

Burnfoot East – Perth & Kinross Community Liaison Group Meeting

13th November 2018

MEETING

Meeting held at Moray Institute, Blackford from 7:00pm to 7:50pm on Tuesday 13th November 2018.

ATTENDEES

Sarah Dooley, EDF Renewables

Bob Watkinson, Blackford Community Council

Marguerite Watkinson, Blackford Resident

APOLOGIES

Malcolm Best, Auchterarder & Glendevon Community Council

MINUTES

Sarah Dooley (SD) talked through a presentation (a copy of which is appended to these meeting minutes). This included the following:

SD gave an introduction to the Burnfoot East Wind Farm, explaining also the make-up of the existing 'Burnfoot Hill Cluster', which consists of Burnfoot Hill (13 turbines), Rhodders (6 turbines) and Burnfoot North (2 turbines).

SD explained that she was the point of contact for the community going forward, and provided relevant contact details.

SD explained that the Section 75 agreement (a planning contract between Clackmannanshire Council, the landowner and EDF R) remained outstanding, but that the target date for completion of the Section 75 was the end of November.

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SD explained that an application has been lodged with Perth & Kinross Council for access modifications consisting of some road widening and associated slope stability works below Backhills Farmhouse. SD explained the target date for a decision is January 2019.

SD advised that no permanent works were required along the A823, though there would be an agreement reached with Perth & Kinross Council for the temporary removal of street furniture, including some signage and bollards as required. A full Traffic Management Plan will be produced in consultation with both Clackmannanshire Council and Perth & Kinross Council.

Bob Watkinson asked about the number of expected vehicle movements.

SD explained that abnormal load movements (of turbine component parts) would be limited to ~9 per turbine (~27 in total). SD advised that she would check the Environmental Statement (ES) for further details and circulate after the meeting.

Table 11.3 of the ES details anticipated vehicle movements associated with the construction of the Burnfoot East Wind Farm. This table is appended to these minutes for information.

SD explained that the export cable for Rhodders Wind Farm (between the onsite Rhodders switchgear building and the offsite Alva switchgear building) has sufficient capacity to accommodate the export from Burnfoot East (~10.8MW), and therefore additional works are not required.

SD explained that the current connection date, as advised by Scottish Power, is 31st October 2019.

SD explained that work was underway to discharge the 16 pre-commencement of construction planning conditions associated with the wind farm, including the Habitat Management Plan and Water Quality Monitoring Plan.

Bob Watkinson asked about the size of the three Burnfoot East turbines in comparison to those at the existing Burnfoot Hill Cluster.

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SD advised that each of the Burnfoot East turbines would have a blade tip height (maximum) of up to 135m and an installed capacity of up to 3.6MW, in comparison to a blade tip height of 100m and an installed capacity of 2MW for the existing turbines at the Burnfoot Hill Cluster.

SD discussed the Project Schedule (page 5 of the presentation), but explained that this was draft and subject to final agreement with contractors. Based on the draft schedule, works are expected to start in April 2019, with delivery of turbine component parts in late July/early August, and commissioning before the end of 2019.

SD noted the proposed community benefit distribution for Burnfoot East (page 7 of the slide pack).

SD explained the basis for the distribution of the current Community Benefit Fund:

80% to communities within the 'host' local authority

20% to communities within the 'neighbouring' local authority (note: in the case of Burnfoot East, the neighbouring local authority is Perth & Kinross)

The Community Benefit Fund is limited to the following communities in Perth & Kinross: Blackford, Braco & Greenloaning and Glendevon

SD advised that it was proposed that the Burnfoot East Fund would be administered and distributed in the same way, with the ongoing support of Foundation Scotland.

SD asked about the membership/invite list of the Community Liaison Group (CLG) and if there were any parties missing from the invite list (which consists of the Community Councils of Blackford, Braco & Greenloaning and Auchterarder & District).

No other groups/organisations were identified.

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Bob Watkinson offered to upload the minutes and presentation from the CLG on to the Blackford Community Council website, and also to advertise future meetings via the website.

SD advised that the next meeting would be expected to take place in March 2019, prior to the commencement of construction, with another follow up meeting expected to take place in June/July 2019, prior to the delivery of turbine component parts to site.

AOB

None

Meeting closed at 7:50pm