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Project:	Tirgwynt Wind Farm
Meeting Title:	Community Liaison Group Meeting (TIRGm080)
Date/Time:	11th May 2016; 19:00
Venue:	Carno Community Centre, SY17 5LH

Present	Representing	Role
Mike Davis (MJD)	Wind Prospect Ltd (WPL)	Owner's Engineer and Project Manager
Emily Cheung (EC)	Awel Newydd Cyf	Owner Project Manager
Sophy Fearnley-Whittingstall (SFW)	Awel Newydd Cyf	Public and Community Relations Manager
Insp. Gary Jones (GJ)	Dyfed Powys Police	
Alun Phillips (AP)	Carno Community Council	
Gwyndaf Thomas (GT)	Carno Community Council	
Michael Jones (MJ)	Aberhafesp Community Centre Committee	
Cllr Nigel Bowen (NB)	Castle Caereinion Community Council	
Phil Davies (PD)	Dwyrw Community Council	
Darryl Owen (DO)	Dwyrw Community Council	
Frances Buckingham (FB)	Llandysilio Community Council	
Robert Robinson (RR)	Welshpool Town Council	
Cllr Steve Kaye (SK)	Welshpool Town Council	
Cllr Estelle Bleivas (EB)	Welshpool Town Council	
Nick Savage (NS)	Llanymynech Community Council	

1. Apologies
2. Introductions
 - 2.1 All community members introduced themselves.
 - 2.2 Sophy has joined the Awel Newydd team to manage the relationship with the communities and the distribution of information.
3. Health and Safety
 - 3.1 MJD and GT gave a safety brief for the building.
4. Project Structure – Companies
 - 4.1 3 main contracts in place, Jones Brothers (civil works), Power Systems (electrical works), and Senvion (wind turbine supplier).
 - 4.2 Wind Prospect act as the Engineer under the contract for Awel Newydd.
5. Project Staff Structure

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- 5.1 MJD showed the organogram of project staff. A version with contact details is available and was agreed to be of interest to the communities present. **MJD to distribute the project organogram with contact details.**

6. Planning

- 6.1 Section 278 (Highway) agreements to carry out the county road access route widening works (known as the pinch points) are in progress and are required before works can commence.
- 6.2 A number of the pinch points have already been built and are awaiting the Road Safety Audit to be completed before these can be used by the public. DO suggested this would be useful to do as soon as possible as they are of help with the HGV traffic currently using the road.

7. Highways Requirements

- 7.1 Welshpool town
- 7.1.1 The basement surveys through Welshpool returned one void opposite the Royal Oak as needing further clarification with Powys County Council.
- 7.2 Trunk Roads
- 7.2.1 The North Mid Wales Trunk Road Agency (NMWTRA) is assessing structures along the trunk road network.
- 7.3 Powys Highways
- 7.3.1 Other structures along the county roads have been identified, surveyed and detailed calculations provided to Powys County Council. A meeting to be held on 12th May will determine what structures will require improvement of before turbines are delivered.
- 7.3.2 The trial run date is scheduled for 30th June 2016. SK asked whether it was possible to increase the number of vehicles in the convoy to 3 abnormal load (AIL) vehicles. EC stated that at present, although Dyfed Powys Police were comfortable in doing this, Cheshire police at the moment will not agree to increasing AIL vehicles in one convoy above 2. Further, plans for a second convoy after 7pm through Welshpool were in discussion with Cheshire police. EC recognised that this was of interest to reduce convoy numbers to both the communities and the project.
- 7.3.3 FB asked where the trial run would start from. MJD confirmed it was from Goole. EC added that the trial run was as much a test run for the police interface and traffic management as the proving of the route for the turbine components.
- 7.3.4 EB enquired what delay time was expected for oncoming vehicles. GJ expected that it should only be a short number of minutes. For HGVs the

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time may be longer as they were likely to be pulled into suitable places to allow the convoy to pass. The police outriders would be a few miles ahead of the convoy and small vehicles would be pulled in as necessary about half a mile from the convoy.

