

# Mossmorran & Braefoot Bay Community & Safety Committee Meeting



Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

Time: 18:30

Location: New City House, Dunfermline

- Present: Councillor Alistair Bain, Convener - Fife Councillor (AB)  
Councillor David Barratt – Fife Councillor (DB)  
Craig Burnett - Shell (CB)  
William Dryburgh - Aberdour Community Council (WD)  
David Fisher – SEPA  
Peter Franklin - Dalgety Bay & Hillend Community Council (PF)  
Eleanor Martin – Lumphinnans Community Council (EM)  
James Martin - Lumphinnans Community Council (JM)  
Pauline McGeevor – Shell (PMcG)  
Stuart Neill – ExxonMobil (SN)  
Elizabeth Rae – Cowdenbeath Community Council (ER)
- In attendance: Kenny Bisset – Fife Council (KB)  
Nigel Kerr - Fife Council (NK)
- Secretariat: Lesley Kirk, Fife Council
- Apologies: Councillor Julie MacDougall - Fife Councillor (JMacD)  
Gordon Black - Crossgates & Mossgreen Community Council (GB)  
Emma Broadshaw - ExxonMobil (EB)  
Toby Hamblin – ExxonMobil (TH)  
Alex MacDonald - Burntisland Community Council (AMacD)  
Mark Ruskell, MSP (MR)

## 1. Apologies for Absence

Noted.

## 2. Declaration of Interest

None.

## 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes accepted.

## 4. Current Situation Reports

### 4.1 Councillors

DB advised he had nothing to report.

AB advised he had nothing to report.

### 4.2 Shell UK Ltd (MD)

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



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- Fife NGL had a very steady period of operations during this reporting period. Fife NGL have continued to operate with two of our modules online and one on standby as we have done over the course of the year.
- Fife NGL had a busy and productive period at Braefoot Bay, successfully berthed 19 ships as per our shipping schedule. All loaded and unloaded with no issues.
- There was no process safety or personal safety incidents in the period since our last report.
- During this reporting period we had an Emergency Response Preparedness H & S Executive and SEPA inspection. No action required.
- During this reporting period we completed three emergency responses exercises covering low likelihood scenarios. Two undertaken at Braefoot Bay which looked at hydrocarbon release and a pipeline-based scenario. The final exercise was undertaken at Mossmorran to practice a response to a gasoline tank release.
- Emergency planning exercises take place every month which cover a multitude of scenarios throughout the year.
- Workforce remains stable with the addition of new apprentices.
- Fife NGL hosted a visit from two pupils from Lochgelly HS for a one-week work placement as part of the schools employability programme. The pupils benefitted from spending time with various teams to give them a flavour of the different roles available at the site.
- No community notices were issued during this period.
- One query received from SEPA regarding noise and odour. This was investigated and it was confirmed there were no activities on our site at the time that could have resulted in a loud noise or a chemical odour.
- Fife NGL notified SEPA of an unplanned flaring event in October and have provided an incident report.
- Fife Council received a complaint in relation to new and prolonged lighting. This was investigated and it was confirmed and fed back no new lighting had been installed on site.
- Two requests received from organisations requesting permission to build structures on land at Braefoot Bay. The requests were refused, appropriate feedback given to requestees.
- Fife NGL have funded a new collaboration with Cowden in the Community to deliver 'Learning through Football' to 16 primary schools this academic year.
- Over 200 young women attended Girls in Energy Conference to celebrate their achievements at the Girls in Energy Conference in Aberdeen in November. The class and tutors from Fife College were in attendance.
- Shell Twilight currently running in Lochgelly.
- A number of organisations benefitted from the Shell's Community Grants.
- The group were reminded if they are aware of a good community cause to be please reach out to Pauline McGeevor.

PF agreed to follow up with the Community Council to ascertain if funding for signage had been applied for.

DF confirmed complaints are followed up with both companies unless it is clear it is pertinent to only one.

#### 4.2 ExxonMobil (MB)

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



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- Performance strong this quarter with no significant operational or reliability issues.
- SEPA continued to engage with us regularly during 2023 on multiple topics, with EGF being a key focus area.
- Ongoing regular engagement with SEPA and HSE continues in-line with the planned inspection programme.
- We are working collaboratively with SEPA to progress projects both on the furnaces and gas turbine to reduce site **NOx** and further strengthen our emissions monitoring.
- No attributable complaints have been received the quarter.
- An investigation was undertaken regarding a light complaint received via Fife Council. It was identified the site recently changed some bulbs in the lighting system to more energy efficient bulbs which emit a white light compared to the traditional orange which may possibly be more noticeable.
- A Technical and Engineering Manager has joined the team who will support development and execution of our improvement projects and optimisation and planning of our production.
- Investment to our Braefoot Bay Jetty to protect the structure and ensure continued safe operations.
- Workforce remains stable. Recruitment is underway for three posts: Application Engineer, Mechanical Engineer and Analyser Technician. Two apprentices have secured permanent employment.
- During 2023 we have continued to support community and educational causes in the local area which has totalled more than £100k to over 20 organisations.
- We continue to support STEM initiatives with local primary schools.

