

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

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Time: 18:30

Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Present: Councillor Alistair Bain, Convener - Fife Councillor (AB)  
Councillor David Barratt - Fife Councillor (DB)  
Councillor Kathleen Leslie - Fife Councillor (KL)  
Nigel Kerr - Fife Council (NK)  
Kylie Bishop - ExxonMobil (KB)  
Kenny Bissett – Fife Council (KB)  
Tyne Bradley – Shell (TB)  
Ian Brocklebank - SEPA (IB)  
Martin Burrell - ExxonMobil (MB)  
Craig Burnett - Shell (CB)  
William Dryburgh – Aberdour Community Council (WD)  
Peter Franklin - Dalgety Bay & Hillend Community Council (PF)  
Martin Grey – SEPA (MG)  
Lynda Holton - Representing Neale Hanvey  
Alex MacDonald - Burntisland Community Council (AMacD)  
Stuart Neill - ExxonMobil (SN) by phone  
Angela Roy - Cardenden Community Council  
Louise Russell - ExxonMobil (LR)  
Wendy Thornton - SEPA (WT)

Secretariat – Lesley Kirk, Fife Council

Apologies: Neale Hanvey MP  
Mairi McKay - Shell  
Alex Rhodes - Shell  
Ameila Howie - Lumphinnans Community Council  
Tom Kinnaird – Benarty Community Council

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Noted.

### **2. Declaration of Interest**

None.

### **3. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Amendment to spelling for Stuart Neill.

Minutes accepted.

### **4. Presentation by SEPA – Irish EPA Review**

IB talked to a presentation.



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AMacD commented the content of the Review is reassuring and particularly liked the enhanced information because it is supportive but said if it must be summarised in a different format, not to begin with what you are not going to do, found this slightly negative and unnecessary. There are recommendations which are not specific to SEPA and require engagement from the companies, Fife Council, Communities etc which we need to bear in mind.

MB advised he saw some positives from the report around making sure there is improved collaboration between the companies and SEPA in sharing information which we are very supportive of. There has been communication with SEPA to explore this further.

MG agreed and said the events we are running next week bringing partners together is a signal of intent. In terms of the solutions for both monitoring and community enhanced information, have got to be multi-agency.

## 5. Update on SEPA Community Engagement Sessions



SEPA Community  
Engagement Session

IB talked to a presentation.

MB commented there has been a lot of work done in the past by us, SEPA, the Wood Group which has demonstrated there is very little impact outside of the site on local communities and said he would like to think this will be a balanced discussion which puts historical monitoring on the table rather than an open-ended discussion. IB highlighted the second bullet point on slide one and reconfirmed this will be explained and will inform on past monitoring results.

WT said all our data shows there isn't an air quality problem so the question we are actually asking in the workshop is that statement, what might reassure them, and this is what we would like to explore. WT appreciates there has been a lot of work carried out in the past, we hear directly from the community on a regular basis with their concerns, this is an opportunity to tell us again or anything new and we will hopefully be reaching people we have never reached before.

MG agreed, the evidence is clear, it demonstrates very clearly there is not an air quality issue at the site, we would like to understand more and have an honest discussion. We hear a lot that there is a need for an air quality network but before we go and design something, spend public funds unnecessarily, what is it the community would like and hear from SEPA and others.

NK said it is risk communication - perception versus reality and how can we bridge the gap. When we deal with contaminated land and the risk perception does not match the actual risk and the reality of the situation, this will be a challenge going forward.

AB said people have been stating for years there is pollution, contamination coming from Mossmorran and it is making them ill, but when I look at the data there is nothing there, we have to try and persuade people this is the case but unfortunately we won't be able to persuade everyone.

## 6. Current Situation Reports

### 5.1 Councillors

DB said it has been quiet, nothing to report.

KL said nothing to report. KL thanked IB for the presentations and stated the community engagement sessions will be shared on social media and said it will be interesting to see how many attends.

AB said he had nothing to report.

