

Clashindarroch Wind Farm Public Inquiry
Report on Week 1
15th- 19th May, 2006

Mrs Jill Moody is the Reporter appointed by the Scottish Ministers to conduct the Inquiry. She will prepare a report for their consideration and final decision.

Andrew Newcombe of Counsel (member of the Irish and English Bars, instructed by Bond Pearce Solicitors) has called the following witnesses for AMEC:

1. Mr. Iaian Michie who spoke on Planning
2. Mr. Kenneth Williamson who spoke on Listed Buildings
3. Mr. Simon Atkinson who spoke on Cultural Heritage
4. Rebecca Rylott who spoke on Landscape and Visual
5. Mr. Neil Harris, who spoke on Construction
6. Mr. Tom Green who spoke on Transport
7. Mr. Christopher Piper who spoke on Forestry
8. Dr. Andrew McKenzie who spoke on Noise

Mr. Newcombe led each of these through selected parts of their precognitions or summaries.

Mrs. Moody then asked questions which revealed that she had a good knowledge of the contents of the precognitions and points of objections from others.

Objectors, starting with Malcolm Hay for the Deveron and Bogie Fisheries Board and the local Consortium, were then able to question the witnesses as extensively as we wished.

Mr. Newcombe then led them on various points relevant to the questions which he thought had not been covered.

Mr. Malcolm Hay represents both the Deveron and Bogie Rivers Fisheries Board and a Consortium of local Landowners . He called the following expert witnesses:

1. Mr. Roy Dennis on the Common Gull
2. Mr. Geoffrey Sinclair on Landscape

The following 3rd Party Objectors delivered their precognitions:

1. Mr. Andrew Snowball on the effects of the removal of so much forestry
2. Prof. Julian Newman on Tourism and other matters

The objectors have been encouraged by Mrs. Jill Moody's calm and clear headed chairing of the Inquiry and ability to keep a pleasant atmosphere.

The Inquiry resumes at 2.00 p.m. on Monday, 22nd May and continues at 4.00 – 6.00 p.m. on Tuesday and then at 9.30 a.m. each day, breaking at lunch time on Friday.

There are two more witnesses to be called by Mr. Hay, at least 12 Third Party speakers to be called and one Supporter.

AMEC still have the following experts to call: Dr. Alan Edwards on Hydrology, Mr. Richard Steel on Fisheries and Mr. Stewart Lowther on Ecology and Ornithology.

Report by Anne Forbes