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NEWSLETTER

Introduction

To keep everyone up-to-date with developments we have decided to distribute a monthly Newsletter. To keep costs down we will send out the newsletter by email although we will print a few copies for those who do not have internet access.

It has been a very busy period what with keeping track of planning applications, expanding the website, presentations to Community Councils, distributing leaflets, writing objections, meeting with MSPs and travelling to Edinburgh to take part in the Anti-windfarm rally.

At this time in March the Mayfield Planning Application is occupying

our thoughts as we make sure that as few stones as possible are left unturned.

We would welcome any offers of help, particularly with recruiting new supporters, ideas of any kind but especially for improving our sphere of influence.

Please get in touch if you can help no matter how small you think your contribution might be, rest assured it will be appreciated.

(Email: tw312@stringbag.net)

Two things you can do:

- forward this newsletter to your friends;
- lodge an objection.

Thank you

If one wanted to go down in history as the politician who did most to damage Scotland's economy it would be hard to think of a more effective route than the present energy policy.

(Letter to Alex Salmond from Sir Donald Miller, 9 March 2011)

In its headlong rush to try to turn Scotland into the Saudia Arabia of renewable energy, the Government has pushed ahead with these developments without sufficient regard for their location and consequent devastation of our land. (*Herald Scotland* 26 February 2011)

The Edinburgh March



Windfarm Wars, BBC2

Watch out for the first in a four-part series of broadcasts regarding the development of Den Brook windfarm in Devon. Part 1 on 24 March on BBC2 and in Scotland on 31 March. Or, if you cannot wait until the 31 March, Sky viewers can watch regional BBC programmes on channel 971 and higher; Freesat viewers can see it on channel 950.

Success

Wigtown Bay and Robin Rigg extensions dropped!

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Turbine Watch 312 Publication

Stop Press

Approved by Scottish Government

Blackcraig Windfarm

23 x 110m turbines

The irony of it

“The track therefore follows the natural contours where possible and follows a sweeping, sinuous route in order to avoid the introduction of incongruous linear forms into the landscape.”

(Mayfield Application).

Planning

This is a complex subject so bear with me. Planning applications are subject to scrutiny by statutory consultees, by planning officers and then by the planning committee, unless the development proposal is small scale in which case senior officers have delegated powers to decide. The planning officer looks to see if the planning application conforms to the Council's stated policies. If it does he/she will recommend approval and the application will go before the planning committee for final confirmation. If the planning officer finds that the application does not conform he will recommend refusal but the planning committee still has the final say and could approve.

The key document is the Local Development Plan, currently drafted and open for consultation and replacing the Structure Plan and Local Plan. This document, like the current Local Plan is the key means by which applications are assessed. The Local (Development) Plan sets out in detail the land use and policies which will govern local development and by which applications will be judged. It will contain maps and text showing which land is allocated for housing, industry, recreation, conservation, etc.

The single most crucial point to understand is that, under Section 25 of the 2006 Planning Act, the determination of a planning application is to be made in accordance with the Development Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.



Material considerations include such things as design, road safety, noise or pollution, nature conservation, archaeological impact or impact on conservation area or listed buildings.

You can influence this process by making your views known to your Community Council, by a letter of objection to the planning department and by making your views known to the planning committee.

You will have a window of opportunity in which to do this so keep an eye on the local newspaper where planning applications are advertised or consult the Council's website.

There may be an open occasion during the process when objectors may speak. Even when there is no desire to speak, the weight of numbers attending gives a valuable indication of the strength of public feeling so as many people as possible should turn up to these occasions.