- 7.3.5 DO asked whether the deliveries could be done at night. GJ stated that deliveries in the dark were too high risk for the Dyfed Powys Police.
- 7.3.6 RR raised what delays to residents and non-emergency services were expected and how this would be mitigated; especially along near the Raven Square roundabout where the convoy may be held to allow passing traffic through. GJ stated that the escort team would be ahead of the convoy to control all traffic through, which could allow these vehicles to pass and give warning to residents that the convoy was on the way.
- 7.3.7 RR asked whether update to delivery times in case of significant delays or delivery cancellations could be given so that those affected could plan their days. MJD explained that in general, there would be advertisements in the local papers and updates on the project website. There would be no deliveries during the Royal Welsh Show or August Bank Holiday. SFW added that a briefing note was being prepared to be distributed to councils with information should they get questions directly. **SFW to investigate how delivery updates can best be done.**
- 7.3.8 FB asked if there was an estimated time to go through the Mile End junction at Oswestry. MJD said that this information was in the model and was not to hand during the meeting. A greater granularity could be provided if requested and MJD said that after the trial run, the timings would be better understood. FB stated that receiving this information after the trial run and in advance of turbine deliveries was acceptable.

8. Project Update Overview

- 8.1 MJD gave a high level overview of the milestones in the project.
- 8.2 Turbine deliveries are expected to commence at the end of July and carry through into September. The project team are working with the police, turbine supplier and haulier to reduce the delivery period as much as possible and options are being pursued.

9. Progress

- 9.1 Main Windfarm
 - 9.1.1 The access tracks are mostly complete to the finished standard on the southern half of the site.



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- 9.1.2 The northern part of the site is out of bounds to construction works due to the bird (curlew) breeding restrictions outlined in the planning consent.
- 9.1.3 2 turbine foundation bases are left to be poured on the south, with 3 remaining on the north (to be finished in August after bird breeding restrictions are lifted).
- 9.1.4 Currently 1 pair of curlew have been spotted nesting and there are 2 single birds on the northern site.
- 9.2 Substation
 - 9.2.1 Substation in Carno has been progressing well with the foundations for the overhead line diversion and equipment ready for Scottish Power to install on.
 - 9.2.2 The main high voltage cable running from the wind farm to Carno will be installed during June.
- 9.3 ALL access route Pinch Points
 - 9.3.1 Works are progressing to meet a trial run date of 30th June.
 - 9.3.2 These are being constructed under either traffic lights or road closures (with diversions in place).
 - 9.3.3 The revised pinch point programme is attached to the minutes.
- 10. Website
 - 10.1 A website has been set up and can be found at <http://www.tirgwyntwindfarmclg.co.uk/>
 - 10.2 The project team is in the process of translating the website into Welsh.
- 11. Community Benefit Fund
 - 11.1 EC stated that she has received an overview of how the Carno fund was managed and had been in discussion with the Community Foundation in Wales regarding the Tirgwynt Community Benefit Fund management.
 - 11.2 MJ stated that he did not have good experience with the Community Foundation in Wales as it is Cardiff-focused and NB stated their preference was for the fund to be managed more locally.
 - 11.3 GT suggested "Windfall" based in Machynlleth be contacted as an alternative as they managed Montgomeryshire wind farm funds currently. GT stated that Carno would not be willing to manage the wider fund.
 - 11.4 PD stated that Dwyriw Community Council also managed funds through a similar vehicle to Carno which could be used to manage funds allocated to them.
 - 11.5 SFW stated that the administration of the fund was important to understand before a decision on what vehicle is to be used. The fund needs transparency and fulfil the reporting requirements for Awel Newydd. FB suggested that by the next meeting, a proposal should be drawn up and put to the community liaison group. **SFW to put**

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a community benefit fund management proposal together for presentation at the next community liaison group meeting.

- 11.6 RR reiterated that it has been unanimously agreed within Welshpool Town Council that Welshpool Town Council do not want to participate in the community benefit fund.

12. AOB

- 12.1 MJD raised that there was some bad press regarding Tirgwynt and a recent article in the County Times had contained factual inaccuracies. SK pointed out that after the trial run, if all went well there should be reason for good press instead.
- 12.2 RR stated that Welshpool Town Council's greatest concern was that tourists would begin to avoid Welshpool altogether and put pressure on other towns and road networks if the turbine delivery process caused issues.
- 12.3 SFW asked whether Welshpool Town Council would like a member of the Tirgwynt project team to attend the next planning meeting on 8th June. **SFW to liaise with RR to confirm.**
- 12.4 GJ stated that the handover between Cheshire and Dyfed Powys Police forces was to be fluid and a dynamic process on the Rhostyllen slip road. Concerns over Friday afternoon traffic were to be avoided and this is a known busy period.

