



Energy Isles Shetland Wind Farm

Community Liaison Group (CLG) Meeting – 24 September 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
Gary Betney (GB) – Unst Community Council
Alice Mathewson (AM) – North Yell Development Council
Hannah Eynon (HE) – North Yell Development Council
Graham Hughson (GH) – Development Council

Apologies:

Derek Jamieson – Energy Isles – arrived late to meeting
Fiona Stirling – Mid Yell Development Company

Welcome

DW opened the meeting and welcomed all those in attendance. DW then ran through the agenda and the meeting notes from the meeting in July.

Agenda

- 1. Present & Apologies**
- 2. Previous minutes notes**
- 4. Project update**
 - Energy Isles
 - Beaw Field
- 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 updated the group on the Mossy Hill project that has had some press coverage recently. Due to the grid connection date, 2028, Mossy Hill will be delivered ahead of the Yell projects. JT updated on progress with Energy Isles and Beaw Field. Focus remains on grid connection, SSEN doing Community Council meetings w/c 30th September including Delting, local to proposed substation in Scatsta area. The connection will be going via Scatsta, this has now been confirmed. The connection for the Yell projects will be post 2030 but it all seems to be going in the right direction. We know it's frustrating but there is a lot going on to move this forward. GT will the connection to Yell only begin in 2030? JT noted this is a matter for SSEN but understood it is likely to be developed all together and energised as one connection. JT we were delighted to have attended the Yell show recently.
- JT Statkraft is committed to £5K per MW on both Yell projects. There has been some dialogue with GT regarding an MoU. GT summarised both projects, EI 18 turbines and BF 17 turbines and the payment has been the same since 2010. JT confirmed that the current payment is in line with SG guidance and the payment would be index linked from 2024 (see action below). Both projects will deliver circa £1M CB every year. AM this was discussed at the Just Transition Shetland launch today and if the payment had been linked previous linked from 2010 the CBF MW payment would be circa £7.5K. GT has there been progress with the Yell CBF consultation? AJ yes, we have formed a steering group with first meeting this week.
- JT we are still working on possible models for Community Ownership and we are speaking to the financial advisors who represent SIC. AJ confirmed that they had been in touch with Foundation Scotland.
- DJ asked about future meetings on Zoom or face to face. JT we have committed to one face to face meeting per year so we can look at our next meeting in December.

Action points

- JT to confirm the type of index link for the CBF

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday 10 December. If there are any clashes with this date locally can you please let DW know.

Meeting closed at 1900