



## **Agenda – Angle Community Council Meeting Weds 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

**Meeting held online via Zoom @18.30**

**Present:** Cllr S Williams (chair), Cllr E Howells, Cllr E Parker, Cllr K Watkins and Mrs A Randall (clerk), plus one member of the public, Jo-Anne Lewis.

**Apologies:** Cllr D Richards and County Cllr S Alderman (PCC).

**Declarations of interest:** None declared.

### **Part 1 –Presentation from David Jones, Stakeholder Manager and Ben Huskinson, Planning, about the Blue Gem Wind Farm and Erebus Project.**

Cllr Williams started by welcoming everyone to the meeting and handed ‘the floor’ over to David and Ben, who gave an introductory session about the Blue Gem Wind and Erebus Project. Points to note were:

- This is a joint venture between Total and Simply Blue Energy.
- They are at the start of the process and the purpose of the introductory sessions is to engage with local communities, explain the project and answer any questions and concerns.
- The aim is to construct 7-10 platforms in the Celtic Sea to harness wind energy. This will provide power for up to 90,000 homes when fully operational and fits with the green/net zero energy strategy.
- Platforms will not be fixed, but instead will be floating and will be moored to the sea bed.
- Turbines will be constructed on-shore (hoping some will be local to provide local employment, although unlikely that all construction will be local due to capacity issues) and towed out to sea, around 45km off-shore.
- Turbines will be visible on a clear day, but will not be obtrusive.
- Each turbine has a lifespan of around 25 years, therefore maintenance etc will bring ongoing employment to the area for decades.
- A number of surveys are currently being undertaken and public consultation events are due to be held in November 2020 and summer 2021.
- The planning application is due to be submitted December 2021, construction will start in 2026, with operation commencing 2027. Fully operational by 2030.
- Cables need to be laid to carry the energy generated to a substation at Pembroke Power station. The landing site for cables has not yet been confirmed. Project is considering 3 potential sites; Freshwater West, Angle and land owned by Valero. Cables are not compatible with Greenlink infrastructure so will need separate installation.
- More information is available at [www.simplyblueenergy.com](http://www.simplyblueenergy.com).

David and Ben concluded their session by offering to produce a quarterly newsletter, either paper-based or electronic to suit residents to inform them how the project is progressing. They are happy to answer any questions or concerns – (ask Mrs Randall for their contact details). They would be happy to attend another meeting in future and agreed to inform ACC when surveys were taking place.

Cllr Williams thanked Ben and David for their input and time and they left the meeting at 19.20.

## **Part 2 – ACC monthly meeting**

1. **Approval of minutes from meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020** – Community Councillors approved the minutes, (to be signed physically at a later date).

### **2. Matters arising and updates:**

1. Action points from last meeting – Completed, with further updates below
2. West Angle Bay Car Park – Cllr Alderman has contacted Tegryn Jones at PCNPA to discuss the positioning of the pay machines at West Angle Bay, but has not yet fixed a date for this. Cllr Williams has subsequently received email communications about this subject and sent a letter of complaint to PCNPA about not being informed of the rescheduled planning meeting or outcome.
3. Playground renovation – There are still questions outstanding about the site. Although PCC are keen to hand the site to the community under a Community Asset Transfer (CAT) questions remain unanswered about the sink hole in site, whose responsibility it is for maintaining the stream, the broken effluent pipe and the exact boundary. The new owner of the school has not yet signed over the land currently being leased. There are also concerns about the site being at high risk of flooding and PCC would also like ACC to take over the costs of maintaining the street light and bins. Mrs Randall has contacted the insurance company for an estimate on the additional costs for insurance, which were an extra £500 a year (not including the flood risk).

Mrs Randall also contacted PCC to ask what Health and Safety and Risk Assessment training they would advise to enable ongoing monitoring of the area following takeover of the site but nothing has been recommended to date.

Given all the issues set out above and the potential high costs involved in land registry and maintenance, ACC discussed whether it would be preferable to ask PCC to carry on maintaining the site and for ACC to buy and install the playground equipment without going through the CAT. The preferred supplier, Wicksteed, is listed with PCC as one of their preferred suppliers so hopefully this should not be contested.

