

Mossmorran & Braefoot Bay Community & Safety Committee Meeting



Date: 29th February 2024

Time: 18:30

Location: City Chambers, Dunfermline

Present: Councillor Alistair Bain, Convener - Fife Councillor (AB)
Councillor David Barratt – Fife Councillor (DB)
Councillor Julie MacDougall - Fife Councillor (JMacD)
Craig Burnett - Shell (CB)
William Dryburgh - Aberdour Community Council (WD)
David Fisher – SEPA
Toby Hamblin – ExxonMobil (TH)
Eleanor Martin – Lumphinnans Community Council (EM)
James Martin - Lumphinnans Community Council (JM)
John Minhinick – Aberdour Community Council (JM)
Pauline McGeevor – Shell (PMcG)
Stuart Neill – ExxonMobil (SN)

In attendance: Kenny Bisset – Fife Council (KB)
Nigel Kerr - Fife Council (NK)

Secretariat: Lesley Kirk, Fife Council
Morag Paterson, Fife Council

Apologies: Kenny Bisset – Fife Council (KB)
Gordon Black - Crossgates & Mossgreen Community Council (GB)
Emma Broadshaw - ExxonMobil (EB)
Peter Franklin - Dalgety Bay & Hillend Community Council (PF)
Alex MacDonald - Burntisland Community Council (AMacD)
Elizabeth Rae – Cowdenbeath Community Council (ER)
Mark Ruskell, MSP (MR)
Lynsey Scott, Cardenden Community Council

1. Apologies for Absence

Noted.

2. Declaration of Interest

None.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes accepted.

4. Current Situation Reports

4.1 Councillors

JMacD advised the two concerns at Auchtertool had been resolved quickly.

JMacD stated she would like a discussion at some point regarding community engagement.

DB advised he had nothing to report.

AB advised he had received one complaint regarding the glare from the Ground Flares.

4.2 Shell UK Ltd (MD)

CB talked to the report previously circulated and highlighted the following:



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- Fife NGL had a very steady period of operations during this reporting period.
- Fife NGL will carry out an annual test of their shutdown valves on the 18th and 19th March which is an important part of the plant's safety system. Fife NGL have planned to minimise any elevated flaring but there is potential there may be short periods of flaring during the 48-hour period. Further information will be provided nearer the time to stakeholders via Community Notice.
- There was no process safety or personal safety incidents in the period since our last report.
- During this reporting period we completed two emergency responses exercises covering low likelihood scenarios.
- Fife NGL had a busy and productive period at Braefoot Bay, successfully berthed 17 ships as per our shipping schedule. All loaded and unloaded with no issues.
- Workforce remains stable. CB encouraged the group to circulate local opportunities for apprenticeships to local networks.
- Fife NGL hosted the Fife Developing the Young Workforce Board in January which included some board members taking part in a walk around the site.
- Fife NGL hosted one of their three Career Ready pupils at the site in February. Three site mentors are taking part in the programme, each paired with one pupil from Queen Anne, Viewforth (Windmill Campus) and St Columbas High Schools. A 4-week internship will take place over the summer period.
- No community notices were issued during this period.
- No complaints about our operations during this reporting period.
- Work is underway on three Energy Transition Skills Hubs at Northeast Scotland College, Pembrokeshire College and Fife College (campus in Rosyth). The hubs will provide teaching space and equipment demonstrating the latest energy technologies. The new learning facility in Fife will provide learners with the opportunity to gain new skills to accelerate their careers or take up jobs in the energy transition. Learners will access a host of courses from short, immersive Professional Development Awards right through to HND level courses in engineering and renewables. A nano-grid system is being created which will be fully functional by September 2024.
- Fife NGL are sponsoring the Fife Engineers & Science Clubs Celebration Event on 11th June at Carnegie Conference Centre. This one-day event will be an opportunity for primary schools to showcase their work.
- The group were reminded if they are aware of a good community cause to be please reach out to Pauline McGeevor.

AB enquired if a design is being worked on for wind turbines. A discussion followed, PMcG advised they are working with Fife Council and the University. It was noted it will

provide an opportunity for upskilling. It was confirmed that potential jobs can be shared via social media with any queries to be directed to PMcG.

