

MINUTE GAG MEETING 2ND AUGUST

Hospitality: Jon at Ardgarra

Apologies: Rev Varwell, Justin, Neville, Brian Burrows, Brian McShane, Linda Bowman, & Rhoda tendered apologies

Minutes from January 25th

Nothing raised.

Matters arising:

None raised.

1. Planning update

The most recent letter from NEDL and the responses from Stephen Fair were discussed. The long time since our last formal meeting might have left the impression that the local opposition to NEDL's proposal, and therefore the focus of the Action Group, had dwindled. All agreed that the opposite is true - the local opposition to NEDL's proposal remains as strong as ever, or more so, and the determination of the Action Group is therefore undiminished.

The plan therefore is first to place on our web pages our summary response to the last submission by NEDL, largely as already circulated to GAG via the agenda for today's meeting. Next, we will also write to Stephen Fair briefly and in more general terms, repeating concerns over the long time that has passed since this application was lodged with Planning, and reiterating the strength of local concern over the Biomass proposal.

2. SNH update

The mail sequence from SNH (Brendan Turvey - as attached to Agenda) was discussed. [The date is missing off my reply to his reply - the date it was sent was 30th July.]

It seemed likely that SNH would maintain the position set out in earlier mails - they would not offer an opinion on the appropriateness of a particular application, but in principle supported combined Heat and Power plants, but not electricity-only plants.

3.AOB

4. Date of next meeting

ARDGARRY FARM MONDAY 9TH 7.30 PM