## 5.2 ExxonMobil (MB)

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

- Re-start was managed extremely well and not very visible to the community.
- We had our lowest ever evaluated flare activity for re-starting the plant, not just in terms of duration but also intensity.
- Continue to monitor on a regular basis with SEPA and work closely with HSE. Site had a couple of visits from HSE over the last two months.
- Climate camp protest at the end of July was peaceful with over one hundred participants. From our intelligence a lot of the protestors were from out with the area.
- Great progress is being made with the enclosed ground flare. Continuing to communicate and share information on a regular basis and commented we are on track for 2022 but are concerned with supply chain shortages.
- Continue with the employment process, taking on four Process Technicians and continue to support Apprentices.
- Community Matters Magazine continues to keep everyone informed on progress. We have received positive feedback with less complaints. We feel the communication is the right balance, people understand what we are doing.
- Incentive programme for staff to support and recognise safe behaviour on site enabled three local charities to benefit, each receiving £5k.
- Over 20,000 STEM items have been delivered to four local High Schools.
- Donated to local youth club to ensure they could restart safely.
- Sponsor Fife Cycle Speedway.
- We are restarting community engagement with local Community Councils.

AMacD enquired if the Community Matters Magazine is a new issue? SN confirmed it came out a few weeks ago and agreed to forward a copy.

AMacD commented he was delighted with the STEM items donations and said in past years Shell have organised a generation science activity in Aberdour and enquired if there were any plans to revive this? AMacD asked if there is any liaison between ExxonMobil and Shell as both seem to be supporting STEM activities.

SN replied LR regularly engages with MMcK and we do always look for opportunities. Shell have very well-funded programmes and we are moving into this space but if we can identify to work jointly, we will.

NK enquired with MB, attendance at this group has always been challenge which may be due to it being virtual and not all Community Councils can access Teams, NK said when you start to engage with Community Councils, particularly those who have not attended for a while, could you encourage attendance at this forum as it is the best way for them to hear exactly what is happening. SN confirmed they would feed this back at their meetings.

## 5.3 Shell UK Ltd (CB)

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

- Completed planned maintenance work on module 2 in June safely and on time.
- Upcoming routine work on module 3 taking place from 5<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> November, additional personnel will be onsite.
- Recently removed a flare tip from the Fife NGL elevate flare stack to meet commitment made in 2018 with SEPA.
- No process safety incidents in the last quarter.
- HSE and SEPA have been on site. HSE carried out three routine inspections. Flaring and Venting aspects were joint with SEPA. One action that focussed on Process Safety/Electrical Control & Instrumentation with follow up work in respect to the ground flares.
- One noted accident - Colleague slipped on gravel in the car park and required some first aid.
- Two emergency exercises completed.
- We continue to employ over two hundred on site and have increased the number of trainees to nine.
- Welcomed three local high school students on the Career Ready programme.
- Increased funding for Shell Twilight and attended the launch at Lochgelly HS.
- Continue support for Dunfermline Foodbank with a donation of food and other items collected at site.
- Sponsored Fife Art and attended the handover of the winning 2020 artwork. Fife Art 2021 has been put on hold at present due to covid, options are being explored
- Partnered with Fife College to deliver a free online nine-week course to assist people with digital skills. Each student will receive a Chromebook to support their studies.
- Donated equipment to Edinburgh College. Currently supporting nine apprentices.
- Some planned events have been cancelled or postponed for this year.
- Shell Community Grants given out to Burntisland Play Group, Lochgelly Band and Scout Group in Cardenden.
- MMcK is following up on sponsoring lifesaving equipment in Dalgety Bay

AMacD enquired if it is the college who selects the participants for the digital skills course and/or does Shell have an input to the selection process. CB replied Fife College will action the selection process, Shell's role is funding and expertise. AMacD asked if the Chromebooks are retained by the college or gifted to the participants. CB advised he was unsure but would follow up and feedback.

NK asked for a reminder on the Shell Employee Action Grant. CB replied up to £350 is available for Shell employees/Shell retirees who are involved in either an external charity or community group. They must either have a charity number or constitution.

NK said regarding the flare tip being removed, in terms of capacity issues, if you had a flaring event would there be any issues. CB replied no, at FNGL we have a redundant flare tip, we only ever need two of the three flare tips. During normal operation it is not available, we took the opportunity to lower the stack, and will replace with a new flare tip.

NK stated regarding the one hour flaring event complaint, which is applicable for Shell, Exxon and SEPA, when somebody complains do you ask if they are part of the Community Notifications Scheme? NK said the reason for the complaint maybe they were unaware it was going to happen, and this would be a good way to build knowledge. CB replied the specific complaint went through SEPA and is unable to comment on the information provided back directly. CB said independent of knowledge of flaring or not we may still receive complaints from some within the community. MG replied we don't currently do that, but it is a reasonable point, happy to take this away and have a look going forward.

