



NESS ENERGY PROJECT



MINUTES OF MEETING

Code – NSS-M-ACC-PM-ABE-0011

Purpose of the meeting: NESS Energy Community Group Meeting No 11

Location: Online

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023

**ATTENDEES:**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Organisation</i>
Duarte Da Silva	Acciona
Victor Moreno	Acciona
Evelyn Pendlebury	Acciona
John Little	Indaver
Seamus Flynn	Indaver
Peter Lawrence	Ness Energy Project
Hazel Stevenson	Aberdeen City Council
Alex Nicoll	Councillor – Kincorth/Nigg/Cove
Christian Allard	Councillor – Torry/Ferryhill
Simon Watson	Councillor – Torry/Ferryhill
Lynn Thomson	Councillor – Torry/Ferryhill
Trudie Leask	Torry Community Group

**DISTRIBUTION:**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Organisation</i>
As attendees plus	
Sergio Campo Mata	Acciona
Megan McConochie	Ness Energy Project
Elaine Bury	Indaver
Felicity Richardson	Indaver
John Wilson	Aberdeen City Council
Pam Walker	Aberdeen City Council
Daniel Lewis	Aberdeen City Council
Mark Nicholl	Aberdeen City Council
Linda Ovens	Aberdeen City Council
Lori Manson	Aberdeen City Council
Anne-Marie Steehouder-Ross	Aberdeen City Council
Graeme Abel	Aberdeen City Council
Mark Yule	Aberdeen City Council
Ros Baxter	Aberdeenshire Council
Ken Duncan	Aberdeenshire Council
Dawn Brodie	Moray
Sharon Dunbar	Moray Council
Kevin McDermott	Moray Council
Audrey Nicoll	MSP
Lee Fairfull	Councillor – Kincorth/Nigg/Cove
Richard Brooks	Councillor – Kincorth/Nigg/Cove
Miranda Radley	Councillor – Kincorth/Nigg/Cove
Michael Kusznir	Councillor – Torry/Ferryhill
George Smith	SEPA

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Colin Wright	Torry Locality Partnership
Andrew Giblin	Pelagia

### AGENDA:

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Site Progress
3. Complaints
4. Public Contacts
5. Community Benefits
6. Questions
7. Next Meeting

### MINUTES OF MEETING:

Item Nº	Description & Required Actions	Date	Responsible
1	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> Evelyn Pendlebury (EP) welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave details of all invited.  Apologies were received from Sergio Campo, and Duarte Da Silva took his place at the meeting.		
2	<b>Site Progress</b> As per slides 4 and 5, Victor Moreno (VM), Deputy Site Manager, gave an update on works completed since the last NESS Community Group meeting in January 2023. He advised on work in progress and plans for the coming 6 months. Duarte Da Silva (DS) gave an explanation of the current commissioning activities.		
3	<b>Complaints</b> During the period since the last meeting, Acciona had been made aware of the following:  Complaints were received involving debris from the project site being blown into neighbouring premises during windy conditions.  A complaint was received regarding removal of traffic cones from Greenwell Road and workers parking obstructively, this was addressed by VitalEnergi who are carrying out works in this area.		

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	During the latter part of April, we received a number of complaints regarding noise and smell at the plant. These came direct from local residents, via Aberdeen City Council, and also SEPA.		
4	Public Contacts		
	Five contacts were received over the period:  Trudie Leask (TL) of Torry Community Group requested information on test burns and the type of fuel being used. She followed this up with a further query on test burns.  Scottish Water approached Acciona as they were trying to investigate possible sources of unusual influent going into the sea at Nigg, and was advised that there have been no discharges from the project site.  TL queried rumours about the bin lorries being unable to tip waste into the bunker "as the roof isn't high enough." She was advised that Acciona are doing tests of all the various types of vehicles.  Simon Watson (SW) requested information on community benefits progress and information on how emissions are monitored. This information was shared with him.		
5	Site Photographs		
	Slides 9-12 were presented, showing recent aerial photographs of the site from all sides.		
6	Community Benefits		
6.1	Progress to Date: As per slides 13 and 14, EP gave an update on the community benefits targets achieved since our last meeting.		
6.2	Looking Ahead: As per slide 15, EP updated the group on what is currently being worked on to fulfil the community benefits programme, in particular focusing on time bank hours and community engagement.		



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7	Questions		
7.1	<p>Christian Allard (CA) queried the safety of workers on the roof of the project site. He was advised that a SIMOPs (Simultaneous Operations) risk assessment had been carried out and all measures taken to review associated risks to ensure the safety of workers. Peter Lawrence (PL) confirmed that Aberdeen City Council had reviewed the risk assessment and was satisfied with the quality and content of the independent assessment.</p>		
7.2	<p>CA queried why steam was coming out of various areas on the roof of the structure, and not just from the stack.</p> <p>He was advised that during the commissioning phase, where we are starting up the turbine and purging the boiler, this is normal and what can be seen is steam vapour. Once in operation, only a small amount of steam will be seen, around 10% of the time.</p> <p>CA asked if he could be sent information on this process so that he could share it with his constituents, and this was agreed. PL to action this.</p>		PL
7.3	<p>CA noted there had been complaints re smell, and he would like to know the source. On the day in question, Acciona advised that there were no odours coming from the plant, but that Acciona is working with SEPA re odour monitoring.</p>		
7.4	<p>It was noted that there are a number of ways that complaints can be lodged, ie via Acciona, Project Website, Aberdeen City Council and SEPA. It was requested that complaints from all sources are collated to assist with evaluation.</p>		EP
7.5	<p>CA questioned how complaints are regulated and any enforcement action carried out.</p> <p>PL advised that for any breach of contract, there would be financial penalties. Any regulatory breach would be addressed via public prosecution process.</p> <p>CA asked for this in writing.</p>		PL
7.6	<p>Simon Watson (SW) gave thanks for the information and added that the information on emissions was of interest to the public. DS advised that emissions are reported on a weekly basis, and once the plant is in operation they will be uploaded, in real time, to the SEPA portal.</p>		

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7.7	TL queried how the heating network will work. PL advised that this project is separate to the NESS project, and under Aberdeen City Council only through a contract with VitalEnergi. The first phase is expected to heat around 350 social housing homes in the Balnagask area and public buildings. PL will provide this information.		PL
8	Next Meeting		
	Proposed for Wednesday – 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2023.		