



Final Minutes – Angle Community Council Meeting Weds 3rd March 2021
Meeting held online via Microsoft Zoom @18.30

Present: Cllr S Williams (chair), Cllr D Richards, Cllr E Howells, Cllr K Watkins, Cllr A Ward, County Cllr S Alderman (PCC), Mrs A Randall (clerk) and member of the public, Mrs Jo-Anne Lewis.

Apologies: Cllr E Parker

Declarations of interest: None declared.

Part 1 – Update on Blue Gem Erebus Wind Project from David Jones, Stakeholder Manager, and Ben Huskinson, Head of Planning and Environment

David and Ben gave an update on the Erebus Wind Project, information about the recently -announced Valorous project, and the meteorological mast due to be erected at South Studdock Farm. Main points are set out below:

- Off-shore wind energy is vital for the UK to meet its renewable energy targets for 2030.
- These 2 projects are relatively small in comparison to others (96 MW for Erebus and 300 MW for Valouros) but will contribute to achieving these targets.
- The industry will create sustainable jobs and Blue Gem Wind is working closely with colleges in the area to help them set up training courses for young people to acquire the skills required. They are also working with schools in the area to educate young people about renewable energy. It is predicted that 30 thousand people in the UK will be working in the industry by 2030.
- The wind turbines for both projects will be 45km (Erebus) and 50km (Valour us) offshore.
- Planning consent has been obtained for a very large (120m) meteorological mast to be erected on land at South Studdock farm. Installation is due to start shortly and the mast will be in place for 15 months to capture information over 2 winters. It will measure the wind power onshore, which will be correlated against measurements taken by a floating lido based at sea. The mast will be taken down and the land will be reinstated at the end of the 15 months.
- Construction for Erebus is due to start in 2025 and 2027 for Valorous.
- Floating turbine platforms are currently being designed and will be anchored to the sea bed by 18 ton anchors so will be very secure (3 moorings per platform).
- Electricity will start to be generated in 2026 (from Erebus) and there is capacity in the current grid network through pylons currently in place.
- The project has been assessing the most suitable landfall points to bring the cables onshore. 4 sites have been investigated; 2 at Freshwater West plus Sawdern Point and West Angle Bay.
- West Angle Bay is considered the best location to bring the cable ashore for Erebus as there is already much activity expected at Freshwater West (Greenlink interconnector, META and Bombora) and Sawdern Point is technically challenging due to the rocks around Thorne Island, shipping and jetties, and the infrastructure around Valero. David and Ben stressed that this proposal is provisional at the moment and they are aware of the potential disruption on the local population with regard to the beach, the tight road network, the SSSI status, protected habitats etc. Blue Gem Wind will plan for any work at the beach to be undertaken in less busy times over the winter period and should take 3-6 months. Installation will involve drilling under the beach and car park. Road closures might be needed but these should only be for a few hours at a time.
- There will be a need to set up a temporary rig site on an adjacent agricultural field to house the plant machinery whilst the onsite work is undertaken (possibly land at the east side of the car park or behind the cafe) but this will be restored to the original condition when this has finished. The aim is to be as least intrusive as possible and not to interfere with the road network.

- There are a number of options for the route for the cable once on land so this needs to be finalised before any digging starts. Residents will see activity in the area over the next few months (starting May/June 2021) as part of this.
- There is only space to bring 1 cable ashore at West Angle Bay so other landing points will need to be identified and assessed for the Valorous cable and further surveys will be needed.

Both David and Ben stressed they are keen to listen to feedback and to answer any questions from residents. They agreed to share the slide deck presented at the meeting with the Community Council. Any resident wishing to have a copy should contact the clerk at anglecc.clerk@gmail.com or a member of ACC with their email address.

Cllr Williams thanked David and Ben for their input.

Part 2 – Main meeting – started at 19.15

1. Approval of minutes from meeting held 3rd February 2021 – ACC approved the minutes as written.

2. Matters arising and updates:

1. Action points from last meeting - Cleared, with further updates below:
2. West Angle Bay car park update – Cllr Williams has secured an online meeting with Nicola Gandy, Planning Manager for PCNPA. on Tuesday 9th March to discuss outstanding planning issues with the car park. Other Community Councillors will take part if available. Cllr Williams will also raise the subject of drainage onto the beach as too much good sand is being washed away. They will also invite Nicola to a future ACC meeting to talk about the PCNPA's planning process in general.
3. Playground renovation – Mrs Randall reported that the grant awarded from the Cleddau Community Collaboration Fund had not yet been paid into ACC's bank account. Cllr Howells agreed to follow this up with them. Cllr Howells reported that she is awaiting the decision around the Enhancing Pembrokeshire award which is due on 8th March.

