

Mossmorran & Braefoot Bay Community & Safety Committee Meeting



Date: 24th August 2023

Time: 18:30

Location: Maxwell Centre, Cowdenbeath

Present:

- Councillor Alistair Bain, Convener - Fife Councillor (AB)
- Councillor David Barratt – Fife Councillor (DB)
- Councillor Julie MacDougall - Fife Councillor (JMacD)
- Tom Antram - ExxonMobil (TA)
- Gordon Black - Crossgates & Mossgreen Community Council (GB)
- Emma Broadshaw - ExxonMobil (EB)
- Craig Burnett - Shell (CB)
- Luigi Creazzo – Hill of Beath Community Council (LC)
- William Dryburgh - Aberdour Community Council (WD)
- David Fisher – SEPA
- Peter Franklin - Dalgety Bay & Hillend Community Council (PF)
- Toby Hamblin – ExxonMobil (TH)
- Eleanor Martin – Lumphinnans Community Council (EM)
- James Martin - Lumphinnans Community Council (JM)
- Alex MacDonald - Burntisland Community Council (AMacD)
- Pauline McGeever – Shell (PMcG)
- Stuart Neill – ExxonMobil (SN)

In attendance: Kenny Bisset – Fife Council (KB)

Secretariat: Lesley Kirk, Fife Council

Apologies: Nigel Kerr - Fife Council (NK)
Mark Ruskell, MSP (MR)

1. Apologies for Absence

Noted.

2. Declaration of Interest

None.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

It was noted TH's company is Exxonmobil.

Minutes accepted.

4. Current Situation Reports

4.1 Councillors

DB advised he had nothing to report but commented on recent press reports regarding industrial action.

JMacD advised she had nothing to report. JMacD thanked Tom Antram, ExxonMobil for supporting St Andrews Court and for making connections with the Ward area.

AB advised he had nothing to report.

4.2 ExxonMobil (MB)

TH apologised for the change of venue for the quarterly meeting which was due to unofficial industrial action by individuals employed by contracting companies onsite. TH reported the matter had been resolved and extended the invitation and was looking forward to have the committee onsite to showcase their enclosed ground flare.

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



ExxonMobil August
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- Performance strong this quarter with no significant operational or reliability issues.
- Personnel and site safety also remains strong with no serious injuries reported for this quarter.
- The new enclosed ground flare was successfully commissioned on 27th June. The new unit is embedding in with regular operational learnings undertaken. TH stated we are confident it will deliver improvements to communities.
- The enclosed ground flare was utilised on 25th July in a full operational setting which a unit was taken offline. It operated as designed with no discernable noise or visual impact. It worked flawlessly with no complaints received.
- Ongoing regular engagement with SEPA and HSE continues in-line with the planned inspection programme.
- Two noise complaints received during this quarter which resulted in us changing our operational procedures in light of one of the complaints received.
- 100 contracting personnel employed by three contracting companies operating on site held unofficial industrial action. This originated from unsubstantiated safety claims in relation to a small number of site sounders and subsequently became a payment dispute with their employers. The majority of the workforce continued working, we proactively advised HSE of the mitigations steps taken. There was no impact on site operations and the matter has now been resolved.
- Workforce remains stable. FEP have taken on four Apprentices; two maintenance engineers and two business administrators. Three Process Technicians have also been appointed who will join the team in Autumn.
- Six hands on science sessions delivered for pupils at Viewforth, Queen Anne and St Columbas High Schools to share the scientific fundamentals of how our plant work while encouraging pupils to engage with the STEM projects.
- A team volunteered their time to renovate the residents garden at Lindsay House Care Home.
- FEP continue to support different good causes in Fife e.g. Coastwatch West Fife, St Andrews Court, Kirkcaldy Netball Club.
- The group were reminded if they are aware of a good community cause to be please reach out to Tom Antram.

- The group were reminded of the contact details for Exxonmobil to enable communities to reach out.

4.3 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. We have continued to operate with two of our modules online and one on standby.
- On 3rd August we shutdown and freed Module 3 of hydrocarbons to comments it turnaround.
- Fife NGL had a busy and productive period at Braefoot Bay where we successfully berthed 22 ships as per our shipping schedule. All loaded and unloaded with no issues.
- There was no process safety or personal safety incidents in the period since in our last report.
- During this reporting period we had a Human Factors health & safety executive inspection which resulted in no action required.
- Fife NGL continue to attend and input to the Air Quality Expert Advisory Group.
- During this reporting period we completed two emergency responses exercises covering low likelihood scenarios.
- Emergency planning exercises take place every month which cover a multitude of scenarios throughout the year. This quarterly exercise was postponed due to the 'Turnaround' maintenance activities.
- Workforce remains stable with the addition of new apprentices planned (must be from local communities).
- One community notice issued during this period regarding Fife NGL turnaround maintenance.
- One complaint received during this period which addressed a general complaint from a local resident.
- Health and Safety Inspection during this period which looked at our computer systems which resulted in HSE happy with the findings.
- The Family Fun Day was an enormous success with seven hundred attending.
- Fife NGL awarded three £1,000 scholarships to engineering students at Fife College.
- Shell Twilight currently running in Lochgelly and Burntisland.
- A number of organisations benefitted from the Shell's Community Grants.
- The group were reminded if they are aware of a good community cause to be please reach out to Pauline McGeevor.

