

**Porth Wen Solar Farm Community Liaison Group
4pm, Wednesday 17th November 2021**

Cemaes Village Hall

MINUTES

FINAL

Members

Name	Role/organisation
Angharad Crump	Planning Officer, Sir Cyngor Ynys Môn
Cllr John Griffith	Talybolion ward
Cllr Aled Morris Jones	Twrcelyn ward
Dr Debbie Jones	Low Carbon Innovation Manager, M-Sparc
Cllr Derek Owen	Llanbadrig Community Council
Cllr Gareth Winston Owen	Amlwch Community Council

In attendance

Name	Role/organisation
Jo Bramwell	Local resident
John Hill	Construction Manager, EDF Renewables
Gwyn Jones	Local resident
Kerry MacPhee	Community Liaison Officer, EDF Renewables
Gwynfor Owen	Simultaneous translator, Geiriau Gwyn
David Peters	Landowner
Christian Rohman	Project Manager, EDF Renewables

1. Welcome

Chairman Aled Morris Jones welcomed the group.

2. Introductions and apologies

Apologies were received from Liz Wood, Amlwch Community Council, and Pryderi ap Rhisiart, M-Sparc.

3. Minutes

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved by the group.

4. Terms of Reference

The group adopted the terms of reference on the basis that the following be added:

- EDF Renewables to ensure that it be widely publicised in the local community that the CLG is open for anyone to attend. [update: added to TOR as point 5.2]
- Discussions on Community Benefit Fund will be done with the closed group and not the public CLG forum. [update: added to TOR as point 2.7]

5. Project update

JH provided a project update:

- Three tier 1 contractors will work on the project. Jennings of north Wales will lead on

enabling works and have secured local fencing contractor and will utilise a local quarry for their works also. The IPC (Independent Connection Provider) and EPC (Engineering, Procurement and Construction) tier 1 contractors will be appointed in December.

- Access points, tracks and fencing is due to start in December.
- IPC work will begin in February 2022 with EPC work beginning shortly after.
- Summer 2022 will see the set up of welfare, beginning of construction with an October 2022 target date for connection.
- IPC and EPC have agreed to be part of a 'Meet the Buyer' day in late January which will provide an opportunity for local contractors to engage with Tier 1 contractors and procure work on the project. It is estimated that 20-30 people will work on the IPC works with around 140-160 people on the EPC works. DJ will work with EDF Renewables and help facilitate engagement with local contractors and content.
- EDF Renewables to investigate the potential for a jobs fair to be run in tandem with the Meet the Buyer event, perhaps with the DWP. EDF Renewables to liaise with DJ on local employment opportunities, careers fair and implementing the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act into contracts.
- CR informed the group that he will be stepping away from the project as Development hands over to Construction.
- Concerns were raised about access and egress points to site and volume of traffic and choice to use a less direct route to Cemaes, adding 15 miles. Questions over how green this was and safety of two particular points where children cross. The group differed in opinion on this with the alternative, shorter route also considered challenging. CR reassured the group the health and safety is of utmost importance to EDF Renewables, the route along the main arteries would have been selected based on this and in discussion with Highways department and Sir Ynys Môn Planning department. The group were encouraged to submit comments to the local authority as it is unlikely any changes can be made at this point with planning submitted.
- JH will bring a more thorough transport update to the next meeting.
- The group were unhappy with EDF Renewables' lack of ability to answer questions around the name of the local quarry to be used by Jennings and lack of detail on the transport route.
- CR provided an archaeological survey update. Nothing significant was found during the initial survey and the report will be completed soon. A watching brief will continue through construction.
- Questions were asked on jobs during operational phase. JH estimated that there will be two to three full time jobs. As solar isn't made of moving parts, jobs would be in operation and maintenance via EPC for the first two years, then ground maintenance thereafter.

6. Community Benefit Fund (CBF)

- KMP presented examples of how CBFs from other EDF Renewables projects are allocated and governed.
- The group agreed that there is no objection to the ringfenced £10,000 for the two local schools, however concerns were raised over how it's ensured that the funding is used to enhance the educational experiences of school children and not absorbed by the local authority.
- Concerns were raised over how the further £10,000 will be split between the two community council areas (80/20 as agreed with Countryside Renewables). Further discussion

is required and a meeting was requested imminently.

- Concerns were raised over how locally the CBF fund could be spent and that wording needs to be explicit in terms of ensuring local communities are the sole beneficiaries of the CBF. It was agreed that this be discussed at the CBF specific meeting

7. AOB

- JG asked the group if an invitation could be extended to neighbouring Mechell Community Council to join the group. It was agreed that they should be invited to attend as observers, and that they would not be able to access the CBF.
- The group reminded EDF-Renewables of the Welsh Language Act and that they should ensure any signage associated with the project (construction or otherwise) should be bilingual. Furthermore, any Welsh names should not be altered or changed.

8. Actions

- Date and meeting for a CBF discussion to be pencilled in to take place within the next fortnight
- JH to provide a more thorough transport update at next meeting.
- Local content day to be arranged and update provided to the group.
- EDF Renewables to put processes in place to ensure wider community are informed of dates and times when open Community Liaison Group meetings will take place.
- Updated ToR to be sent round for adoption at the next meeting.

9. Date and venue of next meeting

4-6pm late January 2022 at Cemaes Village Hall.