



## **Energy Isles Shetland Wind Farm**

### **Community Liaison Group (CLG) Meeting – 12 March 2024**

#### **Cullivoe Hall – 7pm**

##### **Present:**

Doug Wilson (DW) - Smithy House Associates  
John Thouless (JT) – Statkraft  
Tracey Leslie (TL) – Statkraft  
Adana Ugo-okoye (AU) - Statkraft  
Laurence Odie (LO) – Yell Community Council  
Fiona Stirling (FS) – Mid Yell Development Company  
Annette Jamieson (AJ) – Yell Community Council  
Derek Jamieson (DJ) – Energy Isles  
Graham Hughson (GH) – Development Council  
Gordon Thomson (GT) – Unst Partnership  
Barry Nisbet (BN) - Community Development Officer, CNI

##### **Apologies:**

None received

##### **Welcome**

DW opened the meeting and welcomed all those in attendance. There was a brief introduction as this was the first in person meeting in a while. DW then ran through the agenda.

##### **Agenda**

- 1. Present & Apologies**
- 2. Previous minutes**
- 3. Team introduction**
- 4. Project update**
  - **Energy Isles**
  - **Beaw Field**
- 5. Community benefit fund**
- 6. Future community engagement/drop-in sessions**
- 7. AOB**

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

### **Notes**

- JT updated the group on progress with Energy Isles and Beaw Field. Work is ongoing on both projects. There has been a delay mainly due to the grid connection, discussions are ongoing with SSEN. There will be a met mast going up in April, weather permitting. AJ asked for a map of the met mast location.
- General questions and discussion from the group around housing for the construction workers, the possibility of another interconnector, component deliveries and the timings of these to minimise impact to residents, how the deliveries would be made, escorts etc and to where on Yell.
- DW moved the discussion onto the CBF. The group was looking for advice on running the CBF and there was a general discussion around the support that was available. BN had been in touch with Mark Brennan at CARES and it was agreed that BN should go back to MB and see what support was available. DW offered to ask Foundation Scotland to a future meeting if the group thought that would be helpful.
- There were questions on the CBF, would Statkraft loan monies upfront for larger projects, was the CBF index linked and could the fund be used to employ staff to assist with the administration of the fund. There was mention of the 9CC Group in Ayrshire who are a group of Community Councils who administer CBF over a wide area, link in the actions below.
- GH asked for a contact at SSEN to discuss their underwater survey work.

### **Action points**

- DW to send map the met mast location
- Link for the 9CC Group - [Nine Community Council Group Ayrshire \(9ccg.co.uk\)](https://www.9ccg.co.uk)
- JT to check re upfront payment of CBF
- DW/TL to put GH in touch with SSEN

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday 11 June 2024.

**Meeting closed at 2000**