



Energy Isles Shetland Wind Farm

Community Liaison Group (CLG) Meeting – 2 September 2025

Online Zoom meeting - 1800

Present:

Doug Wilson (DW) - Smithy House Associates
John Thouless (JT) – Statkraft
Seumas Skinner (SS) – Statkraft
Ciaran Black (CB) - Statkraft
Fiona Stirling – Mid Yell Development Company
Gordon Thomson (GT) – Unst Partnership

Apologies:

Tracey Leslie (TL) – Statkraft
Laurence Odie (LO) – Yell Community Council
Derek Jamieson (DJ) – Unst Community Council
Adam Doull (AD) – Unst Community Council
Alice Mathewson – North Yell Development Council
Annette Jamieson (AJ) – Yell Community Council
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 major alterations to the meeting notes from the meeting in June, small change to roadworks timescale added.

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. Future meetings and newsletter**
- 8. AOB**

Ciaran was introduced to the group. 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 June meeting. General discussion around the current road closure from Voe to Mossbank, the extended timescale and communication. An additional note has been added to the June meeting note. JT updated the group on the projects. Working with landowners for EI. Access study has been scoped out looking at all possible options and feasibility. This work will leave us with a couple of options for deliveries. GT, is landing at Burravoe pier an option? JT, water depth and loading on the pier would be an issue.
- JT updated the group on grid and the current grid reform process, mainly around land, grid connection and planning. EI and BF are unaffected by this process. The grid connection dates we stated previously remain the same (October 2032). SSE are hosting an event in Lerwick this month to update on their plans around Scatsta and Sullom Voe. Their will be a representative from Statkraft at the event. Events on Yell later in the year.
- DW the CB MoU has been updated and redistributed. JT, it would be good to get feedback on the MoU. GT, if there are fewer turbines on BF would this impact the CB fund? SS, we would not expect the CB fund to go down. FS, what will happen with the MoU, we need advice as a community. SS, keen to get it signed. FS, we have engaged with CARES (Mark Brennan) and Foundation Scotland. We need to hold a North Isles community meeting starting with the CC's, followed by public meeting/drop-in sessions. Would financial support be available to help to arrange this? SS, we can look at support.
- JT ran through the current meeting schedule and proposed having a biannual meeting and newsletter in between. Newsletter to include, intro to SK, Shetland team, project background, history, surveys and timeline. Looking at January 2026 for the first newsletter and postponing the December meeting. FS, a January newsletter could lead us into the public meetings. FS, there are CC elections in November and CC members people may change.

Action points

- LO to send contact for Burravoe Development Group to DW
- Group to feedback on the updated MoU
- To note, there will be elections for Yell CC in November 2025
- Meeting to be arranged for three CC groups – FS/GT
- Draft and share newsletter
- Group to feedback on newsletter and meeting proposal

Next Meeting

See discussion above and actions re next meeting

Meeting closed at 1900