

## **Furnace Community Council Meeting**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**Present:** M Boston (Chair), R Tott, S Macinnes, Councillor J Brown, K Baird, Gill Tefler, Peter Hogbin, Alma Smylie, Ann Dodd, Ronnie Dodd, Louise MacKeller, Kenneth Mackeller, John Campbell, Sue Campbell, Andy Henderson, Anne Boyd, Lynda Syed, Pat Jepson, Jim Jepson, M. Macintyre

**Apologies for Absence:** Peter Grieg

### **Minutes of previous meeting**

Approved: SM, RT

### **Treasurers Report**

No change since November meeting. £930 in the bank. The new treasurer will be taking on the role in time for the next meeting in February.

### **Police Report/vandalism**

MB has received reports from November and December. Furnace reporting is within the Lochfyneside and Inveraray (LB43) group. The December report included a road traffic incident of drunk driving on the A83 before the Furnace bends which took place on 2nd Dec.

Overall there were 34 calls for service in the month of December. Of these call types, the top three demands related to, 1) Road Traffic related (15 calls), 2) Concern for Person (2 calls), and 3) ) Planned shoots {Deer} (7). From the calls received, 4 crimes were recorded.

Members of the public are asked to contact Police Scotland on 101, or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 if they see anything suspicious

### **Roads**

BEAR still not responding to the CC regarding the improved signage which was, back in November, at the manufacturers.

Jan also reported poor communication from BEAR.

Ann Dodd asked about the traffic lights at Quarry View. Jan has been on to BEAR with no response.

Question raised again about if Furnace could get the 20mph signs from Minard to go in the village. Response the same regarding the mothballing of Minard School. Refer to earlier minutes.

Sue Campbell raised problem of litter on the verges. This is a BEAR/Council duty to clear. The CC have written asking for this to be addressed but...based on past performance we doubt that the Bear/Council will resolve.

Jan offered to escalate matters within Bear/Council – MB to forward copies of past correspondence to JB.

## Grants

RT is sorting out reporting of the Micro grants so that Peter can get the next grant money released.

## WINDFARM

MB outlined the current situation regarding the proposed Eredine Windfarm. Several residents have received letters regarding the 'oversail' and 'overrun' requirements which would impinge on their property/land. If residents have not already contacted Savills already then FCC strongly suggest they do asap. The access point up to the windfarm itself has not changed. But during transportation of these large, heavy machinery may go 'over' the land (as they manoeuvre round corners). See **Appendix 1**. Copy of letter sent out to selected residents.(RWE's consultant) regarding Savills terminology. (**Appendix 2.**)

Lynda Syed is assisting a resident and is meeting with Savills representative on an affected property 27<sup>th</sup> January.

## Environmental Issues

Litter still a problem. Also dog muck. RT reminded folk to phone the dog warden directly and individually who would come and speak to the owners, possibly leading to a fine.

## CLOSURE OF FURNACE SURGERY

There has been no consultation regarding the closure. Many residents argue that the stats given as part of the reason for the closure have been skewed. The CC urges all residents unhappy with the closure to contact the practice and complain in person. The contact details are on the letter. **Appendix 3.**

The Community Council has received a letter from Strachur Medical Practice reinstating their interest in opening the Furnace practice as a satellite.

It was decided that the CC will seek clarification and set up a meeting to explore this as an option.

