

Minutes 93 Tynron Community Council 26th November 2018	Actions
<p>Present – Linda McDonald, Sue King-Smith (Chair), George Freeborn, Mary Newbould, Sue Hall, Jackie Buckham, Keith Lewis. Also Martin Williams & Dominic Rams from Community Windpower (CWL) and approx. 40 members of the public.</p>	
<p>1. Apologies – None</p>	
<p>2. Approval of Minutes None</p>	
<p>3. Matters Arising from last meeting None as special meeting to discuss the Sanquhar II Windfarm proposals</p>	
<p>4. Introduction Sue King-Smith outlined the reasons for the meeting and the proposed structure She welcomed Martin Williams and Dominic Rams representing Community Windpower, members of other local Community Councils and local residents, She also drew people’s attention to the display of information from CWL and also visual impact projections kindly supplied by Gavin King-Smith.</p>	
<p>5. Presentation from Community Windpower (CWL) representatives about the Sanquhar II proposals Martin Williams gave a presentation about the proposals making a number of points including the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The plans will encompass Sanquhar 6 and Ulzieside Wind Farms b) Changes in subsidy have meant that turbines need to be larger and more numerous to be economic without subsidy. 200m is becoming standard. c) The scoping in May led to reductions in the number of turbines and their height. d) The Shinnel and Scaur were the preferred areas based on responses from the consultation, therefore the number of turbines here have been increased although their height has been reduced to 200m and 2 at 149m. e) CWL is still in the process of getting feedback from consultants and the position of turbines may change. f) Borrow pits have been relocated to protect water supplies. g) Electricity will feed into a substation to the north. h) There are 24 Archaeological assets affected but they are said to be of low importance by Historic Scotland. i) Peat – a chart of peat depths was shown and deeper areas will be avoided j) Noise - assessments of impact on properties are not available yet. k) Ecology – report not back yet. l) Visual impact – Wirelines showing impact on 25 viewpoints are being compiled by consultants but are not available yet. m) Access for construction/ maintenance - Access will be from the A76 using the existing tracks to Sanquhar I. No access through Penpont/ Scaur Valley. 	

<p>Can't use the Heads of the Valley road.</p> <p>n) Access Roads to turbines – will be constructed on a floating road system using materials on site. These will cross the Southern Upland Way unless they can use Forestry Commission roads.</p> <p>o) Traffic for construction workers – D & G Council have said that they can't use the Glen roads for construction traffic but the Glen roads *would* be used to ferry construction personnel to the site because the speed restrictions on site mean that it would take 2.5 hours to get from the entrance to the furthest turbine. Options are to look at minibuses or on-site accommodation.</p> <p>p) Turbines will need to be tip height and 400m away from the Southern Upland Way.</p> <p>q) Community Benefits would be discussed with the communities as part of the plans and CWL had been made aware of some of the local priorities.</p> <p>r) The Windfarm would provide £120 million in business rates over the life of the Project. The carbon payback period would be 0.5 years.</p> <p>s) Planning Process – Application would be made to the Scottish Governments' Energy Consents unit (possibly before Christmas) Statutory Consultees are asked to make comments. Community Councils will be involved in the process. There will be on-going consultation and potential changes to the project as required Anyone can make representations. 4 - 5 month process CWL can appeal if the application is rejected. Possible Grid connection in 2022</p>	
<p>6. Questions from the Floor</p> <p>Sue King-Smith then invited questions from the Floor.</p> <p>A large number of questions and comments were raised relating to noise, flicker, the effect on peat and environmental damage, impact on individual properties near to the turbines and their water supplies, impact of increased traffic if local roads are used, impact on local tourism businesses, need for lights on turbines of this height, quantity of concrete needed for turbine foundations and the amount of earth removed.</p> <p>Other points raised included: -</p> <p>Height of turbines - What policies do the D & G Council and Natural Heritage have about turbine height and why propose something that makes no sense according to D & G's stated policy that turbines of this height are not suitable for scenic areas. D & G will respond as a Statutory Consultee. CWL will argue against their policy.</p> <p>Why build so many windfarms in this area? - Government policy points to the use of Upland Hill areas</p>	

<p>CWL invited people with questions and comment to send them to the Sanquhar II team email rather than to him personally.</p>	
<p>7. Feedback from Tynron Residents Sue King-Smith distributed Feedback forms to be completed by Tynron residents. These asked whether the Tynron Community Council should</p> <p>1) Support 2) Make no comment 3) Oppose the CWL application. The comments would be collated after the meeting and combined with email comments received from residents by the TCC.</p>	<p>Gavin King-Smith to collate comments</p>
<p>8. Further action When the Planning Application is made, the TCC will consider the revised plans and contact D & G Council to inform them of residents' concerns and also make comment to the Energy Consents Unit.</p>	
<p>9. Date of next Meeting Monday 28th January 2019</p>	