AR asked for more information on the process safety and environmental part of Shell's report and asked what this means in layman's terms. CB replied when HSE visit for an inspection they split into subject matters e.g human factors is a specialism within HSE, Electrical Control and Instrumentation has a subject matter expert and Process Safety has a subject matter expert. They come to our site with the subject matter experts and deep dive into all the three different aspects. CB said it is just the way in which the HSE have divided their specialisms. It is not in relation to a particular incident; it is a proactive investigation by HSE to ensure our processes and systems are robust to demonstrate the safety of our site. Human factors are where people interface with the equipment making sure we have done everything we can to ensure they are set up for success which covers a wide range of things. The action from the flaring event was low level and HSE were looking for us to demonstrate removal of an isolated cable. AR thanked CB and commented it gives more insight into the level of inspections that are going on, which is reassuring for people but perhaps there is a lack of understanding on the level of scrutiny undertaken.

AB congratulated both companies on their exceptional performance over the last quarter.

#### 5.4 SEPA (IB)

IB talked to a presentation and highlighted the following:

- SEPA continue to review and follow up on complaints. Thirty-five complaints since the last meeting, majority of these relate to flaring concerns but commented as there has been major restart in this period it is a very positive number.
- Several complaints received in recent weeks; the complainer believed the source was Mossmorran. A number of these related to a fire at Bowhill Recycling Facility which the Fire Service made the decision to allow it to burn out itself. This highlights that not all complaints relate to Mossmorran.
- MB and CB have talked about working on the improvements around flaring, the way they are operating the plant, discussions taken place around how the facility can operate to allow it to do what it needs to do to, enable flaring to take place in a way it does not impact on the community.
- Work is continuing on the flare tip and working on ground flares. The update provided by Exxon is extremely informative and will keep the communities informed of the journey.
- No complaints for Braefoot Bay.
- Exxon spotted a slightly oily sheen and dealt with this without breaching any permit conditions.
- All updates are posted in the Mossmorran Hub.

NK commented data was pulled from the Air Quality Monitor for the incident at the Bowhill Recycling Facility which provided information that no air quality objectives had been breached due to the fire.

#### **7. Update on Liaison Committee Review process – Expert Advisory Groups, amendments to Terms of Reference/Constitution and Annual Report**

NK advised he was going to arrange for the EAGs to meet but said he thought it would be better waiting until the SEPA Community Engagement Workshops have taken place and use the outputs from these to inform the EAGs so they can consider going forward. KB has updated the Terms of Reference for EAGs which will be shared to attendees of the groups next week.

NK said with regard to the timing for the Annual Report (which is a requirement following the review of the liaison Committee), Air Quality Report runs on a calendar year and wondered if this required Annual Report should be the same reporting period. An Annual Report for 2021 would need to go to Fife Council Committee in April next year but suggested perhaps a discussion offline is required to ascertain what should be included e.g. show the highlights, challenges etc NK to follow up offline with companies.

## 8. Any Other Business

NK advised he investigated recording these meetings, which is possible, but as there is attendance from external groups this raises data protection issues which would need to be agreed and signed off by all parties. A discussion followed on the relevance of this. NK advised transparency and trust were highlighted from the interviews held as part of the review process. It was suggested the meetings could be open to allow people to listen, NK commented he was unsure for the demand for this. AR said the role of the Community Council is to make sure the information is posted on our web pages and transferred to the community appropriately and commented information is widely available.

SN agreed, advised this was raised a while back and reconfirmed meetings are open, people can see the outputs and wasn't sure if there would be a high demand for this. Information should be channelled through Community Councils but will support the consensus.

MB said this is not a decision-making meeting, it is a discussion interchange and questioned whether it would be worthwhile exploring all the technical demands for this to happen.

MG said from a SEPA perspective we are comfortable with the concept of an open meeting and transparency, but it would up to the group to determine how this would proceed. MG advised they would be happy to pose the question at the forthcoming community engagement sessions.

AB/NK to take offline to draw up a couple of options.

AB thanked everyone for attending.

	<b>Action</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Status</b>
1	Encourage CCs to send representatives to attend Liaison Committee when attending CC meetings	SN	
2	Feedback on whether Chromebooks retained by college or gifted to students	CB	
3	Consider asking complainants whether they are signed up to the Community Notification Scheme	MG	
4	Updated Terms of Reference for EAGs to be circulated.	NK	
5	Annual Report – meet companies to agree scope and timelines	NK	
6	Consider further Recording of Meetings	NK	