



**Sutton Bridge Solar Farm Community Liaison Group  
10am, Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

**Curlew Centre**

**MINUTES**

**FINAL**

**Members**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role/organisation</b>
CLlr Michael Booth	Parish Councillor/Business rep
CLlr Chris Brewis	District and Parish Councillor/Voluntary sector rep
Robert Smith	Sutton Bridge Parish Council Clerk

**In attendance**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role/organisation</b>
Matt Jones	Construction Manager EDF Renewables
Kerry MacPhee	Community Liaison Officer, EDF Renewables
Neil Wright	Chairman of the Curlew Centre and General Manager, Leeson's Garage

**1. Welcome**

KMP welcomed the group.

**2. Introductions and apologies**

County Councillor Tyrell did not attend.

**3. Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

**4. Project update**

MJ updated the group on current progress and shared some site pictures with attendees

- Piling is continuing.
- 10% of the project panels have now been delivered.
- Trenching works have begun and are 5% complete.
- Test rows are now in place.
- Panels are likely to be energised around April time with connection to the grid complete once testing has been completed. Aiming for a June deadline at the latest though could be sooner.

Questions from the group:

1. What type of grass will be used on the ground? Likely a mix of slow growing grass and wildflower with a habitat management plan in place. Hedgerows will also be planted on completion.



2. What type of modules are used? Modules are bi-facial to optimise sunray capture. The modules absorb very little heat.
3. How are the panels cleaned and how often? Panels are cleaned using a sun brush operated via a tractor. They are deep cleaned every 2-3 years and more regularly if required.

**5. Community Benefit Fund (CBF)**

- The group discussed potential fundholder. The third party, GrantScape, was suggested. The group also considered using the Sutton Bridge Parish Council as fund administrators with a constitution based on that written for the parish communities in receipt of funds from the local power station. Both suggestions will be discussed by attendees at their upcoming parish council meeting and a representative from GrantScape may be invited to the next meeting.

**6. AOB**

None.

**7. Actions**

- Robert Smith to speak with GrantScape and invite to next meeting.
- Cllr Chris Brewis to share the constitution written to help parishes with the distribution of community funds from the power station.

**8. Date and venue of next meeting**

Early Dec (TBC).