peat report - NB requested clarification on the type of report that was requested, LJR confirmed it was a report to show the status of the peat prior to commencement of construction works on site at Enoch Hill. NB stated that the Peat Management Plan was available to share but was unsure if such a pre-construction peat report exists, but will check and revert asap. ACTION - NB to check availability of pre-construction peat report and if available share asap.	
b	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Map - AG stated the map had still not been shared. ACTION - NB to ensure requested map is shared asap.	
c	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Date and time of next meeting - ACTION - NB to ensure meetings are arranged in a timely manner going forward, in accordance with agreed terms.	
	10/07/24 - CLOSED , All above actions completed and information provided.	

	d	<p>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.</p> <p>ACTION- NB to chase NT for update on the request to back the permanent speed reduction proposal.</p> <p>[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.]</p> <p>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.</p>
	3.2.1	<p>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 Amey to investigate why he entered without permission and also to source alternative access route going forward.</p>
	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.</p> <p>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 land slides 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>3. PROJECT UPDATE</p>		
	3.3.1	<p>10/07/24 -Construction - NB shared a presentation outlining project progress. Key point as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All construction works on access tracks now complete. • Bulk of earthworks complete. • All concrete deliveries now complete. • Control building internal fit-out ongoing. • Array cable laying has begun and is approx. 95% complete. • Deliveries due to commence on 1st August. <p>a. 14/05/24 - CLG members expressed serious concern over the amount of construction vehicles and wagons perceived to be driving without caution and in excess of the speed limits and also using the incorrect</p>

		<p>route to site (U road). Several near misses were reported but no vehicle information was available therefore RWE unable to investigate individual cases. NB stated that Enoch Hill's bulk of concrete deliveries happen only on a Thursday for the turbine base concrete pours, of which only three remain to be poured, therefore the presence of concrete wagons should reduce in the coming weeks. In addition RWE / Farrans provided the following responses to the two points of concern:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorrect use of route to site - MC re-assured the CLG that measures were being undertaken to monitor and manage the route of the wagons delivery to site. Signs were in place at the U road to inform drivers to stick to the main route and spot checks were being carried out each Thursday by both Farrans and RWE (RWE's Site Engineer rep). The results of these checks are reported to the Project Managers each week. • Speeding - MC stated that zero tolerance to speeding has been communicated to the site suppliers, especially Breedans (concrete supplier). As the CLG has serious concerns over speeding, MC agreed to carry out a speeding spot check on Thursday 16th May during the concrete delivery period. <p>LJR noted that the sign at the start of the U road was very small and had concerns over visibility. NB re-iterated that RWE can only be responsible for traffic associated with the Wind Farm and during working hours. ACTION - MC to arrange speeding spot check on 16th May along the B741 and provide feedback to NB. 10/07/24 - CLOSED. Sign on U road replaced with larger sign - thanks for Farrans for arranging. Further speed checks carried out and full details and feedback provided.</p> <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. 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. [Post meeting note: NT categorically did not arrange for these signs to be erected].</p>
2.3.2		<p>Offsite Road modification work - NB shared a brief update on progress with the road works associated with the wind farm. NB queried whether anyone had any issue or complaints in relation to the road works, no issues reported.</p> <p>NB informed the CLG of the discovery of a nesting Oyster Catcher Bird at the Dettingen Roundabout (Route marker 11). The bird is currently sitting on eggs and work has been delayed for at least four weeks until the eggs have hatched and chicks flown nest. All works were due to be completed at the end of June, this has been pushed back to end of July, due to the nesting bird.</p> <p>ACTION - NB to share updated offsite road works schedule. 17/07/24 - CLOSED, update provided in slide pack.</p>
4.		<p>WTG DELIVERIES</p>

2.4.1	<p>14/05/24 - Trial run – NB shared brief feedback of the partial trial run that took place on 11th May. CLG members noted that the trial run had caused a lot off traffic build up in the areas. NB assured the group that the actual deliveries will take place at night and should not cause any disturbance, however this will be monitored once commenced.</p> <p>AG queried what where the emergency vehicle access provisions in place for trial runs and WTG deliveries. Concerns were raised over emergency vehicles not being able to pass abnormal load vehicles. LP stated that all AIL (abnormal loads) are accompanied by the Police, who will ensure that emergency vehicles can pass safely and swiftly. ACTION – NB to investigate and feedback the procedure on emergency vehicular access during trial runs and deliveries.</p> <p>10/07/24 – CLOSED, all AIL deliveries have police escort who are in constant radio contact with emergency services. If an emergency vehicle needs to pass the convoy, the police escort will ensure swift passage of emergency vehicle.</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>
5.	PLANNING COMPLIANCE AND COMPLAINTS
2.5.1	<p>Dust/sand – residents raised concerns over the quantity of dust / sand material that had been settling around / inside the houses near to site. Residents stated that they were having to carry out extra property cleaning due to the increase in dust, it was perceived to be coming from the Enoch Hill site. NB stated that dust monitoring and suppression was actively carried out on site as part of our environmental mitigation processes. NB stated that without sufficient evidence that the dust was emanating from RWE’s site that no further action could be taken at this time.</p> <p>10/07/24 – CLOSED, no further concerns raised over dust.</p>
2.5.2	<p>14/05/24 - Road surface deterioration – CLG members raised concerns over the state of the road surface of the B741. AG noted that this had been re-surfaced around 3 years ago, however heavy use and adverse weather has caused pot holes and poor surface condition. AG queried if there was any plans / possibility of the wind farm developers in the area coming together and providing funds or perusing local authority to ensure the road surface was rectified once wind farm construction had been completed.</p> <p>NB stated that she was not aware of any developer groups in place but would investigate the possibility. ACTION – NB to investigate any plans / possibility of a wind farm developer group being put in place to support the local community’s concerns over the perceived effects of wind farm construction on the road surface.</p>

