



## **Energy Isles Shetland Wind Farm**

### **Community Liaison Group (CLG) Meeting – 12 December 2023**

#### **Virtual Zoom Meeting – 6.30pm**

##### **Present:**

Doug Wilson (DW) - Smithy House Associates  
John Thouless (JT) – Statkraft  
Tracey Leslie (TL) - Statkraft  
Laurence Odie (LO) – Yell Community Council  
Fiona Stirling (FS) – Mid Yell Development Company  
Annette Jamieson (AJ) – Yell Community Council

##### **Apologies:**

Rebecca Todd  
Seumas Skinner  
Gordon Thomson

##### **Welcome**

DW opened the meeting and welcomed all those in attendance. There was a brief introduction as there were new members on the call. DW then ran through the agenda. DW asked for feedback on the previous meeting minutes, none received.

##### **Agenda**

###### **Present & Apologies**

###### **Previous minutes**

###### **Team introduction**

###### **Project update**

- **Energy Isles**
- **Beaw Field**

###### **AOB**

- **Feedback from the consultation sessions held in Yell in June**
- **Disturbance payments during construction phase**
- **Community benefit**
- **Future community engagement/drop-in sessions**
- **Frequency of future meetings**

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

## Notes

- DW, asked the CLG for their thoughts on expanding the group to cover both Energy Isles (EI) and Beaw Field (BF) projects and to bring in additional Community Councils. LO, didn't think that there was a need to involve the mainland. AJ, asked what previous discussions had taken place with Peel. Action below.
- JT and TC gave a further detailed introduction to the group. JT ran through the presentation with updates on Statkraft's projects across Shetland, providing further details on EI and BF projects including grid connection timing (expected October 2028 for both projects), met mast, site investigations and access. SSEN will be consulting on the proposed route next year.
- JT, we have site data for BF and are looking at turbine options and discharging conditions linked to the planning consent. LO, have all the people from the drop-in sessions been contacted? DW, yes, we have been through the contact sheets and all residents have been contacted but we will check. Action below. FS, there will be lots of questions locally and its important we agree the best way to communicate progress.
- DW, updated the group on feedback from the two days of drop-in sessions. 44 residents attended and questions included shadow flicker, private water supply, peat cutting rights.
- JT, updated the on the commitment to the CBF payments and would look into disturbance payments as part of the wider construction planning. Happy to listen and to discuss with residents. AJ, it's about what happens before the CBF is operational and the local legacy in road construction etc. JT, yes we are looking at this, road widening, passing places that could be left as a legacy of the project. AJ, there is an issue with lack of space on the ferry, capacity is important and accommodation for workers. JT, we are aware of the issues and are looking at them. We are looking at alternative vessels for transporting components to minimise disruption. We are looking at accommodation options as well. AJ, SIC can supply ferry capacity figures. FS, its important for supply chain opportunities. DW, we are refreshing the info from previous supplier days and will be doing more.
- AJ, now that both projects are consented we need to start thinking about the CBF, what support we need to administer the fund. FS, we (Yell CC) need to look at how it could be administered and by what groups. We have been in touch with Local Energy Scotland to see what assistance is available. DW, there is time now to agree the actions around the CBF and we would be happy to support you on this. LO, there was a group in Burravoe that dealt with Peel on the CBF. Action below
- DW, we are happy to discuss the future community engagements, attendance at meetings, drop-in sessions, presentations etc. FS, we need to look at the mechanisms to keep the conversation flowing. JT, we would be happy to attend the Yell CC meeting in March next year.
- DW, what sort of frequency of meetings does the group think will work. JT, perhaps we should hold the CLG quarterly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in March, June, September and December, the group agreed. Action below

**Action points**

- JT to check on previous discussions with Peel and the BF CBF
- DW to share presentation with the group
- JT to contact resident to check for any missing info
- JT to request ferry capacity info from SIC
- Yell CC members to discuss how the fund could be administered
- DW to send out suggested future dates for CLG meetings

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 and this meeting will be face to face.

**Meeting closed at 1940**