

# MILLENNIUM LIAISON GROUP

## FEB 07 MEETING

### Minutes of Meeting

**TIME & DATE:-** 7pm, TUESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> February 2007

**LOCATION:-** INVERGARRY VILLAGE HALL

**ATTENDED:-** Stuart Findlay  
Kenneth Knott  
Alex Stuart - SSE  
Simon Green – West Coast Energy  
Mark Jennison – Energy4all  
David Gillies – Achlain Estate  
Jenny MacPherson – Platform PR  
Erin Murchie – Falck Renewables  
Ewan Currie – Falck Renewables

1. **Apologies**  
Apologies from Alastair Hutcheson and Douglas Stewart, Invergarry CC.
2. **Appointment of Chairman**  
Stuart Findlay appointed Chairman for this meeting.

**2.1 Introductions**  
Round table introduction.

3. **Review / Approve Dec 06 Minutes**  
Minutes were approved agreed and seconded as a true record of the December meeting. Action to incorporate contractor's site telephone number on contacts list closed out by attachment of revised contact list to these minutes.
4. **Planning – Simon Green**  
Simon Green introduced the intention of the wind farm to be added to, with a further 4 turbines proposed. It was explained that the original Millennium Wind Farm Planning Application had been for 20 turbines. Due to concerns about visibility from Fort Augustus, 4 turbines were removed from the Application at that time. Approval was granted for 16 turbines, with an understanding that the 4 turbines would be reviewed, relocated and a second, separate application for the revision.

Stuart Finlay and Ken Knott were surprised at this development, as they were not aware of any intention to extend the wind farm. They expressed disappointment that there had been no notice given to the Community Councils or the Liaison Group sooner than just prior to making application. It was their view that the Developers had not been up front about this proposed extension. Simon confirmed that the I&FA Community Council had been notified about the intent to extend, and that this was confirmed in a subsequent email to the CC. (Copy attached as Appendix 1)

Stuart Finlay asked if the Landowners were aware of the proposal. David Gillies confirmed that they were and also that he represented the views of both Achlain and Aberchalder Estates.

I&FA indicated that the announcement had come a number of days after the most recent CC meeting. The next meeting was not due until the end of March and it was felt the Community should be informed of the development right away. It was agreed that FRL would organise a supplementary information sheet for the CC newsletter, and make a contribution towards the delivery of this paper. A £50 donation was agreed upon.

## **5. Site Report - Falck Renewables**

Ewan Currie gave overview of progress since December 06 Liaison Group Meeting:-

Borrow Pit A – Numerous blasts have resulted in the BP being opened up and producing road building material.

Road - under construction between BP A and BP B. Passable by construction plant. Being improved with capping material.

BP B – Archaeological features identified, and ground scrapping commenced. Drilling and preparing for first blast due on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

Bird Dissuasion - Work has commenced on site on installing nettings and buzz tapes in areas where Golden Plover are to be discouraged from nesting in. Physical dissuasion will commence on 1<sup>st</sup> March 07. This work, along with nets spotting will continue for approx. 8 weeks. All the work is done in accordance with specifications agreed with SNH and the Highland Council Planner.

SSE S/S – Work on construction of building commenced (Detail covered off by Alex Stuart).

David Gillies confirmed that the Landowners are happy with the execution of the works to date.

**6. Site Report SSE – Alex Stuart**

Alex Stuart gave a comprehensive talk on all aspects of the Utility works that will be undertaken in order to provide a suitable electrical export connection to the National Grid.

Points covered included:-

Exiting tower reinforcements.

Conductor upgrade

New wood pole construction

Millennium S/S construction

SSE contractors and key SSE project staff are listed along with contact details on appendix 2 attached.

**7. Community Benefit / Co-op**

Ewan Currie confirmed that a meeting had taken place between I&FA Community Council, The Highland Council and Steve Salt, West Coast Energy. It was confirmed that Invergarry CC had recently met their Highland Council Officer as well, with a view to advancing the preparations for the administration of the Community Benefit Fund.