		10/07/24 - CLOSED , NB checked with Stakeholder team, no current plans to form a developer alliance but it may be something to consider for future developments.
	2.5.3	<p>14/05/24 - Condition of bridges – AT raised concerns over the structural status of the two bridges near to Burnside. (which bridges) ACTION - NB to check and revert which, if any bridges are including in offsite road works (in relationship to bridge strengthening).</p> <p>10/07/24 - CLOSED, as part of our planning conditions we had to carry out structural surveys on all bridges & culverts along B741, see map from WSP. We also have to carry out a pre and post delivery survey. Bond being placed with ARA. Straid Burn bridge was the only one that required strengthening works. Monthly surveys are also being carried out before, during and after deliveries.</p>
	2.5.4	<p>14/05/24 - Shadow flicker - Concerns were raised over potential shadow flicker from the turbines during winter when the sun is setting, causing potentially hazardous driving conditions coming out of New Cumnock towards site on . NB stated that shadow flicker studies would have taken place and this most likely had been a consideration. ACTION - NB to feedback on any studies that have been carried out and any mitigation in place to counter the effect of shadow flicker, to alleviate concern.</p> <p>10/07/24 - CLOSED, shadow flicker is consider in the Environment Impact Assessment submitted to the planning authority (available on planning portal), not considered and issue and WTGs would have been positioned to mitigate any shadow flicker.</p>
	2.5.5	<p>14/05/24 - House surveys – CLG members stated that they had raised the topic of house surveys for residents along the B741 with NT at a developer open evening some time ago. Members stated they had provided a list of properties who wanted to request a property survey to be carried out and had expected a response back from NT. NB stated she was unaware of such outstanding action but would discuss with NT/DG.</p> <p>GF/LJR stated that the Pencloe wind farm developers had carried out surveys of 39 local properties, however no feedback had been received to date. ACTION - NB to discuss property surveys with NT/DG and provide any feedback at the next meeting.</p> <p>10/07/24 - CLOSED, NB discussed with NT, RWE did not plan to carry out property surveys. ARA have approved our delivery route. RWE have carried out road, bridge and culvert surveys and video evidence pre and post-delivery as mentioned in item 2.5.3. DG requested any concerns be raised with ARA.</p>
6.	AOB	
	2.6.1	<p>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.</p> <p>10/07/24 - On-going, NB to expedite and provide update via e-mail.</p>
	2.6.2	<p>14/05/24 - New Cumnock community Gala – GF informed the group that a community gala is being held on 1st June and requested support from the Project Team. ACTION - NB / MC to investigate provision of support for the Gala.</p> <p>10/07/24 - CLOSED. Farrans kindly provided juice and crisps for 250 school children for the gala. RWE have agreed to progress with sponsorship of the Christmas event.</p>
	2.6.3	<p>14/05/24 - Community Fund – GF queried the plan and status of any community fund related to the Enoch Hill Wind Farm. NB stated that one was under development and has already requested that Kath Harries, RWE's</p>

