



## **Energy Isles Shetland Wind Farm**

### **Community Liaison Group (CLG) Meeting – 7 March 2023**

#### **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.

#### **Present:**

Doug Wilson (DW) - Smithy House Associates  
Rebecca Todd (RT) – Statkraft  
Seumas Skinner (SS) - Statkraft  
Derek Jamieson (DJ) – Energy Isles  
Laurence Odie (LO) – Yell Community Council  
Susan Williamson (SW) – Yell Community Council

#### **Apologies:**

Annette Jamieson  
Gordon Thomson  
Frances Browne  
Gary Betney

### **2. Previous Minutes**

DW asked for feedback on the previous meeting minutes, none received.

### **3. Project update**

RT. The application went to Shetland Island Council (SIC) planning committee in March 2022 and they raised no objection, the application then went to the Energy Consents Unit (ECU). We have been working with SIC and the ECU to agree planning conditions. The Scottish Government recently introduced National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) and the ECU asked consultees to review their response to our application in line with the new NPF4. We have received some responses from consultees and SIC will be taking the application back to their planning committee on 26 April. We are hopeful that the ECU will be able to decide on the application before the end of the year. It would take approx 18 months to discharge conditions before construction would commence.

RT. We have applied for a Met Mast on the site to record the wind data. The application is with SIC and will be registered shortly (DW to send link when the application is live) The mast will be in situ for 2/3 years.

RT. Due to the number of crofters across the site we are working with the Land Courts and the Grazing Clerks to identify everyone with rights to the land. We will be coming to Shetland in June to meet with crofters and to update residents on progress. SW. Have you been in touch with the Clerks? RT. Yes, Brodies are leading on this and the contact work is ongoing. RT. We would like to meet with local businesses to encourage them to be part of the project. LO. There are some crofters who have had no contact yet. RT. Yes, this work is ongoing and the drop in sessions planned for June will help with this process. SW. What if you cannot contact everyone? RT. We will work with the Land Courts to resolve this issue.

#### **4. Project timing update**

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

#### **5. AOB**

SW. Do you have maps of the turbine locations? RT. We can send this to you (DW to send maps with draft minutes) In consultation with Scottish Water we have moved two turbines out of the Gossa Water catchment area and we will be monitoring the water quality. LO. Could we pick up on the Community Benefit? DW. Yes, we can do this when we are up in June. LO. Has there been a decision on delivering the turbines to Yell? RT. We are discussing this with SIC and the turbine suppliers. They will come up from Lerwick to Ulsta out of hours to minimise any disruption. LO. SSEN were consulting last year the grid connection. RT. We are working with SSEN on the connection in the South of Yell.

#### **6. Frequency of future meetings**

It was agreed that the next meeting should be held in August. After the decision on the application we would look at a quarterly meeting.

**Meeting closed at 7.00pm.**