

## **Meeting of Fife Council on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

### **Amendment to the Emergency Motion**

“Council notes with dismay last week's SEPA report of the emission of up to 13,800 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> into the atmosphere from the ExxonMobil plant at Mossmorran between the 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Council also notes that that was the fourth period of unscheduled elevated flaring at the plant in 2020 and that it was followed by an extended period of ground flare operation, which has prompted weekly protests of growing numbers of residents outside the plant. Over the weekend of 31<sup>st</sup> October and 1<sup>st</sup> November last, there was further noisy elevated and ground flaring, with neither notice nor subsequent explanation.

Council further notes that the Scottish Government announced on September 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 the formation of a Just Transition Board for Grangemouth.

Council notes, too, that SEPA have referred ExxonMobil Chemical Limited to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service for consideration of prosecution related to flaring that took place over Easter 2019 and that SEPA remains ‘frustrated by the frequency of flaring and the flow of information from the operator’ and that in October this year it confirmed that it is ‘investigating whether there has been a breach of permit conditions which would inform our next steps in line with our published Enforcement Policy’.

Council welcomes these legal proceedings and notes that the current consideration by the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service may preclude a concurrent Scottish Government Inquiry.

Given the foregoing, the Council:

- Calls on Fife Council and NHS Fife to work together to commission a further report into the Health and Social Impacts of operations at both Mossmorran plants;
- calls on the Scottish Government to work with the Council to establish a Just Transition Board similar to that at Grangemouth, to examine all options for the short, medium-and long-term future of the plants, including phased decommissioning. This Board to look at all key issues, including the recognition of the large numbers of jobs involved and to seek the inclusion of the GMB and Unite Unions in the Board and
- in the event of anticipating a delay in the creation of a Just Transmission Board, will commence the process of establishing a Working Group to progress the relevant issues until a such a Board is established by the Scottish Government and will seek the inclusion of the GMB and Unite Unions in that Group.”

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