



**Sutton Bridge Solar Farm Community Liaison Group
10.00, Wednesday 30th November 2022
The Curlew Centre, Sutton Bridge**

**MINUTES
FINAL**

Members

Name	Role/organisation
Councillor Michael Booth	District Councillor and business representative
Councillor Chris Brewis	District and Parish Councillor/voluntary sector representative
Robert Smith	Sutton Bridge Parish Council Clerk
Councillor Jack Tyrrell	County Councillor

In attendance

Name	Role/organisation
Matt Jones	Construction Manager EDF Renewables
Kerry MacPhee	Community Liaison Officer, EDF Renewables
Matt Young	Chief Executive, Grantscape (via Microsoft Teams)

1. Welcome

KMP welcomed the group.

2. Introductions and apologies

There were no apologies.

3. Minutes

The minutes were accepted.

4. Project update

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

- Panels will all be in place by end of January 2023.
- Construction slightly behind due to heavy rain and soft ground.
- Final works on road permit grants with Norfolk Council in action and should be in place early 2023.
- Transformer station work to begin this week.
- Inverters are currently being mounted.
- No abnormal loads expected to pass through Sutton Bridge.
- National Grid outage slot between early April and early May with energisation now expected June/July 2023.



Questions from the group:

1. What is the likelihood of panels being changed over the 40 years? Hard to say at the moment though technology is advancing fast enough that this is a potential.
2. Will Enso be making use of any EDF Renewables UK infrastructure? It's unlikely.

5. Community Benefit Fund (CBF)

- MY updated the group on how Grantscape would govern their CBF should Sutton Bridge CLG agree to use them.
- Group to decide how they would like their panel to be made up. Preference given thus far to a panel made up of a mix of parish council representatives and impartial bodies to ensure the parish council can also utilise funds for local projects.
- KMP to confirm with Asset Ops on next steps.

6. AOB

- None.

7. Actions

- KMP to share next steps with group (upon agreement that Grantscape be their chosen fund holders).

8. Date and venue of next meeting

13.00, Wednesday 8th February 2023 at The Curlew Centre.