

Porth Wen Solar Farm Community Liaison Group
4pm, Wednesday 23 June 2022
Cemaes Village Hall
MINUTES

Members

Name	Role/organisation
Angharad Crump	Planning Officer, Sir Cyngor Ynys Môn
Cllr Carys Davis	Chair, Llanbadrig Community Council
Cllr Julie Edwins	Amlwch Town Council
Cllr Aled Morris Jones	Twrcelyn ward
Cllr Derek Owen	Llanbadrig Community Council
Cllr Llio Owen	Talybolion ward
Cllr Gareth Winston Roberts	Amlwch Town Council

In attendance

Name	Role/organisation
Gurpal Basra	Construction Manager
Kerry MacPhee	Community Liaison Officer, EDF Renewables
Gwynfor Owen	Simultaneous translator, Geiriau Gwyn

1. Welcome

Chairman Aled Morris Jones welcomed the group.

2. Introductions and apologies

Apologies were received from Myrddin Owens.

3. Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved by the group.

4. Terms of Reference

The group adopted the terms of reference.

5. Project update

GB presented the following construction updates:

- Jennings mobilised on 9th March. They are still on site and completing Phase 1 by next week. Track from site entrance to the bottom of the site at the substation has been built. A metal bridge has been constructed over one water crossing as well as a large diameter plastic pipe placed in the water course and backfilled over the pipe to allow the construction of the track over the water courses.
- Jennings are now employed by both Ethical & Grupotec as their civils contractors.

- The archaeologist is still on site. They will be a permanent presence as we strip the soil for the track.
- Traffic lights have now been removed and bell mouth access completed with new tarred entrance and road in place.
- Ethical Connections – ICP – Principal Contractor for substation works. Substation building works have begun with bases dug, concrete blinded and now shuttering be placed for slabs & walls. The placing of reinforcement steel for walls & slabs has begun. These in turn will be concreted in the next few weeks.
- Grupotec – EPC - Principal Contractor are now on site setting up their site compound. Upcoming works to include installing stoned tracks across the site and cable trenching for electrical cables.

6. Community Benefit Fund (CBF)

- KMP confirmed that the CBF will be subject to RPI.
- The group have requested that part of the CBF be used for a scholarship programme to support disadvantaged children to go to college or university at a cost of £2k per annum per scholar. They would like to explore the possibility of 4x £2k contributions per annum from the following pots: Ringfenced schools money, Amlwch Town Council, Llanbadrig Community Council and EDF Renewables.
- Cllr Owen requested CBF money be considered for a school. The group declined this request and would like to stick to the council areas defined as in receipt of CBF.
- The group would still like for schools money to be used for Welsh language development.

7. AOB

- A request was made for another jobs fair for local people. KMP confirmed that procurement and employment opportunities were being realised as a result of the March jobs fair. The project is now at a stage where positions were being filled and timelines wouldn't align to serve future jobs fairs.
- A request was made to explore apprentice opportunities and college engagement. KMP to report back to the group.

8. Actions

- KMP to confirm £2k additional contribution per annum from EDF Renewables.
- KMP to confirm number of local people to be employed long term via the solar farm.
- KMP to provide the group with an update on any other North Wales developments in the pipeline.
- KMP to provide an update on apprentice opportunities via Tier 1s.
- KMP to provide update on output from Business Breakfast and careers fair.

9. Date and venue of next meeting

Wed 4-6pm early Sept 2022 at Cemaes Village Hall.