



NESS ENERGY PROJECT



MINUTES OF MEETING

Code – NSS-M-ACC-PM-ABE-0001

Purpose of the meeting: NESS Energy Community Group Meeting No 1

Location: Tullos Learning Centre, Girdleness Road,
Torry, Aberdeen, AB11 8FJ

Date: 27th January 2020

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ATTACHED:

1. Presentation
2. Terms of Reference

AGENDA:

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Objectives of the NESS Energy Community Group
3. Introduction to the Project
4. Progress to Date
5. Look Ahead
6. Community Benefits
7. Terms of Reference
8. Next Meeting

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1	Welcome and Introductions		
	Andy Bendall, ACCIONA Project Director opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. He gave a brief overview of ACCIONA's worldwide operations, and introduced the ACCIONA team and their roles. He explained the fire safety procedures applicable for the meeting.		

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	All those present were asked to ensure that their name and organisation were added to the sign in list. Group introductions were then given together with organisations.		
2	Objectives of the NESS Community Group		
	Andy Bendall explained it is proposed that the group will run throughout the duration of the project including both construction and facility operation to provide a day to day perspective of activities. It is hoped a level of trust will be developed between all parties, and the group will provide a forum for all interested parties to get the opportunity to have queries and complaints regarding construction and operations discussed openly.		
3	Introduction to the Project		
3.1	Andy Bendall gave an overview of the project, using Slides 6-11, and explained the on-site process from waste arriving by lorry at the facility.		
3.2	The question of taking medical waste was raised. It was explained by Linda Ovens that the site does not have a licence to receive and treat this type of waste.		
3.3	The use of EU subsidies to fund the plant was questioned. The group was advised by Linda Ovens that the financial case for the project was not based on any EU subsidies.		
3.4	The option for importing third party waste by boat via the harbour in the future was discussed. Linda Ovens advised that this is currently not planned as the Councils currently have more than enough waste to fill the plant. There is also a lot of waste generated in the immediate area that will fill any gap in the future.		
3.5	The plant will generate electricity for the national grid to power approximately 20,000 homes, and enough hot water for domestic heating for an area greater than the size of Torry.		

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	<p>The Torry area will benefit from this and John Wilson, Chief Officer Capital, Aberdeen City Council advised Aberdeen City Council are awaiting the outcome of an application to the Scottish Government for funding, to finalise the design of the District Heat facility.</p> <p>The decision is expected in February, and once received will be reported to the relevant committee.</p>		
3.6	<p>Concerns were raised by those present on potential for odour escape, emissions, exposure to people, market place for by products, height of the chimney stack, and responses were given. However, it was agreed that topic specialists will be invited to attend future meetings to address these concerns.</p>	23/03/2020	Acciona
3.7	<p>The group was advised that SEPA is the environmental monitoring body for the plant and the facility is required to continuously monitor its emissions. It was also noted that the permit for the plant is still under consideration by SEPA. The group raised concerns about the efficacy of SEPA and were informed that SEPA are the responsible statutory body appointed by the government. They have obligations to inspect and monitor the plant to ensure that regulations are adhered to and can remove the permit to operate if it is not adhered to.</p>		
3.8	<p>The group was informed that the plant would have 25 trained employees, and it would be manned and monitored 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Local emergency services will be invited to visit the plant during the construction and service period and will be aware of specific actions to be taken in response to any emergency, just as they would for any industrial facility</p>		
4	Progress to Date		
4.1	<p>Photographs were shown of the site progress to date, particularly showing the sheet piling which had attracted a number of complaints by members of the public. The group was advised that the noise levels were closely monitored and had not breached the statutory limits applicable to the facility.</p>		



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	<p>John Wilson advised that standard best practice noise level limits, applied across industry, were being used.</p> <p>John Wilson added that if residents feel it is noisy they can complain and their complaint will be reviewed by an environmental health specialist. If the noise is above the approved limits then the contractor has to change the methodology, if not, then the work can proceed.</p>		
4.2	An update was given on the set up of the Contractors' Compound, which is located across the road from the site.		
5	Look Ahead		
	During the next three months, structural piling will commence. Although this is not as noisy as sheet piling, there will still be an element of noise transmitted during these works.		
6	Community Benefits		
6.1	<p>Mel Sayer advised ACCIONA is a responsible employer and wherever there is a project they like to have a good relationship and interaction with the local community. With Aberdeen City Council, they have developed commitments to the local community and options available for ACCIONA to deliver these commitments. Examples are links with schools, particularly in STEM subjects, employment opportunities, working with local communities on specific projects eg gardening, community improvement, events and entrepreneurship.</p> <p>Ideas from the group are welcomed and can be sent to the Group Secretary.</p>	23/03/2020	All
6.2	<p>Communications within the group were discussed. ACCIONA advised that the principal communication routes would be the NESS website - http://www.nessenergy.co.uk/.</p> <p>Leaflet drops and the various community councils' newsletters are to be considered, and a member at the meeting suggested Shmu radio.</p>		

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	The group was asked to advise ACCIONA of any other routes to be considered and details of newsletters for the above to the Group Secretary.	23/03/2020	All
6.3	It was agreed that an email with questions on community involvement would be developed by ACCIONA and sent to members of the group to gauge projects and events available for ACCIONA to assist.	23/03/2020	Acciona
6.4	It was suggested that a video recording of technical questions be made and one of the attendees volunteered to assist the development of this video and provide a series of questions to be addressed.	23/03/2020	SM
7	Terms of Reference		
	The Terms of Reference were distributed, and the key points discussed. The group was asked to read and respond with any comments.	23/03/2020	All
8	Next Meeting		
	Proposed for Monday 23 rd March 2020 at 1800 at Tullos Learning Centre, Girdleness Road		
9	AOB		
9.1	A group member asked for it to be minuted that attendance at the meeting did not infer support or endorsement of the project.		
9.2	It is respected that all attendees have various opinions on the project, and this was reinforced by Andy Bendall who hopes that ACCIONA and the Community can work together in a genuine, open and honest way.		
9.3	The meeting ended and Andy Bendall thanked everyone for attending.		