

University of St Andrews

Kenly Wind Project Board

Minute of the Kenly Wind Project Board held on Tuesday 17 September 2009 at 15.30pm in the Master's Room in the Heb's Block.

Present: Derek Watson (Chair), Graeme Scott, Roddy Yarr, John Maguire, Louise Roger (Boarhills and Dunino CC), Kit McMahon (Kingsbarns CC).

Apologies: Niall Scott, Charles Warren, Stephen Magee, Rob Moodie, Cris Winter, Margaret Craig

1. Previous Minutes

Accepted without change.

2. Project Progress

2.1 Wind mast - It was noted that the wind monitoring mast application had been approved at the Planning Committee on 2 September 2009. Installation was completed on 16th September 2009 and the wind speed etc is now being logged. Monthly reports on the data collated will be created. It is intended to start to use the early results from wind monitoring to inform site turbine layouts and numbers.

Action – RY to present initial wind data results at next meeting

2.2 Radar assessment – It was noted that the site was within 15 nautical miles of Leuchars and was therefore within a 'trigger area' but not on primary approach lines. Initial assessment had been carried out of this and it now requires formal approach to MOD to begin discussions and using a proposed site layout. Kingsmuir Airfield is a stakeholder and should be engaged to discuss impact.

Action – Generate turbine layout and proposed height information to enable a formal approach to MOD to be made and to begin discussions using a proposed site layout.

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RY to action.

2.3 Ecological survey work – work is ongoing. RY presented the species list and a plan showing the results of Bat survey transects. Bird work and GIS mapping of the fauna and flora is ongoing.

2.4 Local wind developments – It was noted that another wind monitoring mast installation had been approved at Pittarhie Farm by South Kinaldy to the west of Kenly. This was for an 80m high mast for a temporary period not exceeding three years.

3. **Partnership Working**

Members of the local were asked to consider how they might envisage benefit from the wind development. How would income from the wind development be managed and used by the ? The Fintry model was discussed and it was noted that advice and consultation with Gordon Cowtan of Fintry is still available and was recommended to the . representatives seemed to favour a longer term financial model as being a reasonable basis for benefit.

The discussion also included the recent development of the East Neuk and Landward Environment Network (ENLEN) Climate Challenge Funding was also discussed as these communities which include Kingsbarns and Boarhills and Dunino. This group of communities has access to this ENLEN energy reduction advice which can be given to local village residents. Some of the funding from the wind development could be used for this sort of investment in energy reduction in homes.

Action – CC members to consider how their communities might wish to use any revenue from a potential wind development.

LR also noted that the would wish to understand any impacts of construction of a wind farm; impact on access routes; grid connection and electrical energy distribution from the site; traffic.

4. **Next Steps**

RY to begin to develop site turbine layouts and numbers from the initial wind data. Three scenarios would be generated and feedback sought on these layouts and associated impacts from the local .

RY to investigate a visit to Boyndie Airfield Wind Development which is thought to have a similar set of geographic circumstances to Kenly.

5. **Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on 15th October 2009 at 9.00am in the Master's Room in the Heb's Block.

Derek A Watson
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