



**Enoch Hill Wind Farm
Community Liaison Group (CLG) Meeting
Meeting #2**

Time: 18:00 – 20:00

Date: 14th May 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
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	NB welcomed all to the meeting and introductions and apologies were made. NB noted that DG was due to attend and lead the meeting, however due to illness was unable to attend. DG sent his apologies. NB stated she would be leading the meeting and would take any questions away to DG, that could not be answered during the meeting.	
2.	PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MEETING ACTIONS	
2.1	Meeting frequency - The CLG members expressed their disappointment that it had been agreed to hold a CLG meeting no later than two months from the previous meeting, whereas it had been almost 5 months since the last meeting held in December 23. NB conveyed sincere apologies to all and agreed to ensure that going forward best efforts would be made to ensure meetings are arranged on a regular basis within the agreed timescales. ACTION - NB to ensure CLG meetings are arranged in a timely manner within the agreed timescales, so far as reasonably possible.	
2.2	Actions from previous meeting – The CLG members expressed their disappointment that they had not received any response or update in regards to the following outstanding actions from the previous meeting: 23/11/23 ACTION - NT to find and issue peat survey report. 23/11/23 ACTION - NT to issue map to AG. 23/11/23 ACTION - NT to confirm time and date of next meeting. 14/05/24 Update <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	

		<p>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.</p> <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. • Date and time of next meeting – ACTION - NB to ensure meetings are arranged in a timely manner going forward, in accordance with agreed terms. <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. 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.]</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>PROJECT UPDATE</p>	
	<p>3.1</p>	<p>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. • Control building roof has been installed and internal fit-out ongoing. • Array cable laying has begun and is approx. 35% complete. <p>Slide pack to be shared with CLG for reference. ACTION - NB to share slide pack with CLG.</p> <p>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 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.</p>

		<p>[Post meeting note – speed checks were carried out on 16th and 23rd May and feedback will be provided along with minutes of meeting].</p> <p>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>
	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 1.1). 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.</p>
4.	WTG DELIVERIES	
	4.1	<p>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>
	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>
5.	PLANNING COMPLIANCE AND COMPLAINTS	
	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>
	5.2	<p>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 /</p>

		<p>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>
	5.3	<p>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>
	5.4	<p>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>
	5.5	<p>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>
	5.6	<p>General concern – For the record it was noted that the CLG expressed their disappointment at the lack of communication and response to actions assigned to RWE during the last meeting held in December 23. The CLG members feel that they have not been listened to and their concerns not taken seriously.</p> <p>NB responded by expressing sincere apologies for the delay in actioning items raised at the last meeting and the time taken to arrange another meeting. NB stated that resources have been stretched within RWE, however acknowledged the slower than usual responses to actions to date.</p>
6.	AOB	
	6.1	<p>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>
	6.2	<p>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>
	6.3	<p>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 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.</p>

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	6.4	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.
	6.5	Servicing of WTGs – LJR raised a general query on how much oil was used and how often oil was changed in the WTGs. LP provided a brief overview of how the turbines were maintained and how often and oil change would potentially be required (Up to every two months).
	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.
7.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
	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>Action No</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Update</u>	<u>Actionee</u>	<u>Status</u>
23/11/23	1	NT to find and issue peat survey report	N/A	NT	CLOSED - see 2.2.1
23/11/23	2	NT to issue map to AG.	N/A	NT	CLOSED - see 2.2.2
23/11/23	3	NT to confirm time and date of next meeting.	N/A	NT	CLOSED - see 2.2.3
14/05/24	2.2.1	NB to check availability of pre-construction peat report and if available share ASAP.	The only pre-construction information on peat that we have is the peat interpolation map and the Peat Management Plan as per planning application. NB to share both.	NB	Open
14/05/24	2.2.2	NB to ensure requested map is shared ASAP.	Map included with draft minutes.	NB	Open
14/05/24	2.2.3	NB to ensure meetings are arranged in a timely manner going forward, in accordance with agreed terms.	Standing action - next meeting to be scheduled WC 22/07/24.	NB	Open
14/05/24	2.2.4	NB to chase NT for update on the request to back the proposal.	On checking previous minutes, it is noted down that NT had requested a written request from the CLG to back the proposal, so that RWE can provide a formal response. This has not been received to date. Please can the CLG provide a written request to which RWE will provide an official response.	NB / CLG	Open
14/05/24	3.1.1	NB to share slide pack with CLG.	Included with draft MoM.	NB	Open
14/05/24	3.1.2	MC to arrange speeding spot check on 16 th May along the B741 and provide feedback.	Speed checks carried out on 16 th May and further checks carried out on 23 rd May. Feedback included with draft minutes.	MC	Open
14/05/24	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	Open

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14/05/24	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	Open
14/05/24	4.2.1	NB to arrange a newsletter drop for nearby residents with full update of planned activities.	On-going.	NB	Open
14/05/24	4.2.2	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.	On-going – to be arranged in the coming weeks. Deliveries due to commence at the beginning of August instead of July.	NB	Open
14/05/24	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 spoke to NT and DG regarding a developer consortium. Nothing in place and the moment and no plans to initiate one. NB will pick this up with management at a later date.	NB	Open
14/05/24	5.3	NB to check and revert which, if any bridges are including in offsite road works (in relationship to bridge strengthening).	The only bridge strengthening works due to take place are at Straid Farm bridge. Delivery route road structural surveys have taken place along the full route and this was the only area identified as needing structural re-enforcement works. These have now been completed and signed off by ARA.	NB	Open
14/05/24	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 studies were carried out as part of the planning application, RWE are confident shadow flicker mitigation has been undertaken in the area of concern and should not cause any issues once the turbines are erected and operational.	NB	Open
14/05/24	5.5	NB to discuss property surveys with NT/DG and provide any feedback at the next meeting.	RWE do not plan to carry out property surveys at this time as there is no evidence that construction traffic or deliveries will cause adverse effect to the properties located along the route to site.	NB	Open

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14/05/24	6.1	NB to feedback status and update of Enoch Hill 2 wind farm development.	NB has now been assigned as Construction Project Manager to Enoch Hill 2 and will share an update on status in the coming weeks.	NB	Open
14/05/24	6.2	NB / MC to investigate provision of support for the Gala.	NB has requested sponsorship from RWE internal team, awaiting response. MC investigating the possibility of Farrans sponsorship.	NB/MC	Open
14/05/24	6.3	NB to coordinate with KH and NCC to arrange attendance at next CC meeting.	NB has spoken with Kath Harries, Kath is happy to attend a community council meeting to discuss community funding. NB will liaise with KH and NCC to arrange a suitable date to attend a meeting,	NB/KH	Open
14/05/24	6.4	NB to investigate turbine visibility from Burnside post construction and feedback.	NB is still looking into this and will provide feedback as soon as.	NB	Open
14/05/24	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	Open
14/05/24	7.1	NB to arrange a suitable date, time and location for the next meeting, no later than two months from today.	NB to propose meeting to be scheduled week commencing 22 nd July.	NB	Open