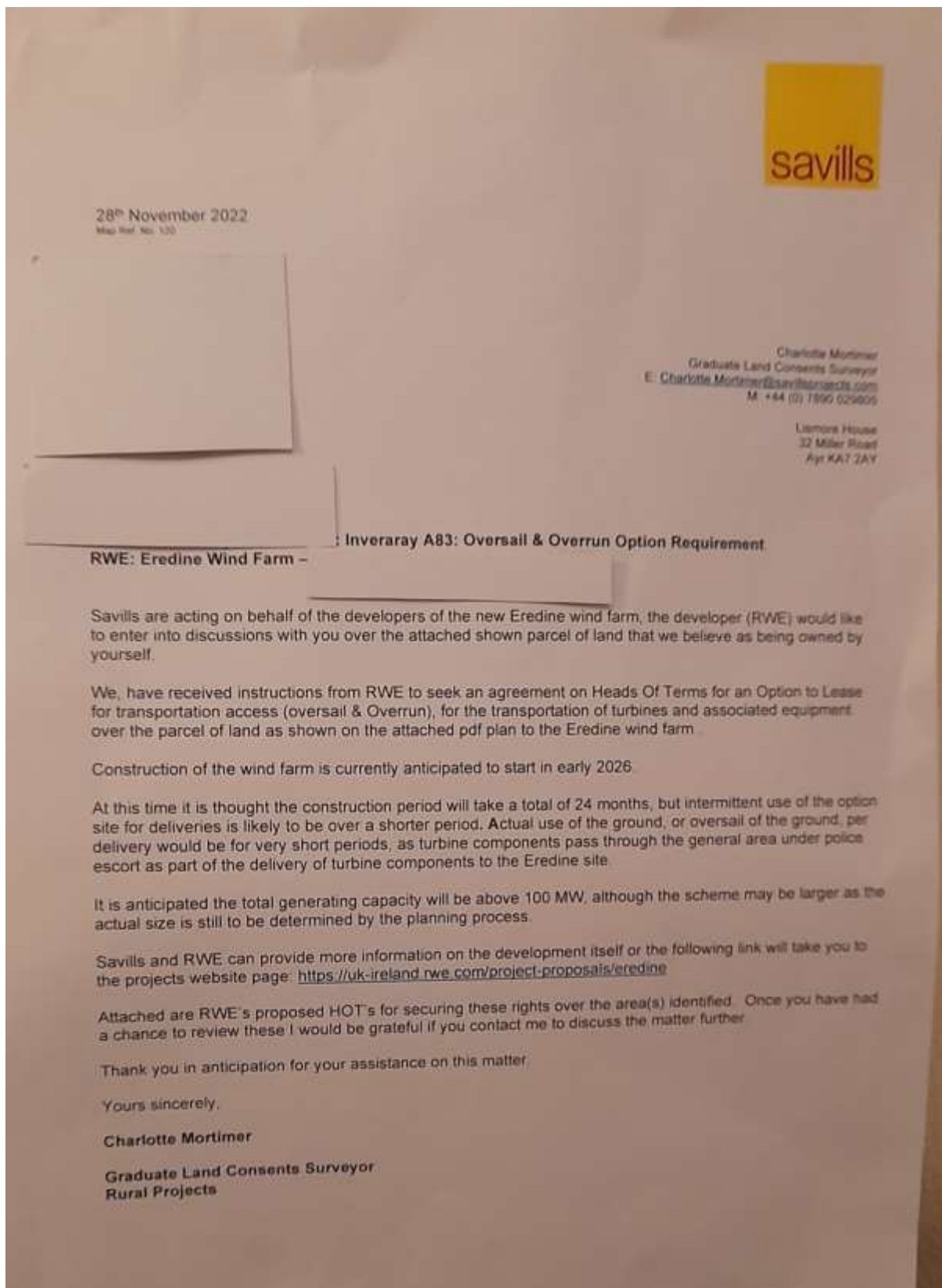
## AOB

The salt spreader has not been returned after previous use.

Jan to check with the fire officer if the fire hydrants around the village are compliant.

Next meeting 23/2/23 @6.30

Appendix 1



Appendix 2

**From:** Euan Glen  
**Sent:** 19 January 2023 14:12  
**To:** MarkB  
**Subject:** RE: Eredine Wind Farm consultation - Furnace Community Council

Dear Mark

Good to hear from you and thanks for the email.

I've been able to speak to the team and can hopefully update you on this. You are correct that access for the proposed Eredine Wind Farm will be taking via the existing An Suidhe wind farm. To help facilitate this, they are likely to be some minor works on the delivery route from Campbeltown Port to this access point. In relation to the local resident, RWE and land agent Savills have been in contact with some residents in the village to seek agreement for oversail rights, where as part of the turbine delivery, the turbines or associated infrastructure may encroach into the airspace of a property (or garden), and that is what Savills is seeking agreement for and I believe are currently clarifying this with one resident in particular. To confirm, no access route will be taken through any existing properties.

I do hope this clarifies. Any further questions, please just let me know.

Best  
Euan

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**Cc:** Euan Glen <euan.glen@libertyone.co.uk>  
**Subject:** Eredine Wind Farm consultation - Furnace Community Council  
**Importance:** High

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Dear John,

Would you please clarify the situation in respect to vehicular access from the A83 to the proposed Eredine Wind Farm.

RWE's previously issued project Scoping document showed that site access would be via the existing An Suidhe wind farm access route with the nearest residential property being Killean Farmhouse but a local Furnace resident has raised concerns following receipt of correspondence from Savills indicating that road modification works will be required which encroach upon their property. These works are apparently required in order to facilitate the transport of turbine materials to the new Wind Farm site.

Your urgent response & clarification of the above matter would be appreciated.

Best regards,

Mark Boston

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30<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Patient

We are contacting you today as a registered patient at Furnace surgery. As you will be aware, the surgery has been closed since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, and after discussion with the Health Board, the decision has been made not to re-open it.

There are a number of factors which have led to our decision to close the surgery. Some of these factors include the following:

With GP numbers decreasing and complexity of care increasing, our decision allows us to ensure that we are making the best use of our resources and providing the best care for our patients.

Prior to the pandemic, the total amount of GP appointments attended at the Furnace Surgery for the 53 week period from 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 to 30<sup>th</sup> December 2019 was 132. This amounts to an average of 2.49 appointments per week. The substantial costs of running a separate building to provide these appointments is just not financially viable.

With all GP appointments at the surgery being telephone appointments in the first instance, the need for face to face appointments are significantly reduced.

The Inveraray surgery is open between 8am and 5pm Monday to Friday. This allows us to offer our patients a higher number of appointments, meaning that patients can be seen quicker should they need to be seen in person.

We welcome feedback from you with regards to the decision. You can send feedback to the address above or via email to [nhs.lochgilpheadmanager@nhs.scot](mailto:nhs.lochgilpheadmanager@nhs.scot)

Yours faithfully

On behalf of the Partners