

20th April 2017



The fifth meeting of the Mynydd y Gwair Wind Farm Community Liaison Group

Pontarddulais Welfare Institute

Attendees

Brigitte Rowlands, West Glamorgan Commoners Association
Councillor Kevin Griffiths, Pontarddulais Town and Community Council
Paul Newman, Clerk, Pontlliw and Tircoed Community Council
Councillor Paul Northcote, Mawr Community Council
Councillor Robert Jones, Mawr Community Council
Dean Howard, Highways & Transportation Street Works Manager, City and County of Swansea
Sergeant Philip Morris, South Wales Police
Emma North, Planning Officer, City and County of Swansea
Neil Chambers, Contracts Manager, Dawnus Construction Ltd
Tim James, Construction Manager, Innogy Renewables UK Ltd
Jenny Cowley, Community Liaison Officer, Innogy Renewables UK Ltd
Angharad Davies, Cadno Communications Ltd

1. Welcome and introductions

AD chaired the meeting in the absence of Philip McDonnell. She welcomed the group and noted that many had attended the construction site visit hosted by innogy at 5 pm that evening.

2. Apologies

- Philip McDonnell, Chair
- David Owen, Planning Officer, City and County of Swansea
- Mark Lewis, Security Concepts Advisor, Innogy Renewables UK Ltd

3. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

The chair asked group members to check the minutes for accuracy and approve the minutes.

3.1 Tim James confirmed that the Archaeological report (item 3.5) had been submitted to SCC.

3.2 Members confirmed that contact information had been uploaded onto Community Council websites and Facebook pages (item 4.19) and TJ said that the same information had also been uploaded onto the innogy website.

3.3 According to one member, there are still concerns about construction vehicles continuing to drive through Pontarddulais (item 4.14), albeit the incidences are small in number and only constitute a very small percentage of the overall construction traffic. TJ said he was not aware of incidences over the previous few weeks and NC (Dawnus) said he had not received any direct complaints. JC said that she had receive 1 complaint about the matter in the last month, and referred to the signage at the site entrance. innogy and Dawnus acknowledged that it was important to tackle all incidences but that further details would be needed to do this, including the vehicle licence plate number. There is now a gateman in place, and he is briefed to turn drivers away if they enter the site from the wrong direction. Dawnus believe that the gateman is carrying out his brief.

3.4 NC confirmed that Dawnus were erecting contact signage on the gatehouse next week (4.21).

3.5 The minutes were approved agreed as a true record of the previous meeting.

4. Update from Tim James

4.1 The access track has been constructed up to the 26" and 66" watermain crossings. Currently, the temporary supports on the crossings are being stripped out. Access on and off these crossings will be constructed and ready to use by the end of next week.

- 4.2 DCWW had inspected the work (20 April) and will report back to innogy.
- 4.3 Thereafter, work will continue to construct the track up to and beyond Heol-y-Barna, including the construction of a retaining wall in one section outside A1K9.
- 4.4 The Dawnus team will also be reducing the level at the site entrance. This requires the removal of a lot of material and it is anticipated that most of the stone will be recycled within the scheme.
- 4.5 **Road Closures** begin in two weeks' time:
- 4.6 Due to the Local Government elections, the road closures were delayed and will begin on 8th May.
- 4.7 DH of the Highways Dept at SCC explained that road closure notices will be erected prior to any road closures and that adverts would be placed in the South Wales Evening Post.
- 4.8 JC tabled copies of the road closure maps and maps indicating where the road closure notices were to be placed. The closures take place over a 22 week period, in two main phases.
- 4.9 Phase 1: Heol-y-Barna; From A1K9 to Five Roads junction, and Heol-Glyn-Dyfal from the cattle grid to the site entrance (near Blaen Nant Ddu Farm). This will take approximately 10 weeks.
- 4.10 Phase 2: From Five Roads junction to Heol Glyn Dyfal. This will take approximately 12 weeks. Unfortunately, this closure requires a 22km diversion.
- 4.11 Maps of the diversions and the relevant written schedule will be circulated immediately to CLG members and any feedback should be directed to DH and JC. Members were asked to advertise the road closure maps and information as widely as possible, including uploading these onto community council websites and Facebook pages. **Action: DH to send to AD and AD to circulate to CLG members.**
- 4.12 JC confirmed that she is visiting the households directly affected within the road closure boundary. She has already knocked on some doors along the affected route and Cwm Dulais is next on the list.

Questions to Tim

- 4.13 A query was raised about the material being extracted to lower the levels at the site entrance. TJ confirmed that this is rock, and re-iterated that it would be recycled on site.
- 4.14 Concerns have been raised by local residents about cracks in ceilings at nearby properties. JC confirmed that these same queries had been raised directly with innogy, too, and that in one case she had met with the concerned resident. innogy is closely monitoring vibration and is using the monitoring results from the property it owns (very close to the site) as a benchmark. The Construction Method Statement (CMS) contains strict standards and limits in relation to vibration and these must be adhered to.

5. Update from Jenny Cowley

- 5.1 JC has received two complaints about noise and vibration and has visited the first complainant, and has offered to visit the second concerned resident.
- 5.2 A query was raised in relation to archaeological features at Henglawdd and Hengoed and JC was able to confirm that these had been noted in the Environmental Statement (ES) and they were outside the work boundary and would therefore not be affected.
- 5.3 TJ noted that although 1000 tonnes of material had been moved offsite in the last few weeks, no complaints had been received, which demonstrated that contractors were carrying out their duties effectively, and that the highway was being kept free of debris.
- 5.4 DH confirmed that no complaints had been received by SCC.
- 5.5 One member of the CLG also noted that he had received a positive comment from a member of the public about how the contractor was keeping the road clean.
- 5.6 JC explained that her immediate focus now was to speak to local residents about the road closures, especially those most impacted.
- 5.7 It was noted that householders within the road closure boundary, the school bus and bin lorries, would be given special access during the period.
- 5.8 JC updated members about the Community Investment Fund: The period to express an interest in the independent administrator role is now closed and 4 organisations have been invited to

submit a pre-qualification questionnaire (PQQ)). The indicative timetable outlined in the March meeting had slipped slightly and the new timetable is:

- 19th May – issue ITT
- 2nd June – clarifications deadline
- 9th June – return ITT
- 19th June – supplier interviews and final selections
- 26th June – contract award

5.9 innogy has met with Mawr community council and is working with them to do further consultation because Mawr had been unable to participate in the original consultation.

5.10 An observation about the veracity of the water sampling being undertaken has been raised by a local resident with the hydrology company commissioned by innogy to undertake the sampling work. TJ asked for these concerns to also be shared directly with innogy. TJ explained that the current water samples being taken were to establish a baseline measurement as part of the 6 month monitoring that will be required. As yet, no construction work is being undertaken so no comparisons can be drawn about pre and post construction work water quality.

5.11 It has been agreed that the information relating to household water quality will be provided in a report to each individual household.

5.12 It was felt that Ffynnon Sant Farm should also be subject to the water sampling monitoring. Currently it is not being monitored. innogy will look at this to better understand the reason why Ffynnon Sant Farm was not originally included. It was noted that Natural Resources Wales (NRW) would have been responsible for identifying properties to be monitored. **Action: JC to pursue.**

6. **AOB**

6.1 There was no AOB.

7. **Next meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 26th May at Garnswllt Welfare Hall.

The meeting concluded at 6.42 pm