

**Mossmorran & Braefoot Bay**

**Community & Safety Committee Meeting**

**Date:** Thursday 29th May 2025

**Time:** 18:30

**Location:** City Chambers, Dunfermline

**Present:** Councillor Alistair Bain, Convener - Fife Councillor (AB)

David Fisher – SEPA (DF)

Councillor Julie MacDougall - Fife Councillor (JMacD)

Alex MacDonald - Burntisland Community Council (AMacD)

Elaine Collins, Cardenden Community Council (EC)

Tyne Bradley – Shell (TB)

Steve Bygraves – Shell (SB)

Pauline McGeevor – Shell (PMcG)

Peter Franklin - Dalgety Bay & Hillend Community Council (PF)

Emma Bradshaw - ExxonMobil (EB)

Toby Hamblin – ExxonMobil (TH)

Kerry Myers - ExxonMobil (KM)

Eleanor Martin – Lumphinnans Community Council (EM)

James Martin - Lumphinnans Community Council (JM)

**In attendance:**

Rob Bowditch – Fife Council (RB)

Kenny Bisset – Fife Council (KB)

**Apologies**  Paul McGowan – Lochgelly Community Council (PM)

Gordon Black - Crossgates & Mossgreen Community Council (GB)

Nigel Kerr - Fife Council (NK)

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Noted

1. **Declaration of Interest**

None

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**



Minutes accepted

1. **Current Situation Reports** 
   1. **Councillors**

Nothing to report

* 1. **ExxonMobil Chemicals Ltd**

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

Operations:

* Good safety performance with no safety events in last quarter
* Close to completing NOx reduction project
* Series of works undertaken on Ground Flare, in line with recommendations from scoping activity. Works going well, and ensuring that they are not impacting on communities
* Lots of work in relation to emergency response, specifically fire suppression systems. New technology is being used, with a local company involved

Employment:

* Apprenticeship recruitment now finished for the summer. There were over 170 applications, with three positions to be filled with a start date in August
* Met with Secretary of State for Scotland (Ian Murray) to discuss site operation, plans etc.

Community

* Celebrating 40th year – Run Home from Work challenge, running over 20 miles to Edinburgh. £6400 raised from this and a contribution from Bilfinger given to the Beatson Cancer Charity
* Sponsoring a Community Award, giving back to young people
* STEM Ambassadors visited local schools
* Gold level status for Beath High School

Question (AMacD): In relation to improvement of the Ground Flare, comments in the Shell report and access to the Shell Ground Flare

Answer (TH): Works are to address design issues, not to do with resilience of Ground Flare

Answer (TB): FEP has access to Shell Ground Flare where required

* 1. **Shell UK Ltd**

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* + 1. **Operational**

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

* Stable period
* One module shut down for maintenance, not fully brough back online
* Lack of use of Ground Flare by Shell led to submission of a Best Available Technology assessment to SEPA. It concluded that there was no longer a need for a new Ground Flare
* Will continue programme to optimise existing flaring infrastructure – reduce flaring and reduce CO2 emissions
* One incident at Braefoot Bay where someone slipped and broke their collar bone. HSE were advised
* Emergency response exercises carried out monthly with no issues
* Cyber security exercise – no major reports
* 2 apprenticeships extended beyond May
  + 1. **Community**

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

* Four community notices regarding operations
* No complaints in period
* One complaint received since report produced but will be captured in the next report. Response provided to SEPA and no operations which would have been responsible for complaint
* Request from someone to use metal detector was declined
* Social investment, 150 school pupils attended an event in relation to STEM projects – Kirkcaldy North were the winners
* Fife family fun day – over 800 people attended event at Beath High School
* In May the Developing the Young Workforce Board met, hosted at site.
* Sponsored Apprentice of the Year category at Fife Business Awards – won by Eilidh Gray
* Last week supported Lets Go Fife programme, giving a presentation on how to create a CV
* Funding platform will hopefully be live soon

Question (KB): Given the BAT assessment and not proceeding with a new ground flare, Fife Council would be keen to liaise with SEPA and Shell, and regular feedback/updates would be appreciated

Answer: In agreement

Question (AB): Any outcomes from May radiation response exercise?

Answer: Rarely radiation on site. Looked at on site controls (what tools, who involved etc.) if there was radiation on site

* 1. **SEPA**

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

* Maintaining Hub
* Inspections
* FEP
  + Project to reduce Nox, quarterly meetings
  + COMAH IN February
  + Ongoing Ground Flare work,
  + Ongoing drainage work
  + 2024 data return complete
* Shell
  + Switch to single Ground Flare
  + Safety report in November
  + 2024 data return complete
  + BAT assessment and what it means
* Braefoot Bay
  + Completed COMAH safety report review
* Elevated flare complaint – low levels triggered noise complaint, feedback to be provided
* Noise data request from public – will provide
* Noise and Air monitoring still in place
* TVOC data hopefully available shortly. Have data from 2023

Question (AMacD): Have SEPA recovered from the cyber-attack?

Answer: Some data was lost and had to start again with some things

**4.5 Update on Expert Advisory Groups**



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

* Independent Air Quality report for 2023 finalised and elected members briefing produced, along with a 2-sided leaflet available on website
* 2024 report progressing with stakeholders contacted for relevant information. Template produced to hopefully speed up the process
* General Annual Progress Report recently at Scrutiny and was well received.
* Thanks to operators and SEPA for help compiling report
* Report to be presented at three Area committees

Question (AMacD): The pollutant table on the leaflet is blank

Answer: Will check with web improvement team (Resolved post meeting next day)

1. **Any Other Business**

Discussion around locations for future meetings. Suggested alternating between site and location in community. Generally agreed upon this.

EC – Can Andrew Roy and David Taylor be removed from the distribution list and sent to EC instead

Question: Are systems in place for CPR training? Is there a programme for staff training?

Answer (Shell): Trained first-aiders on site

Answer (ExxonMobil):Have a programme in place, people from site teach first aid

AMacD – Does a two hour training course so could assist

Question (PF): Any rules on exclusion zones for drones?

Answer (Shell): No formal exclusion zones, but looking at internally

Answer (ExxonMobil): Security protocols in place, with preventative measures such as security

1. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 28th August 2025 at ExxonMobil plant conference facilities

Meeting dates for the year:

27th November 2025