Mark Jennison introduced himself to the Group. He works for Energy4all Ltd. and will be involved in the establishment of a local Community Co-op. Mark gave a brief outline of the objectives of the Co-op, and indicated that the profile of this aspect of the Project will be raised considerably in the next few weeks, as the search for local Board Members gets underway. The intention is to have open meetings in the 2 communities. Mark outlined the expected timetable to get the Co-op underway through to approval and issue of the share prospectus, share offer made available April 08, to finally 'trading' in July 08.

**8. Communications**

Notices will be erected in community boards, editorials will be submitted to local websites and to the community letters.

Invergarry CC request for financial assistance for newsletter has been received by Falck, and is being processed.

The contacts list has been updated and attached to the minutes for circulation.

**9. AOCB**

Chairman requested update from Steve Salt on Community Benefit 'Heads of Terms'.

Query also regarding when legal expenses payment will be made.

**10. Next Meeting**

The next meeting was set for 24<sup>th</sup> April 07. Site visit, meeting at Achlain House at 5.30pm.

**Post Meeting Note:-**

Ewan Currie travelled to Invergarry and met with Alistair Hutcheson on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 07, in order to ensure timely announcement of Planning Application intent.

Some time was spent discussing all the agenda items.

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>Dear Adrian and Elaine,

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>I write further to our brief meeting last week. We appreciated the  
>time given to us to report the progress to date on the wind farm  
site

>and also the fact that you accommodated us first on the agenda. We  
>appreciated the order of the meeting and accept that there are  
concerns

>about transport issues and also the possibility of other  
developments

>in the area.

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>The questions about turbine size were especially pertinent. As  
>discussed there are a number of different turbines (both in  
>manufacturer and output) available for this project. We have a  
total

>grid connection offer of 50MW and sensibly sixteen 3MW machines  
would

>fulfill our requirements. Since we applied for the site through the  
>local planning route (The Highland Council) we cannot exceed 50MW  
>without an application to the Scottish Executive which is a long and  
>expensive process which we are unlikely to pursue. The difficulty  
>comes when considering smaller output but possibly more efficient  
>machines. There are a range of 2 to 2.5MW turbines which fit the  
size

>criteria but clearly would only give us an output of up to 40MW. If  
>this is the preferred size of machine then clearly we would be at  
least

>10MW short of maximising our grid connection offer (and Community  
>Benefit) and consideration would be given to a small extension to  
the

>existing scheme comprising of between four and six turbines of a  
>similar size. Any extension would be subject to a full  
Environmental

>Impact Assessment

>(EIA) as previously although we accept that there could be no  
>visibility of the turbines from the Dalchreichart or Fort Augustus  
>(Turbines were dropped from the original scheme due to the views  
from  
these locations).

>As discussed at the meeting any future planning application would be  
>determined against the recently adopted Highland Strategy Plan which  
>has not identified this as a preferred for wind turbine development.

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>The contract for the construction project (which will ultimately  
>determine the turbine selection) is currently in preparation and  
will

>be tendered out to a number of turbine manufacturers in June.

>Evaluation of returned tenders is unlikely to be completed before  
>September / October 2006 however. We will keep you advised of  
progress

>and would be grateful if you could update us with nominations for  
>the  
>liaison roles which we discussed at the meeting.  
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>If you have any queries in the meantime then please do not hesitate  
>to  
>contact myself or Nick Yencken.  
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>Regards  
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Alex Stuart – SSE

11. Introduction
12. Overview of Scottish & Southern Energy Works
13. Fort Augustus – Ceannacroc 132,000V Tower Lineworks
  - Conductor Upgrade
  - Tower Change
  - Access Works
14. New 132,000V Wood Pole Trident Line
  - Construction Details
  - Access Works
15. Millenium Substation Works
  - Indoor Substation Design
  - Auxiliary Supplies & Communications
  - Works In Progress
16. Safety & Protection of the Environment
  - Construction Design and Management Regulations
  - Water
  - Waste
  - Wildlife
  - Heritage
  - Material Management
  - Traffic Management
  - Land Damage Control
  - Auditing
17. Programme
18. Any Questions

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<b>CAD Design Engineer:</b>	<b>Duncan McCall</b>	

**Substation Electrical Installation Contractor:** **Powerteam Electrical Services**

**Substation Civil Contractor:** **Corrie Construction**

**Trident Overhead Line Construction:** **Scottish & Southern Energy  
Utility Services**

**Tower Line Works:** **To Be Appointed**