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Project:	Tirgwynt Wind Farm
Meeting Title:	Community Liaison Group Meeting (TIRGm080)
Date/Time:	09th November 2016; 15:30
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
David Lloyd	Tirgwynt landowners	
Gwyndaf Thomas	Carno Community Council	
Carol Davies	Llandysilio Community Council	
Primrose Jones	Llandrinio & Arddleen Community Council	
Michael Williams	Llandrinio & Arddleen Community Council	
Stella Townsend	Llandrinio & Arddleen Community Council	
Keith Robinson	Carmel Caravan Park	

1. Apologies

Frances Buckingham (Llandysilio)
Phil Davies (Dwyriw)
Nigel Bowen (Castle Caereinion)
Kate Roberts (Llanfair Caereinion)
Michael Connell (Carreghofa)
Hefin Lloyd-Davies (Jones Brothers)

2. Introductions

2.1 All members introduced themselves.

3. Health and Safety

3.1 MJD and GT gave a safety brief for the building.

4. Construction Progress

4.1 The Community Liaison Group members (extended to all community councillors) were invited for a site visit which was held prior to the meeting. 17 councillors

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attended, and agreed that they enjoyed the visit and appreciated the work which had gone into the construction and felt the visit had been very useful and informative.

- 4.2 EC reiterated what had been seen on site – the construction of the turbines is complete and there are 5 turbines generating with the rest to follow by the end of November. The substation is complete with only final inspections due to take place.
- 4.3 Jones Brothers are carrying out reinstatement works at the wind farm and along the access route. This includes the hedge planting and reseeding ground.
- 4.4 CD asked what the status of the Welshpool works were. MJD replied that these had been delayed due to disagreement between Powys and Welsh Government what the Jehu road junction should look like. This has been resolved and works are due to be done before the end of November.
- 4.5 CD queried the replacement of street furniture (particularly at the Welshpool station roundabout). MJD explained that this would be put back in November.
- 4.6 CD asked when the Four Crosses roundabout chevrons would be replaced. EC stated that RES is still delivering and therefore they have control over replacement of these chevrons. MJD noted that RES' delivery schedule was due to end in December. **EC to confirm with RES they will replace the chevrons.**

5. Planning

- 5.1 MJD explained that there are 3 consents and a section 106 agreement in place with the wind farm. The section 106 captured requirements from Welsh Government which were not in the planning conditions.
- 5.2 There are additional planning conditions which are being discharged in line with their given timelines (e.g. post AIL delivery).
- 5.3 A route survey has been done with Welsh Government and Powys representatives from Pant through to the site entrance to compile a list of possible damage due to the Tirgwynt AIL deliveries.
- 5.4 CD asked whether the verge damage near Llanymynech Bridge was picked up. This wasn't directly due to the delivery vehicles, but other road users who were pulled to one side to allow passage. MJD stated that the report should be available for public viewing as it has been used for condition discharge. It was noted that the survey was videoed and submitted to the Planners but this may not be publicly available due to the file size. **MJD to confirm the Highway Officers who attended the survey.**
- 5.5 MJD further explained that the relevant Highway Officers (Alun-Wyn Jones for Welsh Government and Paul Wozencraft for Powys Highways) would make the final decision on any rectification works.



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- 5.6 MJD clarified that the hedge planting along the “pinch point” route (from the A458 turn off to site) was not replanting the hedges that had been removed originally, but replacing those hedges with new ones, as is normal practice.
6. Community Benefit Fund
- 6.1 SFW summarised the Community Benefit Fund arrangements – Carno and Dwyriw funds will be added to already set-up funds and setting up the delivery route community fund (currently called the Tirgwynt Community Trust Fund) is now underway, with the first meeting having taken place in October, to be followed by a second meeting at the end of November. The first Community Benefit Agreement drafts have been sent out to the respective groups.
- 6.2 It is hoped to have funds paid in the first quarter of 2017, though this might depend on when the funds are ready to receive them.
- 6.3 The Tirgwynt Community Trust Fund will be more complex and SFW explained that there had been an agreement between the relevant communities that a 5-year lump sum was a better amount to deal with, offering greater flexibility and value for the number of communities.
- 6.4 PJ asked whether the Carno documents could be sent for the Tirgwynt Community Trust Fund to review. GT confirmed he had no issue with this. **SFW to send documents to members of the Trust Fund.**
- 6.5 GT noted that the trust fund should be set up so it can accept other funds in the future from different sources and to allow as much flexibility in its structure as possible to make it effective.
- 6.6 DL asked whether there were any tax implications or gift aid that would be applicable for the trust funds. GT didn't think the Carno was subject to gift aid. **EC to check and confirm.**
7. Next Meeting Date, Time & Location
- 7.1 It was agreed that as construction was complete there was no need for future community liaison group meetings. The community benefit meetings will go on as planned. ANC/WPL stated they would always be open to receiving queries, comments and questions.
8. AOB
- 8.1 CD highlighted how interesting and informative the site visit was and asked whether community visits could be a future event. EC said there wouldn't be a problem with this and would only be a matter of organising logistics.
- 8.2 The general feedback on the deliveries was positive. The biggest problem was predicting the timings.

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- 8.3 CD noted that whilst a couple of wind farms were OK, the structures on the highway were probably not suitable for a heavy increase in abnormal load delivery.
- 8.4 KR asked about the visual impacts on the caravan park near the windfarm. MJD stated that they had built what was in accordance with the planning and that any issues or complaints should be sent to the Planning Authority.
- 8.5 It was discussed that anything which would be seen as improving the visitor numbers to the caravan park and therefore benefiting the community overall may possibly be funded using the community benefit fund (Dwyriw would be the relevant council of application). An example would be an electric car charging point.
- 8.6 DL and MJD agreed they would be willing to accompany KR to see the visual impact on the caravan park.
- 8.7 CD gave a formal note of thanks on behalf of the communities for the professionalism and openness shown by the Tirgwynt team.

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