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Mossmorran & Braefoot Bay Community & Safety Liaison Committee Meeting

Date: 14/03/2019

Time: 18:30

Location: New City House, Dunfermline

Present:

- CLlr Alistair Bain, Chair – Fife Councillor
- Alex Haddow – Cowdenbeath Community Council
- Peter Franklin – Dalgety Bay & Hill End Community Council
- Morag Campbell – Hill of Beath Community Council
- Amelia Howie - Lumphinnans Community Council
- John Raine – Shell UK Limited
- Teresa Waddington – Shell UK Limited
- Alex Rhodes – Shell UK Limited
- Stuart Neill – ExxonMobil Chemical Limited
- Catherine Cubitt – ExxonMobil Chemical Limited
- Gillian Doel - ExxonMobil Chemical Limited

1. Apologies for Absence

- Ian Brocklebank - SEPA
- Alex MacDonald – Burntisland Community Council
- David Taylor – Cardenden Community Council

2. Declaration of Interest

- None

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

- Noted and approved.

4 Community Attitudes Research Presentation (Appendix A – Presentation)

Mark Diffley of Mark Diffley Consultancy and Research Ltd gave a presentation on the results of the ExxonMobil Chemical FEP Community Attitudes Research 2019

Background

A face to face survey of a representative sample of 200 residents with the communities surrounding FEP took place between 12 November and 7 December 2018.

Qualitative research was also carried out with 18 'key opinion formers' (KOFs), involving in

depth interviewing with community councillors, politicians, media representatives and public bodies between 10 December 2018 and 7 February 2019.

Findings Overview Residents

- 80% of those who know ExxonMobil very well/a fair amount about ExxonMobil have a favourable opinion of the company.
- Operating safely, providing quality jobs and economic contribution were the key issues for residents.
- A third of residents have a better opinion of EM than a year ago.
- 50% of residents think that EM is doing about the right amount for social and environmental issues, 36% think they should be doing more.

Findings Overview KOFs

- 69% said the EM apprenticeship programme made them more favourable in regards to perception of the company.

5 Current Situation Reports

5.1 ExxonMobil Chemical Limited – Circulated Report (Appendix B - ExxonMobil Fife Ethylene Plant Report Mar 19)

- 4 site visits have taken place during this reporting period, 2 from HSE (Mechanical & Process Safety Inspection, EC&I Inspection) and 2 from SEPA (BAT Alignment Discussion, Chemicals Sector Plan Feedback)
- Key engineering maintenance carried out in February without need for flaring.
- 26 February: minor process disruption occurred due to power limitations on refrigeration compressor. Issue was addressed quickly, with ground flares primarily being used and 2 minor periods of elevated flaring.
- £6225 of small contributions have been made during this reporting period.
- Stuart Neill has been appointed to the position of External Affairs Manager, bringing 25 years of experience in communication and engagement.
- Search has been initiated for three 'future engineers' to join as Process and Electrical Apprentices. This opportunity has been widely advertised on social media, local schools and colleges.
- FEP took part in Inverkeithing PS Science Week, and P6 pupils from the schools will take part in a site visit in March.
- FEP senior management participated in a cross-stakeholder meeting organised by Lesley Laird MP.
- The annual Community Burns Supper Events took place at the plant, with over 150 senior citizens from across the catchment area attending lunchtime events run by on-site teams who gave up their free time to help out.

5.2 Shell UK Limited – Circulated Report (Appendix C - Shell Fife NGL Community & Safety Report Mar 19)

- BAT assessment is still being carried out.
- FNGL have conducted live role play drills, focusing on Control of Major Accident Hazards. The drill tested responses to scenarios such as serious fire on-site. This drill was multi-agency (SFRS, Police Scotland, and the Scottish Ambulance Service where all involved).
- A scope to upgrade the Gasoline Loading System at Braefoot Bay was completed in

February, with an additional safety system put in place.

- There have been no site visits.
- A 'Family Fun Day' is planned for 25 May at St Colme House in Aberdour. This a free event designed to encourage young people to explore and question science through hands on experience.

5.3 SEPA – Report (Appendix D - SEPA Update Mar 19)

Report from SEPA was submitted prior to the meeting, however due to time constraints there was no opportunity to circulate or print the report before the meeting. The report was not discussed at the meeting, but was circulated to those in attendance after the meeting.

6 Councillors Report

- Cllr Bain – No complaints have been received in the related period.

7. AOB

- Function, Governance and Support of the Committee: Stuart Neill from FEP and Alex Rhodes from FNGL both raised the following points:
 - o Both organisations believe that the Committee should be the formal and recognised forum for community oversight in regards to FEB and FNGL.
 - o FEP and FNGL are keen for dialogue with Fife Council about the function of the committee, and the support that the council are able to provide.
 - o Both organisations believe that for the Committee to function effectively it requires more support from the council.
 - o Both noted that the cross-stakeholder meeting organised by Lesley Laird MP agreed that the Committee should revisit its constitution and membership.
 - o FEP and FNGL agreed that greater effort should be made to encourage community councils to send representatives along, and ensure they are aware that they can send any member as a delegate, it does not have to be an office holder.
 - o In summary, both are keen for Fife Council to clarify the Committees function and its commitment.

A discussion took place on related matters:

- Stuart Neill was keen to understand if the expectations expressed by those in attendance at the Lesley Laird meetings influenced Fife Council.
- Alex Rhodes believes that decisions made by the committee should be communicated with Lesley Laird MP, such as bringing new Community Councils on board. Cllr Bain raised the point that any new representatives to the committee would have to be put to the committee for a vote, however this issue was discussed at a previous meeting and there appeared to be no appetite for other community councils to join at that time.
- Cllr Bain noted that he has requested assistance from the Council previously, but with no luck. At a minimum he stated his wish that a Council Officer should attend each meeting.
- Cllr Bain, Stuart Neill and Alex Rhodes will look to explore with the council what support they are prepared to commit too to ensure the Committee and its meetings are effective.

Alex Haddow, Convener of Cowdenbeath Community Council, informed the Committee at an earlier point in the meeting that this would be his last time attending. The Committee took this opportunity to thank him for his service. It was noted by those in attendance that he was always open, forthright, and honest with his input, and the his presence would be missed.

8. Date of future meetings:

- 13 June 2019, 18:30, New City House Dunfermline
- 12 September 2019, 18:30, New City House Dunfermline
- 12 December 2019, 18:30, New City House Dunfermline
- 12 March 2020, 18:30, New City House Dunfermline

Please note: venue may be subject to change.