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		Community Fund Coordinator, to attend the next New Cumnock Community meeting (availability dependant) to provide an update. ACTION - NB to coordinate with KH and NCC to arrange attendance at meeting. 10/07/24 - CLOSED , KH has proposed to join the October NCC meeting, to be available to answer questions on the community fund, by which time the consultation period will be open. Any current information can be found on the Enoch Hill website.
	2.6.4	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.
	2.6.6	Wind Farm footpath – GF queried if there would be a footpath through the wind farm once operational. ACTION - NB to check footpath status post construction and revert. 10/07/24 - CLOSED , RWE do not have plans to construct a specific foot path through the site. The tracks will remain in place for operation and maintenance of the wind farm. Members of the public have freedom to roam but we as the operators would discourage members of the public from getting close to any wind farm components or equipment for safety.
	3.6.1	DG queried how do the CLG meeting 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.
7.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
	3.7.1	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	2.2.2a	NB to check availability of pre-construction peat report and if available share ASAP.	All available peat reports shared and CLG confirmed this is sufficient.	NB	CLOSED
14/05/24	2.2.2b	NB to ensure requested map is shared ASAP.	Map included with draft minutes.	NB	CLOSED
14/05/24	2.2.2c	NB to ensure meetings are arranged in a timely manner going forward, in accordance with agreed terms.	July meeting held within two month period and all future meetings will be scheduled every two months thereafter unless requested otherwise.	NB	CLOSED
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 has e-mailed John Amy for explanation, updated to be provided to LJR by e-mail.	DG	ON-GOING
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.	Update will be provided by next meeting.	DG/NB	ON-GOING
Section 3 Actions					
14/05/24	2.3.1	NB to share slide pack with CLG.	Included with draft MoM.	NB	CLOSED
14/05/24	2.3.1a	MC to arrange speeding spot check on 16 th May along the B741 and provide feedback.	Sign on U road replaced with larger sign - thanks for Farrans for arranging. Further speed checks carried out and full details and feedback provided.	MC	CLOSED
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	ON-GOING

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14/05/24	2.3.2	NB to share updated offsite road works schedule.	Awaiting updated programme from contractor. Marker 12 (Skerrington Roundabout) commenced for approx. 6 weeks on 20 th May.	NB	CLOSED
Section 4 Actions					
14/05/24	2.4.1	NB to investigate and feedback the procedure on emergency vehicular access during trial runs and deliveries.	As per meeting minutes the Police escort all abnormal loads and will ensure any other emergency vehicles can pass convoy safely when required.	NB	CLOSED
14/05/24	2.4.2	NB to arrange a newsletter drop for nearby residents with full update of planned activities.	Newsletter send out in post on 26/07/24 and will be shared by e-mail to CLG and community councils also.	NB	CLOSED
14/05/24	2.4.2	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.	Newsletter send out in post on 26/07/24 and will be shared by e-mail to CLG and community councils also.	NB	CLOSED
Section 5 Actions					
14/05/24	2.5.2	NB to investigate any plans / possibility of a wind farm developer group being put in place to support the local community's concerns over the perceived effects of wind farm construction on the road surface.	NB checked with Stakeholder team, no current plans to form a developer alliance but it may be something to consider for future developments.	NB	CLOSED
14/05/24	2.5.3	NB to check and revert which, if any bridges are including in offsite road works (in relationship to bridge strengthening).	As part of RWE's planning conditions we had to carry out structural surveys on all bridges & culverts along B741, see map from WSP. We also have to carry out a pre and post delivery survey. Bond being placed with ARA. Straid Burn bridge was the only one that required strengthening works. Monthly surveys are also being carried out before, during and after deliveries.	NB	CLOSED
14/05/24	2.5.4	NB to feedback on any studies that have been carried out and any mitigation in place to counter the effect of shadow flicker, to alleviate concern.	Shadow flicker is consider in the Environment Impact Assessment submitted to the planning authority (available on planning portal), not	NB	CLOSED

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			considered and issue and WTGs would have been positioned to mitigate any shadow flicker.		
14/05/24	2.5.5	NB to discuss property surveys with NT/DG and provide any feedback at the next meeting.	NB discussed with NT, RWE did not plan to carry out property surveys. ARA have approved our delivery route. RWE have carried out road, bridge and culvert surveys and video evidence pre and post-delivery as mentioned in item 2.5.3. DG requested any concerns be raised with ARA.	NB	CLOSED
Section 6 Actions					
14/05/24	2.6.1	NB to feedback status and update of Enoch Hill 2 wind farm development.	NB to expedite and provide update via e-mail.	NB	ON-GOING
14/05/24	2.6.2	NB / MC to investigate provision of support for the Gala.	Farrans kindly provided juice and crisps for 250 school children for the gala. RWE have agreed to progress with sponsorship of the Christmas event.	NB/MC	CLOSED
14/05/24	2.6.3	NB to coordinate with KH and NCC to arrange attendance at next CC meeting.	KH has proposed to join the October NCC meeting, to be available to answer questions on the community fund, by which time the consultation period will be open. Any current information can be found on the Enoch Hill website.	NB/KH	CLOSED
14/05/24	2.6.4	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	ON-GOING
14/05/24	2.6.6	NB to check footpath status post construction and revert.	RWE can confirm that there is no plan to construct a separate public footpath with the wind farm boundary. The access tracks will remain for the operational period of the wind farm. The right to roam laws apply in Scotland, therefore RWE cannot prohibit public access.	NB	CLOSED
10/07/24	3.6.1	NB to send minutes to community councils going forward.		NB	ON-GOING

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Section 7 Actions					
14/05/24	2.7.1	NB to arrange a suitable date, time and location for the next meeting, no later than two months from today.	Arranged for 10 th July	NB	CLOSED – arranged for 10 th July
10/07/24	3.7.1	NB to arrange a suitable date, time and location for the next meeting, no later than two months from today.		NB	ON-GOING