



Energy Isles Shetland Wind Farm

Community Liaison Group (CLG) Meeting – 10 December 2024

Virtual Zoom meeting - 1830

Present:

Doug Wilson (DW) - Smithy House Associates
John Thouless (JT) – Statkraft
Tracey Leslie (TL) – Statkraft
Seumas Skinner (SS) - Statkraft
Annette Jamieson (AJ) – Yell Community Council
Gordon Thomson (GT) – Unst Partnership
Derek Jamieson (DJ) – Energy Isles

Apologies:

Fiona Stirling – 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 September.

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

- JT confirmed that the Mossy Hill Substation application will be submitted shortly. JT talked through a few slides on the new grid connection to Yell and other offshore projects. The connection will now go via Scatsta and Sullom Voe to connect hydrogen projects with a new substation (northern substation). All of this will need planning approval. EI and Beaw have capacity on the existing connection and as mentioned previously we don't expect our grid connection until 2030 with construction commencing around 2029. AJ when will decisions be made by SSE? JT hopefully Q1 next year. AJ will this impact on timings of the Yell projects? JT not at the moment but we understand the need for a solution for the Yell construction. GT will the northern substation be similar to Kergord? JT different power inputs and connections but like Kergord.
- JT we have bird surveys ongoing on the Yell projects. JT we are working with SIC financial advisors and will use Mossy Hill as a case study on Community Ownership. GT what are the options for CO? JT there a number of models we are looking at internally, shareholding, bonds are some options. SS we are not being prescriptive on CO and want to look at the best options. JT there was a discussion on CfD with several inputs, see summary below.
- AJ from the last meeting can you confirm if the CBF is index linked and from when? JT yes the fund will be linked to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and this will be from 2024. GT will there be a revised MoU incorporating the changes? JT yes we will revisit the MoU and update. DJ the £5K CBF figure has been around for a long time. SS if the SG guidance changes we will look at this on a case by case basis.

Action points

- JT update and redistribute the MoU
- GT to send contact details for Adam Doull to DW

Next Meeting

We are planning to hold the next meeting as a face-to-face meeting. The proposed dates for the 2025 meetings are;

Monday 10 March 2025

Tuesday 3 June 2025

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

Note:

Just to summarise the discussion on Contracts for Difference, Peel previously won auctions for Mossy Hill and Beaw Field. As these schemes couldn't be progressed in the timeframe required to accept the auctions, Statkraft returned these. We will either seek a CfD auction in the future or

pursue other solutions, such as a Commercial Power Purchase Agreement where we sell energy directly to a major energy consumer. CfD only functions once a wind farm is operational, so there is no substantial cost to the Government for a contract which is not taken up.