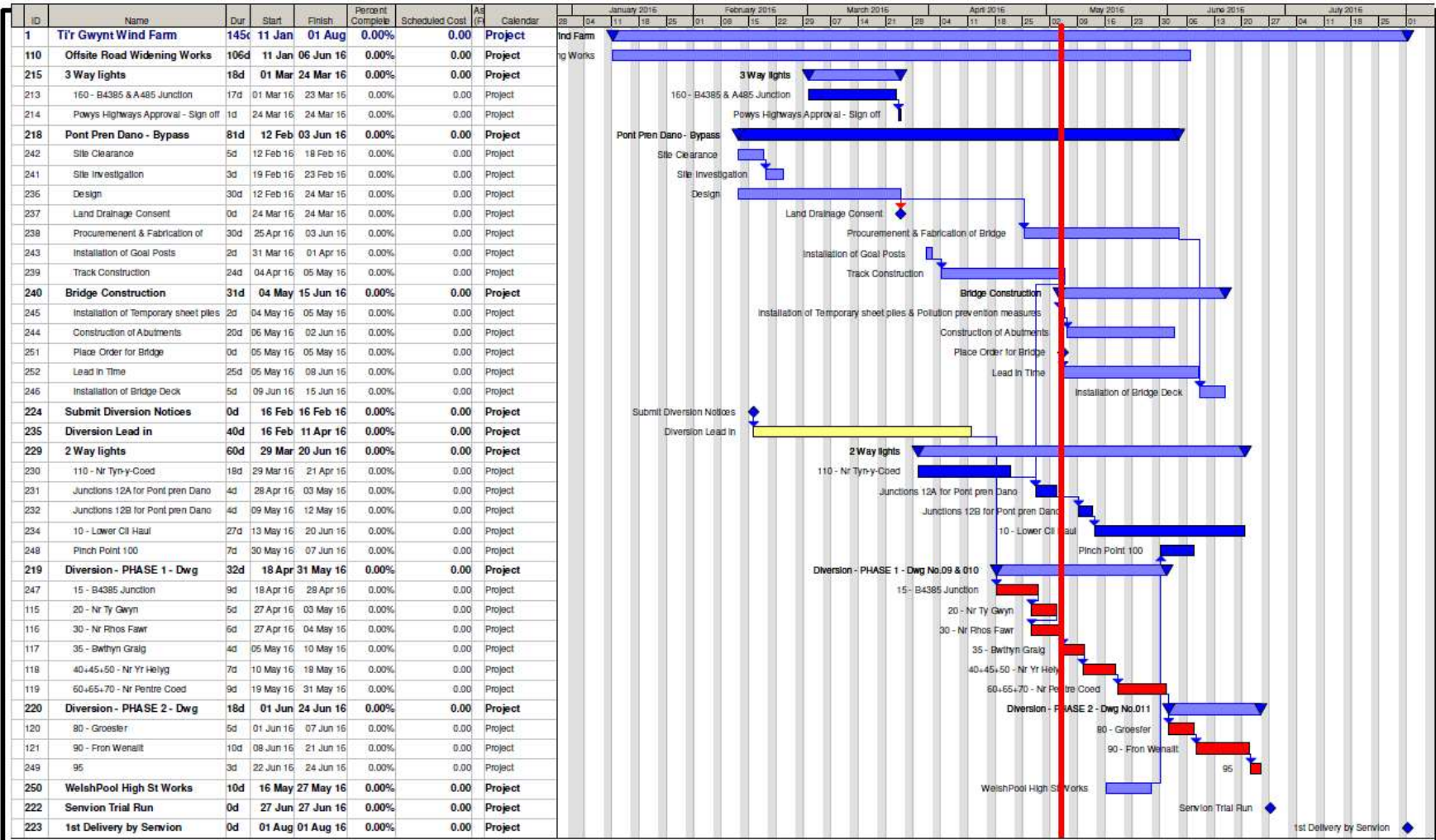
13. Next Meeting Date, Time & Location

- 13.1 Next meeting August 2016 for all members, 19:00 at location TBC.
- 13.2 Delivery route and schedule update meeting, 6th July (after trial run) to be held in Welshpool (exact location and timings TBC). **MJD to liaise with RR to confirm a suitable location.**

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