**Action Point: Cllr Williams will contact PCC to set up an online meeting to discuss the situation and negotiate the costs of them maintaining the site without the transfer of the land under a CAT.**

On a positive note, applications have been submitted for a number of grants. If these are approved there should be enough matched funding to start phase 1 of the project at the end of the year.

Simon Preddy from Places for Nature has been in touch to progress the planting which had been planned for the playpark. As ACC does not currently have access to the park, plants will need to be planted elsewhere in the village. Various sites were suggested but not finalised and councillors agreed to think about the best site. In the meantime Cllr Williams has some large pots that can be used to store the plants until a location is agreed.

4. Pontoon update – Nothing to report given the current circumstances but this will be kept as a standing agenda item.
5. Filling the vacant Community Councillor vacancy – As electoral services did not receive the threshold of 10 requests from Angle residents to hold an election the vacancy can be filled by co-option. Notices have been posted on the notice boards in the village, on ACC's website and

Facebook page. Those interested should apply in writing to [anglecc.clerk@gmail.com](mailto:anglecc.clerk@gmail.com). Time will be set aside at the beginning of next month's meeting for any applicants to present themselves.

6. Remembrance Day services and purchase of poppy wreaths – ACC agreed to buy a poppy wreath to lay at the memorial at Freshwater West. (Remembrance Sunday is 8<sup>th</sup> November). Cllr Williams will represent ACC at any service.

**Action Point – Mrs Randall will order and collect a poppy wreath for ACC. Cllr Williams will check whether the church and Mrs Mirehouse would like her to order wreaths on their behalf also.**

7. Prosiect Fory, The Tomorrow Project – ACC discussed briefly and thought this looked interesting, but would like to know how other small communities were taking this forward. Mrs Randall agreed to find out more and report back to ACC.
8. Playlist for Life – Music Dementia Charity – ACC thought this project looked interesting, and although people in the village may not need this for themselves, they may have relatives and friends who would.

**Action Point – Mrs Randall will register an interest on the website and will request a starter pack.**

9. Update from County Councillor – None provided as County Councillor did not attend the meeting.
10. Next meeting – ACC agreed to hold their next meeting (4<sup>th</sup> November) online, given the current restrictions. Tom Brinicombe (Greenlink) will be invited to present an update on the interconnector project.

### **3. Treasurers Report**

1. Bank balances and transactions - As of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 the Current account balance is £3,439.62, Sun Edison account balance is £8,987.41, Reserve account is £4,010.66 and the Playground account is £1,453.13. Total held in bank accounts is £17,890.82.
2. Payments to be made - ACC approved the payment of Clerk's salary of £296.00 (including back pay to April 2020 and annual increase), plus clerk's expenses of £3.49. They also approved clerk's training costs of £60.
3. External audit update – Awaiting report from the external auditors

### **4. Sun Edison community fund – No new applications received**

### **5. Planning issues**

- NP/20/0381/FUL – Erection of meteorological mast at South Studdock Farm – no objections raised
- 20/0531/PA – Cattle underpass for Highway crossing Wallaston Farm – ACC expressed their concerns that this might encourage speeding past the farm when vehicles don't have to slow down for cattle so would like to see speed restrictions and monitoring at the site.

**Action Point – Mrs Randall will relay these concerns to the planning team at PCC**

Cllr Williams has been advised that the Globe hotel are submitting another application for a licence

to serve alcohol to customers and had asked ACC to comment on the application. Given the short notice and the inability to gain views of residents ACC agreed not to provide comment at this stage and that the application would need to go through the normal planning process.

## 6. Highway Matters

- Valero Junction – Work has now started on the changes to this junction. Angle is also on the list of villages where a survey will be conducted to review the speed vehicles travel through the village with a view to reducing the limit to 20mph.

