

University of St Andrews

Kenly Wind Project Board

Minute of the Kenly Wind Project Board held on Thursday 5th August 2010 at 14.00 in the Master's Room in the Heb's Block.

Present: Derek Watson (Chair), Graeme Scott (GS), Roddy Yarr (RY), John Maguire (JM), Niall Scott (NS), Rhona McLaren (Sustainable Development MSc student), Stephen Magee (SM), Louise Roger (Boarhills and Dunino CC), Bobby Simpson (Boarhills and Dunino CC), Victoria Kilgour (Boarhills and Dunino CC observer only)

1. **Apologies:** Charles Warren, Rob Moodie (Kingsbarns CC), Kit McMahon (Kingsbarns CC), Cris Winter (Kingsbarns CC), Margaret Craig (Boarhills CC).

2. Previous Minutes

Discussion was held regarding the word 'Community' being used in the project title. There was a discussion about this which included the fact that the University owns land within the community and has done for some significant time. The University's approach was to include the community in its discussions and planning as a way of understanding any local concerns. On this basis, the University considered it legitimate to use the word 'community'. Despite this, community representatives asked that the word 'community' be removed and this was agreed.

Community reps also noted that minutes of the Project Board had not yet appeared on the Kenly website. RY apologised for this and confirmed that the minutes will be on the website by Monday 9th August 2010 at the latest.

Action

- Post the minutes of the Project Board meetings on the Kenly website (RY)

3. Feedback on Public Meetings

Rhona McLaren summarised the findings of the two questionnaires that were completed by visitors to the Open Meetings at Boarhills and at Kingsbarns. The results will be placed on the University website. A total of 65 people in Kingsbarns and Boarhills and Dunino took part in the survey.

The survey found:

- Over 46% of people were either supportive or strongly supportive of the planned wind farm.
- 48% thought that Kenly was an acceptable location for a wind farm.
- Approximately 36% were unsupportive or strongly unsupportive.

- Approximately 12% were neither supportive nor resistant.
- 60% believed a community benefit scheme was a good idea
- 86% were in favour of Scotland's increasing use of renewable energy technologies.

Community reps noted that some questions asked by the community at the meetings still need to be answered. It was proposed that another newsletter be developed that responds to these questions and which updates progress on the EIA work that has commenced. This would be circulated to the community in the Autumn.

It was noted that no-one was present from Kingsbarns CC. RY agreed to brief the representatives from Kingsbarns CC separately so that they can see the results of the questionnaire and ask any questions.

LR also asked for minutes of the two Open meetings to be made available.

Actions

- place the results of the questionnaires on the website as soon as possible (RY)
- draft another information leaflet for circulation in the Autumn (RY/NS)

4. Communication with the Wider Public

The group discussed the need for ongoing communication. It was noted that an update based on a newsletter or flyer mailed to local residents would be appropriate as this would satisfy the requests from the communities (at the open meetings) that mailshots were an acceptable means of communication.

As part of this communication, it was noted that detailed costs for the project would continue to be developed as the form and layout of the project progresses and that this would include potential fixed costs and operating costs. RY noted that the Project Board had already discounted the feasibility of several of the payouts originally considered as being too expensive to actually be viable based on the fixed and operating costs. A more accurate estimate of the revenue that might be generated from the two options currently being assessed will be determined as work on the EIA progresses. This estimate would be communicated to the community when available.

Action

University to provide an estimate of the anticipated revenue that the development might be generated for community benefit at the appropriate time (RY).

5. Update on Environmental Impact Assessment work package tendering

RY updated the group on progress with the work packages. Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment works package has been let. Noise work package also let. Other packages are in the process of being tendered.

6. Project Board and Liaison Group

LR requested clarification of the roles and responsibilities/remit of the community representatives involved in the Project Board. The Group

confirmed that the community representatives need to play an active role in the functioning of the Board as part of a consultation process.

The proposed remit of Community Representatives on the Kenly Project Board is as follows:

"The role of the Kenly Wind farm Community Representatives in the Kenly Wind Farm Project is to provide a means of two way dialogue and communication between the Communities and the University's Project Board: the Project Board being currently composed of DW, GS, RY, JM, NS, SM, CW (see above for names). The Community Representatives will listen to questions and feedback from their communities. The Community Representatives will attend the project board meetings to pass on these questions and feedback from their Communities, which the Project Board will undertake to address at an appropriate stage as the proposals progress. The Community Representatives will not be involved directly or actively in the decision making at Project Board level such as might be seen to compromise the integrity of the Community Representatives. Community Representatives will communicate project updates and feedback to questions raised by their communities by the most appropriate means, or advise the Project Board on how best this can be achieved."

7. AOB

LR noted that the notice board application was going through the planning process. The location plan submitted had been rejected. RY offered to help develop a more suitable plan to help resolve the issue.

8. Date of Next Meeting

RY would generate dates for the next three meetings and advise members. Meetings would be scheduled for every two months starting mid to end September.

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