4.2 ExxonMobil (MB)

TH talked to the report previously circulated and highlighted the following:



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Fife Contribution
Round-up document

- FEP was selected as one of the first sites worldwide to introduce ExxonMobil's new Personnel Safety Management System (PSMS). The system went live in February and will continue to evolve.
- FEP utilised the EGF on 6th December 2023 following a loss of sulphur dosing to site furnaces, which resulted in the requirement to shut down plant equipment. During the initial phases of the event, usage of the elevated flare was short and for intermittent periods. The EGF contained 99.7% of flared gas, due to the weather conditions there was a glow visible. No complaints were received by FEP however multiple were received by SEPA.
- FEP utilised the EGF again on the 6th February 2024 due to a proactive maintenance opportunity identified through the sites routine inspection programme which resulted in equipment being taken offline. Usage of the elevated flare was short and for intermittent periods but 98.7% was contained in the EGF. Proactive communications were made to inform the community and SEPA.
- During both its recent operation, the EGF did exactly what it was designed to do, containing 98% of required flaring, it was completely smokeless, no vibration which FEP will continue to monitor.
- FEP continue to undertake stakeholder engagement. Since the last Committee Meeting, Neale Hanvey, Annable Ewing MSP and Cllr Bailey-Lee Robb have visited the site.
- Workforce remains stable. Recruitment is underway for a Lead Inspector, Machinery Engineer and a Mechanical Integrity Engineer. Applications for apprentices will open on 4 March. A further eight positions will be available for Shift Process Technicians.
- As part of FEP's site safety initiative our valued contractors from Altrad achieved zero safety incidents during almost 100 days delivering a major maintenance project on one of our furnaces, enabling an amazing contribution of £4800 to the Kelty-based charity, Gordon Cottage.
- TH advised the Supporting Communities 2023 supplement gives an overview of the £100k funding donated to local communities.

AB requested hard copies of the Supporting Communities 2023 supplement for distribution to Community Councils.

4.4 SEPA (DF)

DF talked to the report previously circulated and highlighted the following:



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- SEPA have made changes to the site. The refreshed website can be found at [Mossmorran | Beta | SEPA | Scottish Environment Protection Agency](#).
- Permits and Data returns are being moved to SEPA's public register which is located at [Find an Authorisation Document - PPC A | Scottish Environment Protection Agency \(SEPA\)](#)
- Desktop and onsite inspections continue with FEP & FNGL with particular focus on:
 - FEP – Discussion and meetings are ongoing re plans to reduce nitrogen dioxide emissions. Leak Detection and Repair (LDAR) Audit completed November 2023. SEPA air emission monitoring due to be completed by March 2024. Drainage inspection planned for March 2024.
 - FNGL - New ground flare quarterly progress meetings (latest in December 2023). SEPA air emission monitoring due in December. Review of air modelling methodology for new ground flare ongoing. SEPA air emission monitoring due to complete by March 24
 - Braefoot Bay - Combined COMAH (FNGL) and PPC Part B (FEP) Inspection completed (September).
- Complaints received since last update (up to 22 February) is 40. The majority of these complaints were in relation to the ground flare.
- SEPA continue to operate two continuous noise monitoring stations, one at the Lochgelly water tower and the other on farmland immediately to the north of the Mossmorran complex.
- The SEPA monitoring network continues to operate with collecting data in near real time and is available to the public: [Mossmorran Air Quality Network \(sepa.org.uk\)](#)
- VOC data will be available in due course.

DF advised he had followed up the query raised at the last meeting regarding data sharing with the Air Quality Scotland website. DF confirmed the two systems are not compatible, however DF has asked if a link could be added to signpost to the SEPA website.

A discussion followed regarding flaring and noise. NK confirmed any concerns should be directed to the EAG. It was noted the results from a recent survey undertaken by My Cowdenbeath highlighted 31% of residents are still concerned about flaring and noise. ER commented that although there has been major investment at the site it will take time for local residents to gain confidence, change their perception and understand the benefits of the improvements for communities.

4.5 Update on Expert Advisory Groups

NK talked to the report previously circulated and highlighted the following:



Written Submission
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- The Independent Air Quality Report for 2022 has been finalised following an extensive peer review process and an elected members briefing note produced. The 2022 report is also accompanied by a two-sided leaflet summarising the content of the report in a non-technical format. These documents are available on the dedicated Fife Council Mossmorran and Braefoot Bay web pages at [Mossmorran and Braefoot Bay | Fife Council](#).

- The Mossmorran and Braefoot Bay Expert Advisory Group on Air Quality met on 20th February 2024 to progress production of the Independent Air Quality Report for 2023. This will be finalised later this year again with a NTS leaflet.
- Q & As for noise, light and vibration issues have been posted on the new Fife Council Mossmorran web pages.
- Views will be sought on the non-technical summary leaflet for the MMBB 2023 Independent Air Quality Report.
- The Mossmorran and Braefoot Bay General Annual Report is currently being compiled and will be presented to Environment, Transportation and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee meeting on 19th March 2024

NK thanked partners for their input, the report had gone through a robust process.

NK advised there had been no feedback to date from the public with regard to the Q & As for noise, light and vibration.

4.6 Questions

AB asked the two operators for the correct contact details for future funding requests.

DF confirmed he would check with a colleague to ascertain if the Air Quality Data information could be obtained for last year, at present it is only available for this year.

5. Any Other Business

It was confirmed meetings will be held quarterly on the last Thursday of the month – May, August and November.

6. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in May 2024 at Mossmorran with an earlier start time of 4:45 pm.