

MINUTE OF GAG MEETING AUGUST 16TH

Hospitality:

Jon at Ardgarry

Apologies received

Justin, Andrew...

Minute from August 9th

Accepted

ARISING:

1. Update - comments on graphics

The universal view on these was that they added nothing to NEDL's original case: The colours were different but the monstrous size of the building was still obvious. The supposed view from the site entrance underlines this, and again - in spite of this further exercise by NEDL using cutting -edge graphics - the 250 meter splay required for traffic management is still missing off the graphic, so that even the few trees shown would inevitably be removed in real life.

It was noted that the same selective perspectives as were shown before, were again present - but this time with figures. For example, Fir tree A (17 meters), to the west of the plant, and oak tree C (19.5 meters) to the east of the plant, are shown with the tops joined by a straight line. Fair enough. But, mysteriously, the plant B, higher than both at 21 meters, and set in the middle, only climbs half as high as the line.

2. GAG proposed meeting with Stephen Fair

Ken had been in touch by phone and email, and had had a mail back today from Stephen Fair, who has decided not to meet GAG. That is because he has also decided not to meet the agent for the applicant, as he feels such a meeting is not required.

{update 17th - a summary letter of objection has been lodged with Stephen Fair and is now included in the papers on the biomass proposal.}

3. Summary information sheet

The draft summary sheet from the last meeting was reconsidered. It was agreed that the format was acceptable, as a series of statements made, each along with the source for that fact or opinion. A modified version is attached and will appear on the GAG webpages. This will be forwarded to Stephen Fair by tomorrow afternoon unless GAG members suggest changes by then. A cover note introduces the summary.

4. Proposals for the site in the future

No feedback yet - see last meeting. The meeting considered previous ideas relating to the site at the old forestry offices, some of which predate NEDL's application by many years. It had been considered then for the new hall, for affordable housing, and for small workshops for local businesses. The hall aside, these ideas were still felt to be viable, with of course others. Ideas please **Action all.**

5. Current Hydro Power Station subsidy

Clarification pending. **Action Andrew**

6. Achnabrek and Cowal

Clarification pending **Action Jon**

NEW ITEMS

7. Timescales in the Planning department

The possible sequences of events and their timescales, referring to this application by NEDL, were considered. It was noted that there were several steps still to go through.

8. Door to door

It was agreed that there was no merit in repeating this just yet.

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None raised

DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

Deferred