

## Minutes

### Mossmorran & Braefoot Bay Community & Safety Committee Meeting

**Date:** 12 December 2013

**Time:** 18:30

**Location:** Council Chamber, City Chambers, Dunfermline

- Present: Peter Lockhart, Chair – Fife Councillor  
Susan Leslie – Fife Councillor  
Amelia Howie – Lumphinnans cc  
Alex Haddow – Cowdenbeath cc  
Alex Macdonald – Burntisland cc  
Robert Arnott – Crossgates cc  
Colin McPhail – Dalgety Bay & Hillend cc  
James Glen – Lochgelly cc  
Ron McKenzie – Auchtertool cc  
Sarah Mieзитis – SEPA  
Ian Hackers – ExxonMobil Chemical Limited  
David Burgess – Shell  
John Raine – Shell
- Absent: Gavin Yates – Fife Councillor  
Stuart Anderson – SEPA  
Karl Krotzer - ExxonMobil Chemical Limited

#### 5. Wind Farm Developments in Mossmorran and Braefoot Bay Area

Issues raised:

- Kennedy Renewables' proposal for more wind turbines in early stages and still needs planning permission. There may be the requirement for an environmental Impact study
- Kennedy site take Fife Council's report into consideration – it defines areas with; wind turbines, potential wind farm turbines, little/no potential left between Kirkcaldy and Dunfermline.
- Kennedy Renewables continue monitoring to determine the impact of the wind turbines on the dispersion of emissions from the Mossmorran plants and a report is expected in due course.
- LCC raised a concern that emissions could be absorbed into the ground causing soil pollution (Sarah Mieзитis looking in to this.)

Actions to take:

- Invite Kennedy Renewables to this meeting?

#### 6. Communications with Community Councils

No discussion took place – to be removed from the agenda.

## 7. Current Situation Reports

### 7.1 Shell UK LTD – Circulated Report

Issues raised:

- Safety - 3 minor process safety events reported to SEPA in the quarter – all issues resolved. HSE regulator inspections on human factors, process safety and mechanical – there are no significant findings.
- Emergency Planning Exercises – Braefoot Bay (Forth ports black anchor exercise) and Port Marnock (annual COMAH exercise) completed. Accident Hazard Training Exercises continue monthly at site with Petrofac and Blue Light services.
- Mossmorran Activities – Turnaround season planned completion date of 18 December 2013. Low through put of NGL's (November - 24 December) due to a turbine issue at St Fergus plant, which provides liquids to Mossmorran plant.
- External Affairs – Sensing Survey of people who live close to our operations – results in next quarter.
- Introduce simplified forms for communities to apply for funding – JR stated their delivery of charitable giving to local communities is through a third party. Therefore it must be audited, firstly to ensure we are dealing with genuine charities and secondly to verify the application also fits within the guidelines for receiving a donation. Thus resulting in a lengthy process to complete the form. This is a robust process, which ensures donations make it to local worthy causes. We recently reviewed these processes, which are now aligned across the UK.
- Potential newsletter to promote our social investment activities that are bringing positive benefits to local communities. Communication strategies are being reviewed across the UK, including newsletters and Social Media, to communicate with local communities.

### 7.2 ExxonMobil Chemicals Ltd – Circulated report

Issues raised:

- SEPA and HSE carried out inspections – no issues were raised.
- Community Matters Newsletters distributed around community representatives. This brochure details the community initiatives carried out by the Fife Ethylene Plant over the last year. More copies are available to any communities who would like them.
- FEP Plant Manager, Tim Stedman moving to a new position in ExxonMobil Chemical, Brussels Campus. Karl Krotzer, presently Operations Manager at the Fife Ethylene Plant, will replace Tim.
- Interviewing underway for electrical and Instrument technicians to join FEP's maintenance department.
- List of donations attached to the circulated report

### **7.3 SEPA – Circulated report**

Issues raised:

- Mossmorran web page on SEPA web site in the New Year.
- Health position statement of ambient monitoring, including previous monitoring, by Kennedy Renewables is in final draft.
- ExxonMobil (FEP) – Site Audit had been undertaken as a follow up to incidents, which had resulted in elevated flaring in second half of 2012 and earlier in 2013. No significant actions were raised following a 3 man, 2-day audit in September 2013. No significant outstanding actions from routine inspection covering PPC and COMAH in November 2013.
- Shell (NGL) – Ground flare B back on line before the New Year, discussions of replacing ground flares – 2 flares or 1 superior flare.

### **7.4 Fife Council**

No report.

### **7.5 Community Council**

Issues raised:

- Crossgates Community Council
  - Thank you to ExxonMobil Chemical for pantomime tickets.
- Dalgety Bay & Hillend Community Council
  - CM asked for information on the AD Little safety report for the Ethane Import Project. ILH explained the Ethane Import Project via Braefoot Bay Marine Terminal, is in the early stages of development and will be reviewed later in year. Following more detailed design and review it will be decided what studies are required.
  - Community Council was arranging a public meeting to discuss future development of land on the eastern fringes of Dalgety Bay – there is a plan to invite Shell and ExxonMobil Chemical to this meeting to discuss further development issues. ILH stated that the land was owned and managed by Shell and ExxonMobil Chemical would not be attending the meeting.
- Lochgelly Community Council.
  - Request made to ExxonMobil Chemical and Shell to fund time-based air quality monitors – this had also been discussed at the Air Quality Review Group meetings. The wind data analysis confirmed that the wind only blew from Mossmorran to Lochgelly 3.5% of the time and there was no justification for further monitoring in Lochgelly. The companies did not intend to fund any further monitoring at this time.
  - LCC raised concerns about Noise pollution with the potential source being Mossmorran – no one addressing issues.
  - Community requesting more investment into local area, projects and the residents – ExxonMobil Chemical stated that it already carried out sponsorship and donations in the region of £140,000 per year to the local communities around Mossmorran and Braefoot Bay. Sponsorship and donations were carried out directly with the participants and not through a third party. Communities requesting sponsorship or a donation should write to Catherine Cubitt at ExxonMobil Chemical with their requests.

- Burns supper invite from ExxonMobil Chemical was declined; the request to raffle the invite was felt to be inappropriate.

## **7.5 Community Council**

Issues Raised:

- Auchtertool Community Council.
  - RM queried why Auchtertool Primary School was not in FEP pond life calendar – ILH fed back that this was because FEP did not receive any artwork from Auchtertool Primary School following the visit.
- Cowdenbeath Community Council.
  - The current process for grant applications was complicated.

## **8. AOB**

None

## **9. Extra – Fracking**

- Invite the Company carrying out Fracking in Scotland to this committee meeting for a general discussion on the subject?
  - Fife has geology for Fracking.
  - ExxonMobil Chemical stated that it did not have any plans to carryout Fracking in the UK.
  - Fracked gas may be suitable for processing at the Mossmorran complex depending on the type of gas recovered.

## **10 Date of future meetings:**

13 March 2014

12 June 2014

11 September 2014

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