



Energy Isles Shetland Wind Farm

Community Liaison Group (CLG) Meeting – 1 February 2022

Virtual Zoom Meeting – 6.30pm

Minutes

1. Present & Apologies

DW opened the meeting at 6.30pm and welcomed all those in attendance, noting apologies. DW then ran through the agenda. DW asked for feedback on the previous meeting minutes, none received.

Present:

Doug Wilson (DW) - Smithy House Associates Ltd
Charlotte Healey (CH) – Statkraft
Rebecca Todd (RT) – Statkraft
Derek Jamieson (DJ) – Energy Isles
Laurence Odie (LO) – Yell Community Council
Annette Jamieson (AJ) - Yell Community Council
Gordon Thomson (GT) – Unst Partnership

Apologies:

Patrick Fordyce – Unst Community Council

2. Team update

CH, we want to welcome Rebecca Todd to the meeting and to Statkraft. Rebecca has worked on Energy Isles for a number of years at ITP and knows the project well. Bex will be leading on the project going forward and I still be involved. RT introduced herself to the meeting and outlined her background with the Energy Isles project.

3. Project update

CH, we submitted the second SCI in October 2021, the objection from NatureScot (NS) was removed but there were still concerns about the peat from NS and SEPA. We have continued to work with both organisations to if there is anything more we can do. We met recently with SEPA to look at micro-siting and they have removed their objection. RT, we have been working with NS a lot over the past few months to provide them with information on the mitigation measures we have in place

with regard to the peat. These discussions have been positive and we hope to have a resolution soon. We are hopeful that the application will go to SIC planning committee in March, 21st March. We will know in the next few weeks if we will be at the March committee. After SIC have made a decision the application will then go to the Energy Consents and the Scottish Government for a final decision.

AJ, what are the mitigation measures against peat? RT, we have looked at the design the infrastructure and moved it to shallower peat to lessen the impact. We have also looked at offsite mitigation within Shetland.

4. Planning and timing update

Everyone was happy that the timescales had been covered in the update above.

5. AOB

AJ, was there any update regarding the community benefit fund (CBF)? The group had a discussion on the CBF and felt strongly that control of the fund should be in the North Isles. CH reminded the group that it was their decision regarding the management and distribution of the fund. It was agreed that the three Community Councils should get 2/3 representatives from each CC to meet and take this forward.

DJ, where are we with Community Ownership? CH, the MoU would commit Statkraft in principal and we need to look into it more when we have a clearer path to planning and we would be happy to have a further call on the Community Ownership.

AJ, what are the timescales once the application goes to the ECU and SG? CH, we would hopefully get a final decision within a year.

6. Future meeting dates

CH, if we confirm the March committee we should have a CLG in a months' time. It was agreed that this would be beneficial for the group.

It was agreed that when we get confirmation of the March committee date we will schedule the next meeting for W/C 7 March.

Meeting closed at 7.00pm.