

## University of St Andrews

### Kenly Wind Project Board

Minute of the Kenly Wind Project Board held on Tuesday 13 April 2010 at 09.00 in the Master's Room in the Heb's Block.

**Present:** Derek Watson (Chair), Graeme Scott, Roddy Yarr (RY), John Maguire (JM), Louise Roger (Boarhills and Dunino CC), Kit McMahon (Kingsbarns CC), Sir Peter Erskine (Kingsbarns CC), Niall Scott, Rhona McLaren (Sustainable Development MSc student)

**Apologies:** Charles Warren, Stephen Magee, Rob Moodie (RM), Cris Winter, Margaret Craig

#### 1. Previous Minutes

Accepted without change.

#### 2. Project Progress

**2.1 Wind mast** – Average wind speed since installation in September 2009 is 7.4m/s. March wind speed 7.37 m/s.

**2.2 Preferred Layout options** – Photomontages of the layout options that the Project Board has developed were presented from a range of viewpoints looking into the site.

**2.3 Ecological survey work** – work is ongoing, particularly with respect to bird monitoring.

**2.4 Fife Council Update on Latest Briefing 1st Feb 2010** – RY updated the Project Board on the latest briefing that RY and JM has with Alastair Hamilton of Fife Council Planning. RM could not make the meeting. A brief summary report was presented. Report attached.

#### **2.5 Consultation and Planning programme for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)**

Board members discussed how best to share the photomontages and layout options with the . It was proposed that a leaflet be produced to explain the project in simple terms and invite the to public meetings where more details would be presented.

The Group also discussed that a formal EIA would be necessary and that this would require a considerable amount of work to collate all of the necessary information. The ecological impact work that is underway would form part of this assessment. The other pieces of work such as Noise assessment;

landscape and Visual Impact Assessment etc would need to start as soon as possible.

It was proposed that a range of communications media would be needed to get the information out to the including:

- A leaflet mailing to homes
- Use of local noticeboards
- Use of some form of static displays possibly placed in village halls
- Staffed display days where members of the public could come along and ask questions
- Public meetings

The Board agreed that it would then need to decide how best to roll out the necessary communications to inform and seek feedback on the proposals that have been developed. This might include the use of a questionnaire that seeks feedback. Rhona McLaren then introduced herself and that as a student carrying out a Sustainable Development degree, she would be keen to research this aspect of consultation.

LR suggested that the needed to know what the financial package for the proposals being discussed would mean for the . LR also suggested that a flow diagram showing the next steps such as the EIA and a formal planning application would be useful. LR also suggested that a set of FAQs would be of use to ensure that common questions would be answered.

KM suggested that Alastair Hamilton should be invited to any public meetings that are held as a matter of courtesy.

**Action: It was agreed that RY would produce a leaflet as discussed above and the Board to consider if it is possible to use this as a tool to invite the to a set of meetings to be scheduled for June and how best to do this.**

### **3. Date of Next Meeting**

Next meeting is to be held on 31st May 2010 at 16.00 in the Master's Room in the Heb's Block.

Derek A Watson  
**Quaestor & Factor**