The plants, seeds, trellis and raised bed from Local Places for Nature need to be installed by the end of March. Although the kit was initially intended for the playground area ACC will not have access to this within the timescale so Cllr Howells has written to Rev Maynard to offer this to the church. **As he had not yet responded Mrs Randall agreed to speak to him. In the meantime Cllr Watkins will approach the head teacher at Penrhyn School to offer the kit to the children to use as a nature area.**

Cllr Williams proposed taking forward phase 1 and phase 2 of the playground installation at the same time if there are sufficient funds to do so as each phase will incur a cost of £750 for access and toilets etc. This approach would save a considerable amount of money. ACC agreed that this would be a sensible approach but would depend on how much had been raised at the time. There is still no date when ACC can gain access to the site and they are awaiting a date for the proposed onsite meeting with the new owner of the school.

Cllr Williams reported that she had been in touch with Welsh Water about camouflaging the wire fence around the pumping station and that she would invite them to a future ACC meeting to discuss the issues in the village.

4. Pontoon – Nothing new to report.

5. MAFA – feedback from Cllr Parker – deferred to ACC's April meeting as Cllr Parker unable to attend.

6. Welsh Elections 2021 – Elections for Senedd and the Police and Crime Commissioner are due to take place on Thursday 6th May. 16 and 17 year olds are eligible to vote in the Senedd elections for the first time but they will need to be registered to be able to do this. **Mrs Randall agreed to post information about how to do this on ACC's Facebook page.**

County Council and Town & Community Council Elections will not be taking place until May 2022. Councillors' term of office has been extended from 4 to 5 years.

7. IRP review – Remuneration for Community Councillors will stay the same as previous years.

8. Rooks in the village – 4 households in the village have reported problems with rooks nesting at the back of their properties, causing problems with noise and mess. Cllr Williams sought advice from a park ranger, who explained that wildlife in the national park is protected unless it is causing damage, whereby a licence to cull might be obtained. **Mrs Randall agreed to pass the information on to those concerned.** There might be other ways to deal with the problem without culling so will advise investigating them as an alternative.

9. Draft New Guidance on Code of Conduct for Councillors – Mrs Randall reminded Community Councillors that they had all signed up to adhere to this code when they took up office so encouraged them to read the new guidance online.

10. Wales litter and fly tipping prevention plan consultation – Community Councillors to respond by end of the March. Cllr Howells reported an incident of fly tipping in the village and Cllr Ward reported that he had seen litter escaping from the recycling lorries on 2 occasions in the past month, which could be avoided if the collectors closed the doors whilst travelling or if rubber flaps were installed. **Cllr Alderman agreed to raise the issue with Chris Thomas at PCC to seek a solution.**

Councillors also raised concerns about litter at the beach as this increased significantly when the first lockdown was lifted last summer. They felt that the litter bins currently in place are inadequate and need to be upgraded to cope. **Cllr Alderman will also raise this with PCC.**

11. Calor Gas Rural Fund – Applications open on 10th March. Cllr Howells agreed to look at the process with a view to submitting an application for further funding for the playground.

12. NHS Social Care and Frontline Workers Day 5th July 2021 – With the pandemic currently on the decline ACC felt this could be an opportunity for the village to hold a social event as a thank you to the community. This will need conform to whatever restrictions are in place at the time. **ACC agreed to provisionally book the marquee and the football field. Cllr Williams will also talk to Kath at the Hibernian about providing drinks on the day and Cllr Howells offered to produce some posters. Anyone with any ideas or able to help organise the day should contact Cllr Howells or Cllr Williams. ACC also discussed using some of their funds to help pay for food and drink. (Amount to be agreed at a future meeting).**

13. Update from County Councillor – Cllr Alderman explained that PCC still needs more people to sign up for better broadband in the area as they need a minimum of 30%, but currently have 21%. Although a letter had been sent out asking everyone to sign up it was felt that the way it was worded didn't encourage those already happy with their broadband to do so. **He agreed to ask for the letter to be redrafted and resent.**