ER enquired about funding for communities to attend the pantomime. NS confirmed Tom Antram's replacement is Calum Paterson and would follow this up.

PF enquired about funding/sponsorship for Dalgety Players which has over thirty young people attending from surrounding areas. NS confirmed he would follow this up.

NS confirmed Christmas selection boxes for Cardenden was in hand.

JM commented on the fantastic work undertaken by ExxonMobil who volunteered their time to renovate the garden at Lindsay House Care Home.

#### 4.4 SEPA (DF)

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



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- SEPA continue to update the Mossmorran Hub with the latest information.
- Desktop and onsite inspections continue with FEP & FNGL with particular focus on:

- FEP - Plans to reduce nitrogen dioxide emissions - discussions ongoing. Follow up on recent use of the ground flare carried out (September). Leak Detection and Repair (LDAR) Audit due in November. SEPA air emission monitoring due in November. Drainage Inspection planned for February 2024.
  - FNGL - Inspection of Drainage systems completed (September). New ground flare quarterly progress meetings (latest in October). SEPA air emission monitoring due in December.
  - Braefoot Bay - Combined COMAH (FNGL) and PPC Part B (FEP) Inspection completed (September).
- Complaints received for this quarter is now three. Complaints received were in relation to a large steam release and accompanying noise in Lochgelly, strong odour present over a number of days in the vicinity of the complex and prolonged lighting.
  - SEPA continue to operate two continuous noise monitoring stations, one at the Lochgelly water tower and the other on farmland immediately to the north of the Mossmorran complex. The reference station has been placed in Auchtertool which is complemented by eight network indicative analysers which are installed in local communities surrounding the Mossmorran complex.
  - The SEPA monitoring network continues to operate with collecting data in near real time and is available to the public: [Mossmorran Air Quality Network \(sepa.org.uk\)](https://sepa.org.uk)
  - VOC data is due to go live next week.

DF advised he had followed up the query raised at the last meeting regarding data sharing with the Air Quality Scotland website. DF confirmed the two systems are not compatible, however DF has asked if a link could be added to signpost to the SEPA website.

A discussion followed regarding flaring and noise. NK confirmed any concerns should be directed to the EAG. It was noted the results from a recent survey undertaken by My Cowdenbeath highlighted 31% of residents are still concerned about flaring and noise. ER commented that although there has been major investment at the site it will take time for local residents to gain confidence, change their perception and understand the benefits of the improvements for communities.

#### 4.5 Update on Expert Advisory Groups

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



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- The Independent Air Quality Report for 2022 is being finalised and an elected members briefing note produced with a view to having this completed in December 2023. The 2022 report will also be accompanied by a two-sided leaflet summarising the content of the report in a non-technical format. These documents will be made available on the dedicated Fife Council Mossmorran and Braefoot Bay web pages.
- The Mossmorran and Braefoot Bay Expert Advisory Group on Air Quality will reconvene in January 2024 to progress production of the Independent Air Quality Report for 2023.
- Q & As for noise, light and vibration have been drafted and relevant sources of data/information to be sourced from relevant parties as part of this process. On

completion (expected end of 2023) these will be posted on the new Fife Council Mossmorran web pages.

- Views will be sought on the non-technical summary leaflet for the MMBB 2022 Independent Air Quality Report.
- The Mossmorran and Braefoot Bay General Report 2022 is currently being compiled and will seek to be completed for Environment, Transportation and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

#### 4.6 Review of Requirement for Annual Report

NK informed the meeting the Report was well received. It was agreed an annual report would be submitted; this will include information from companies which will include investment from previous years. It was agreed PMcG and NS would assist. NK will be in touch in due course.

#### 4.7 Questions

AB enquired if the recent announcement regarding the closure of Grangemouth oil refinery will have an impact on Mossmorran. A discussion followed, SN and CB both confirmed companies were still digesting the information and stated it would not affect their operations.

### **5. Any Other Business**

### **6. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held in February 2024. Date to be circulated in due course.

It was noted the site visit will take place following the meeting in February as light conditions will be more conducive than to such an on-site meeting.