



## **Energy Isles Shetland Wind Farm**

### **Community Liaison Group (CLG) Meeting – 9 June 2025**

**Online Zoom meeting and at Cullivoe Hall - 1800**

#### **Present:**

Doug Wilson (DW) - Smithy House Associates  
John Thouless (JT) – Statkraft  
Tracey Leslie (TL) – Statkraft  
Annette Jamieson (AJ) – Yell Community Council  
Laurence Odie (LO) – Yell Community Council  
Derek Jamieson (DJ) – Unst Community Council  
Gordon Thomson (GT) – Unst Partnership  
Adam Doull (AD) – Unst Community Council  
Alice Mathewson – North Yell Development Council

#### **Apologies:**

Fiona Stirling – Mid Yell Development Company  
Chris Bolton – Felter Community Council  
Johnina Henderson – Yell Community Council  
Graham Hughson – Mid Yell Development Company

#### **Welcome**

DW opened the meeting and welcomed all those in attendance. DW then ran through the apologies and agenda. There were no alterations to the meeting notes from the meeting in March. LO declared an interest in Beaw Field as a tenant shareholder and asked for this to be noted in the meeting notes.

#### **Agenda**

- 1. Present & Apologies**
- 2. Previous minutes notes**
- 3. Project update**
  - Energy Isles
  - Beaw Field
- 4. Grid update**
- 5. Community benefit fund**
- 6. Community ownership**
- 7. AOB**

A good discussion took place around all the agenda points with some notes/comments and action points listed below.

## Notes

- DW went through the actions from the March meeting. JT confirmed the month start date for indexing the CBF would be March 2024, and that indexation would be the same as UK Gov CfD contracts so CPI. Contact at Burravoe Development Group still to be found. JT noted he had checked the files from Peel but had not found any previous agreements on CBF. Similarly, LO had not located any details so far, action carried forward and JT said he would speak to his Peel contact. JT thought funding would be available to support feasibility work on community ownership. Communications day/drop in sessions to be agreed and arranged. Amends to MoU at point 5.3
- JT ran through the projects update. Work being done on an Access Study for getting turbine components to Yell, including engaging with local contractors. JT continuing to work with landowners. TL bird surveys are still ongoing
- JT updated the group on the current grid position and understands SSEN are planning to hold consultation events in September for the proposed infrastructure developments around Scatsta. SIC grid working group meetings ongoing and JT noted these are constructive in helping to coordinate and align various development activities. GT highlighted the proposed road closure from Voe to Mossbank for 8 weeks for SSEN cable works (Gremista to SVT). (**\*Note added from September meeting this road closure is now expected to continue until December**) AJ these impacts have to be considered. JT noted these are matters for SSEN to manage and Statkraft are not involved in grid works. LO SSEN holding a consultation on cable crossings to Yell
- There were no comments/questions on CBF. JT advised that Statkraft are continuing to look at Community Ownership (CO) but have not reached any decision yet on whether an offer would be made for any of Statkraft UK's projects. They have engaged with a number of stakeholders and JT shared some slides on the information they had gathered so far, showing different potential models. AM will the two projects have their own CO scheme? JT most likely as the projects are in separate legal entities (special purpose vehicles (SPVs)), but a similar agreement could be used on both projects. AJ thought it would be good to discuss the options with the wider community. GT asked about timings for CO? JT we have time, 3/4 years before we commence construction on the projects, and that it was best for Statkraft to come to a decision first on whether it would be making a Community Ownership offer before wider community engagement in order to manage expectations
- General discussion on the CLG and combining the EI and Beaw Field CLG to work on both projects

## Action points

- LO to send contact for Burravoe Development Group to DW
- JT/LO to check for previous Beaw Field meeting minutes from Peel regarding discussion on CBF – action carried forward
- JT/TL/DW - SK to attend look at newsletter to start the communication process followed by drop in sessions
- DW - MoU to be amended at point 5.3 and reissued
- DW to approach Fetlar CC and discuss attendance at future meetings

**Next Meeting**

The proposed dates for the remaining 2025 meetings are;

Tuesday 2 September 2025

Tuesday 2 December 2025

If there are any clashes locally with the proposed 2025 dates, can you please let DW know and we can adjust the dates.

**Meeting closed at 1915**