For more information visit: www.tw312.org.uk

**Stewartry Planning Applications (Turbines and Masts)
List of applications submitted but awaiting decision:**

Date	Location	Application No	No of turbines/ mast & height	Date	Location	Application No	No of turbines/ mast & height
04/03/2011	Furmiston Criag Carsphairn	11/P/2/0088	80m mast	08/01/2007	Barnbackle Hill Barnbackle Fm Lochfoot	07/P/2/0006	2 x 100m
04/03/2011	Quantans Hill Carsphairn	11/P/2/0087	80m mast	Awaiting submission			
04/03/2011	Kirkmabreck Carsluith	11/P/2/0084	1 x 45.9m	18/03/2011	West Barnoffity Kirkpatrick Durm	11/E/2/0021	2 x 21m
03/03/2011	Blaiket Mains Haugh of Urr	11/P/2/0083	2 x 39m	11/03/2011	Muirhead Farm Twynholm	11/E/2/0020	1 x 27m
15/02/2011	Littleton Farm Gatehouse of Ft	11/P/2/0065	3 x 40m	11/03/2011	Balmangan Fm Dundrennan	11/E/2/0019	3 x 39.6m
15/02/2011	Larg Farm Creetown	11/P/2/0063	1 x 27m	21/02/2011	Ernespie Dairy Castle Douglas	11/E/2/0018	1 x 39.6m
14/02/2011	Merklandwell Lochfoot	11/P/2/0060	1 x 27m	21/02/2011	Blairshinnock Fm Kirkgunzeon	11/E/2/0017	1 x 27m
14/02/2011	Crochmore Fm Crocketford	11/P/2/0059	1 x 27m	22/02/2011	Cambret Hill Creetown	11/E/2/0016	1 x 45m
15/01/2011	Mayfield Farm Rhonehouse	11/P/2/0001	7 x 130m 80m mast	21/02/2011	Trostrie Farm Twynholm	11/E/2/0015	1 x 66.6m
22/12/2010	Auchenlock Fm Auchencairn	10/P/2/0496	1 x 27m	10/02/2011	E Kirkcarswell Dundrennan	11/E/2/0011	6 x 19.5m
22/12/2010	Barstilby Farm Tongland	10/P/2/0495	2 x 21m	19/01/2011	Rattra Farm Borgue	11/P/2/0024	1 x 39m invalid
22/12/2010	Slagnaw Farm Kelton	10/P/2/0494	2 x 41m	17/01/2011	Culnaightrie Auchencairn	11/E/2/0005	1 x 70m
22/12/2010	Ingleston Farm Twynholm	10/P/2/0491	2 x 45.5m	12/01/2011	Ingleston of Borgue Farm	11/E/2/0004	2 x 39.6m
21/12/2010	Culraven Farm Borgue	10/P/2/0490	2 x 45.5m	21/12/2010	Chapel Farm Ringford	10/E/2/0043	1 x 39.6m
20/12/2010	Craigmore Hill Lochfoot	10/P/2/0487	2 x 45.5m	22/10/2010	Standingstone Fm, Borgue	10/E/2/0033	1 x 62m
20/12/2010	Kirkmabreck Carsluith	10/P/2/0488	1 x 45.5m	22/10/2010	Irelandton Farm Twynholm	10/E/2/0032	4 x 100m
04/11/2010	Loch Hill Nth of Dalry	10/P/2/0427	76m mast	01/07/2010	Glenquicken Moor, Creetown	10/E/2/0023	1 x 67m
13/04/2010	Bank Hill Kirkcudbright	10/P/2/0144	1 x 45m	24/06/2010	Rutherford's Whitniss Gatehouse of Ft	10/E/2/0021	2 x 45.5m
13/04/2010	Grange Hill Kirkcudbright	10/P/2/0143	1 x 45m	24/06/2010	Knockenbrex Moss Carrick	10/E/2/0019	2 x 45.5m
13/04/2010	Bank Farm Kirkcudbright	10/P/2/0142	1 x 45m	14/06/2010	Barcloy Hill	10/E/2/0018	6 x 125m
22/01/10	Milnmark Fm Dalry	10/P/2/0021	5 x 81m 55m mast				
20/10/2009	Plascow Farm Nr Dalbeattie	09/P/2/0359	3 x 84m				
05/08/2009	Galtway Hill Milton Farm Kirkcudbright	09/P/2/0267	2 x 100m				