2. Treasurers Report

1. Bank balances and transactions - As of 28th February 2021 the Current account balance is £3,286.09, Sun Edison account balance is £8,987.64, Reserve account is £4,010.76 and the Playground account is £21,453.13. Total held in bank accounts on that date was £37,737.62.
2. Payments to be made - ACC approved payment of Clerk's salary of £261.00 (£240.60 to clerk and £20.40 to HMRC), payment for training for Cllr Watkins of £75.00, and payment for the virus protection for the computer for 2 years from 29th April at £39.99.

3. Planning issues

- Rhoscrowther Wind Farm – Still in pre-planning stage but ACC agreed they need to be prepared to submit views when the actual planning application goes live. As this proposed development has been refused on more than one occasion in the past there is a significant amount of historical paperwork to read and draw

from as the general issues are the same as before. Cllr Williams has started to look through and this issue will stay on the agenda for the foreseeable future. ACC questioned the need for this wind farm, given the Blue Gem wind projects which are much bigger. The proposed wind turbines will be very tall and will be prominent across a large area of the national park and it is unclear who is behind the proposal. **Cllr Alderman agreed to ask Steve Thornton at Valero whether they are involved in the application.**

- Planning application old Angle airfield NP/21/0063/S73. – ACC received notification of a proposal to vary the condition to extend the land restoration date from March 2021 to September 2022. Mrs Randall confirmed with the planning department at PCNPA that the extension was purely due to delays caused by the ongoing pandemic and that nothing else about the application had changed.
 - NP/21//0076/FUL – Application submitted for single storey extension to 3 West Bay Close – No objections raised.
- 4. Highway Matters** – One of the cllrs had been approached by a resident asking whether bollards or a fence could be installed on the road towards the beach to stop cars parking on the verge and obstructing the footpath. Speed signs have also been removed. **Cllr Williams agreed to contact Steve Bengier at PCC to see whether this can be taken forward.** Cllr Howells also raised the issue of the poor condition of the gabions at East Angle Bay. **Cllr Williams agreed to write to Natural Resources Wales to report the issue and ask about potential repairs.**
- 5. Training** – Cllr Watkins is currently attending training ‘Constructive Conversations’ to assist in her role as school governor, which is taking place across 4 x 2 hour sessions in March.
- 6. Meetings attended by Cllrs and Forthcoming meetings**
- Power station stakeholder meeting 24th February 2021 – Cllr Ward did not receive the agenda and invitation in time to take part in the meeting, **but has asked for the minutes and will forward once received.**
 - Broadband expansion for Angle Peninsula – Online Working Group meeting taking place on 11th March. **Cllr Williams will attend on behalf of ACC and will feed back to them at their meeting in April.**
 - One Voice Wales Pembrokeshire Area meeting which took place online on 2nd March. Cllr Williams attended on behalf of ACC and fed back that the meeting had covered much about how Community Councils had operated over the last year. There are a number of legislative changes in the pipeline regarding the way that Community Councils operate in future, including a requirement to produce an Annual Report from April 2022, every council having a training plan, clerks needing to hold a recognised qualification and a requirement to publish minutes from meetings within 7 working days. **ACC will discuss these proposals in more depth at a future meeting. Mrs Randall will include this topic on the agenda for April’s meeting.**
 - 2nd homes – Developing New Policies in Wales – 4th March – **Cllr Williams to attend.**
- 7. Communication received**
- Notification that the Long Course Weekend has been cancelled for 2021 and will now take place on 1st -3rd July 2022.
 - Simon Hart MP has started up a weekly newsletter. Community Councils can opt out of receiving this if they wish – **Mrs Randall asked Community Councillors whether they would like to continue.**
- 8. Additional issues/Updates** – ACC would like to determine whether how effective their communication is with residents and plan to conduct a survey for people to complete. Cllr Williams has produced a first draft and Mrs Randall agreed to look at this to expand on the questions.

The meeting finished at 21.15.

Next Scheduled Meeting – **Wednesday 7th April 2021.** This will be held online, platform to be decided.

Signed: *Shan Williams*

Date: 12th May 2021

Minutes can be made available in Welsh on request