**Action point – Cllr Williams will contact Mr Bengier at PCC to get an update on issues raised at the Zoom meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September, ie construction of additional passing places, speeding, and cyclists riding 2 abreast on the roads.**

## 7. Training – Health and Safety/Risk assessment training for playground – see above

- Local Government Finance – Module 4 – Mrs Randall completed 28<sup>th</sup> September
- Understanding the Law – Module 6 – Mrs Randall completed 21<sup>st</sup> September
- Community Asset Transfers – available from OVW on request

## 8. Meetings attended by Cllrs and Forthcoming meetings.

- Feedback from online meeting with Pembroke Power Station on 16<sup>th</sup> September. Cllr Williams attended a virtual meeting – write-up attached.

## 9. Communication received

- IRP Draft Annual Report – Forwarded to ACC for comment by 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020
- Mid and West Wales Draft Corporate Plan 2021-2026 - Forwarded to ACC for comment
- Older people's Commissioner for Wales Newsletter September 2020 – Forwarded to ACC
- PCNPA Local Development Plan 2 – Adoption Notice. Forwarded to ACC for potential discussion at future meeting – **Mrs Randall will request a printed copy for residents to view in the village.**
- Cllr Williams has received an email from the Pembroke Dock Heritage Centre requesting details and dimensions of the RAF memorial plaque stolen from West Angle Bay. It appears that they are looking into funding a replacement.

## 10. Additional issues / Updates – additional issues raised during the meeting will be deferred to the next meeting.

The meeting finished at 20.20.

Next Scheduled Meeting – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 18.30 (via Zoom)

Signed:

Date:

Minutes can be made available in Welsh on request

## Feedback from Pembroke Power Station Local Liaison Committee

Virtual meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> September 10.30 hrs

1. Introductions and Apologies:
2. Minutes of Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020
  - Accuracy
  - Matters arising

### 3. LLC Notices & Correspondence Received

- Complaints re traffic speed /St Daniels Hill

### 4. Operations Update

- Safety

Night staff safety improvements with improved safety training there has been a proportional drop in incidents.

Setting up of contact tracing system

Mental Health first aiders.

Concern about winter pressures, especially when flu/covid symptoms are similar. Will make flu vaccine available for all staff and set up vaccination program on site.

- Site Activities:

Essential maintenance required at several power stations nationally and European.

Concern re implication of migrant workers

Currently work reduced to essential work only. Minimum staff on site. Use of Bubbles / Masks

However this not the same as the whole "fleet" I.e other stations. Loss of their security team

The NEW Normal: Essential work only; Minimum staff: Minimal interaction.

Concern re children at school, winter pressures and availability of testing. Currently issues with getting tests. Looking at own testing capabilities

- Environmental
- Commercial / market overview

Major restructuring throughout whole company to ensure more coordinated and consistent approach. This will include centralisation of teams, whereas previously each station was a “stand alone” unit.

There will be 100 job losses out of 800 , which will come into force on 1<sup>st</sup> January. Consultation proceeding at the moment.

Locally there energy requirements. However there will be a flexible gas requirement as solar and wind is not predictable, with seasonal variations. Will be a “core” maintenance team on site.

Energy Market changing with lower Gas and increasing renewable.

Options for this site:

- Do nothing re decarbonisation.
- However RWE strongly committed to decarbonisation and renewable
  - Hydrogen / Electrolysis
  - Hydrogen not good to burn in gas turbines
  - Blue Hydrogen from CO2 nad Green Hydrogen from Renewables
  - Possibility of capturing CO2 from emmissions
  - No local outlets to dispose of CO2
- Need for substations v. important e,g Greenlink./ coordination of other renewable projects and use of existing infrastructure. RWE preference is to have single connection routes.
- Issue of Compulsory purchase rights if opposed.
- Celtic Sea huge potential
- Renewable energy has potential to benefit the area by bringing the supply chain to the area through HWEZ. Employment opportunities

RWE managed to sell power before demand fell as a result of Covid. i.e had a better financial return.

- Community relations (including any enquiries or complaints received)  
Complaints re Foam

5. Current Local Issues raised by local representatives
6. Future meeting dates – **24<sup>th</sup> February 2021**
7. Any other business