AMacD commented he was aware of only one other unofficial action which involved third party contractors on site.

AMacD thanked ExxonMobil for their funding contribution to purchase an emergency lifting chair to aid residents who have fallen in St Andrews Court. The product is first class and will immensely support residents.

DB enquired if it would be beneficial to have union representation on this Committee. A discussion followed which highlighted the situation which arose was a communication issue which had been resolved. It was felt this Committee should not

get involved with the operators management/unions when they have Joint Council Committees who deal with matters.

JMacD enquired about SSF and partners. JMacD to send PMcG an email.

PMcG confirmed the Pitreavie Athletics Outreach Programme will be coming to this area – Ballingry and Benarty.

AB enquired about the scaffolding training at Shell. CB replied he believed it was in-house training. AB said CITB are considered the best training around.

LR gave an overview of the Knights Templar Goodwill Charity in Cowdenbeath who have recently opened a Community Hub in Cowdenbeath. The group supports a broad spectrum for those in the local area e.g. relief of poverty, social isolation etc.

DB advised he had nothing to report

4.4 SEPA (DF)

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



SEPA August
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- SEPA continue to update the Mossmorran Hub with the latest information. The latest information includes a closeout report on the IEPA Recommendations for 2021.
- Desktop and onsite inspections continue with FEP. Particular focus on the completion of the FEP and SEPA air emission monitoring, plans to reduce nitrogen dioxide emissions from the furnaces and follow up on recent use of the now operational ground flare.
- Desktop and onsite inspections continue with FNGL. Particular focus on the new ground flare, review of new low noise flare tip and inspection of drainage systems.
- Desktop and onsite inspections continue with Braefoot Bay. Particular focus on the combined COMAH and PCC Part B Inspection in September.
- Four complaints received this quarter, three relating to noise and one on dust.
- 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 and is available in near real time to the public at: SEPA have responded to one query on the system from a member of the public: [Mossmorran Air Quality Network \(sepa.org.uk\)](https://www.sepa.org.uk/mossmorran-air-quality-network)

A discussion arose which LR highlighted My Cowdenbeath CIC, a community interest company run by local residents have undertaken a residents survey which of the 850 replies received 31% of them raised that the flaring and noise from the Mossmorran site is still a problem. It was noted the new ground flare will alleviate and improve the situation for residents, it was recognised it will take time to change resident's perception.

DB raised a concern with the SEPA air quality information which is not linked to the Scottish website which gives the perception nothing is happening. DF agreed it is misleading, the bar has been set high for data, but he had raised internally.

KB enquired about the air quality data from the portable sensor arrays at various lamppost locations. DF confirmed information will be shared via the Air Quality EAG. JM commented the reduced number of complaints/lack of them shows the improvements undertaken by companies, more good news stories should be shared, and communities should be looking forward and not in the past.

AB commented companies engage with communities on a regular basis.

4.5 Update on Expert Advisory Groups

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



Expert Advisory
Groups August 2023

- The Independent Air Quality Report for 2022 is currently being produced with a view to having this completed by end of this September 2023. Once finalised a briefing note, an elected members briefing note and NTS leaflet will also be produced.
- The Mossmorran and Braefoot Bay Expert Advisory Group on Air Quality met on Thursday 3rd August 2023 to primarily confirm arrangements to produce the 2022 Independent Air Quality Report. Discussion also took place on the air quality monitoring regime around the Mossmorran and Braefoot Bay facilities with an emphasis on knowledge sharing between appropriate parties involved.
- It was noted the Terms of Reference and Constitution of Groups had been agreed at Council Cabinet Committee of Thursday 29th June 2023.
- It was also agreed at the Council Cabinet Committee an annual report would be presented advising on Mossmorran and Braefoot activities, which will include information on air quality.
- Noise, Vibration and Light Expert Advisory Group met on the 27th February 2023 which updated progress on Q & As, this is still being progressed and it was agreed these would be posted on the Fife Council Mossmorran web pages.
- It was also agreed a detailed report on noise would not be required at this stage as enclosed ground flares will greatly reduce noise impacts on communities going forward.
- The Noise, Vibration and Light EAG also discussed the format and content for the relevant Annual General Report on Mossmorran and Braefoot Bay facilities. This will likely take the form of a collated summary of quarterly update reports to the Safety Committee.
- Communications Expert Advisory Group will be consulted on the content for the NTS leaflet of MMBB Independent Air Quality Report 2022.
- The Communications EAG will also discuss the format and content of the general report but will likely take the form of a collated summary of quarterly update reports presented to the Safety Committee.

4.6 Review of Requirement for Annual Report

This item was covered during the discussions on EAGs under Item 4.5

4.7 Questions

No.

5. **Just Transition for Mossmorran Report**

AB advised MR had sent his apologies for today's Committee Meeting.

It was agreed that it would still be beneficial for MR to attend a future meeting to give a general understanding of the Just Transition Report. MR will be informed of the date for the next meeting.

6. Any Other Business

AMacD advised Community Council elections will be held on 28th September.

AMacD informed the meeting Burntisland have produced their new Community Action Plan for 2023-2028 which outlines the communities vision, priorities and actions for next five years.

TH enquired about ExxonMobil attending a future Cowdenbeath Area Committee meeting. AB agreed to follow this up.

7. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 23rd November at 6.30 pm – 8.00 pm, ExxonMobil, Mossmorran.