



ACTION GROUP ON COMMUNITY ENERGY

Draft Note of Decisions and Actions, Meeting 3, 15 October 2018

Present: Fred Barker, Jon Barrance, Peter Boait, Jim Dewey, Richard Erskine, Iain Garner, Richard Hellen, Eileen O'Haire, Matt Partridge, Christoph Rubach, Erik Wilkinson and Andy Williams

Apologies: Hugh Barton, Bob Hilliard, Norman Kay, David McGovern, Skeena Rathor.

1 Review of Actions

Progress against the actions from the second meeting was reviewed. An 'action tracker' is appended. On-going actions will be subject to further review at the next meeting.

2 Potential Grant Application

A major new grant opportunity is set to open on 19 October called 'Next Generation Community Energy' (with grants potentially up to a value of £100,000). Early discussions have taken place with GCEC and other key parties about a possible application. The potential nature and scope of an application was outlined in a note circulated with the agenda papers.

It was agreed in principle to support a GCEC-led application. **FB** will review the scoping note suggestions against the grant application process and criteria when known and contact key organisations about potential support and involvement. **PB/MP/RH** offered to contribute to discussion of project ideas for bid development as appropriate.

3 Memorandum of Understanding and Nomination to the GCEC Board

a) Memorandum of Understanding

The previous meeting agreed to establish a Task Group to develop proposals for how to make the action group's 'identify-enable-encourage' approach, and working with GCEC, work effectively in practice. Following initial discussion at the GCEC Board, the Task Group met on 1 October and generated a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for review by the action group and, ultimately, signing by Transition Stroud and GCEC. The draft MoU sets out the complementary activities that would be expected of the action group and GCEC when working together to develop community-owned renewable energy projects in the district of Stroud.

It was noted that:

- the draft MoU does not require exclusivity in the relationship between the action group and GCEC. It would be possible, in principle, for the action group to identify and enable a project that's ultimately undertaken, for example, by a community group, Town Council or other social enterprise;
- the draft MoU acknowledges that a project should have a locally-managed community benefit fund established by the action group (it was further noted that it is not possible to specify in advance the scale of any such fund); and
- the list of bullets about action group activities amounts to a useful statement of the 'offer' that the group can make to other interested parties.

It was agreed that the draft was acceptable and that FB should forward to the TS and GCEC Boards for approval.

b) Nomination to the GCEC Board

One requirement in the MoU is to nominate an action group member to serve on the GCEC Board.

It was agreed to nominate FB to serve on the GCEC Board

4 AOB

It was agreed to circulate details of:

- a request from the Resilience Centre to publicise opportunity for contacts in Kingswood, Wickwar and Hillesley to serve on an advisory panel to review grant applications to the community benefits fund of Resilient Energy Mounteney Renewables; and
- NCAT's event on 29th November with the Shadow Energy Minister.

5 Next Meeting

FB to circulate a doodle poll to find a date for the next meeting in the second half of November.

COMMUNITY ENERGY ACTION GROUP – LIVE ACTION TRACKER
Updated 16/10/18

Action	Topic	People	Progress	Done
1	Energy Local Club – Dudbridge Hydro	DM/PB/ FB	PB undertook initial assessment of local grid - looks promising, including Tricorn House. FB spoke to agent for developer. Potentially interested. FB to check planning permission and pursue in liaison with PB and DM .	
2	PV on schools	MP/AC	Minchinhampton scheme proceeding. Contractors invited to tender. Salix timing tight. Proposal also being considered by Forest Green school. MP to check business rates position. AC exploring potential for GCEC schemes at other Academy Schools.	
3	Stratford Park Lido	FB/AW/ RH	FB/AW/RH reviewing case for heat pumps to be included in options assessment for heating the pool. FB in discussion with energy advisor to the Lido working group. Meeting scheduled with Jess McQuail on 2/11 to discuss potential options.	
4	St Laurence Church	HR/FB/A W	Site visit with diocese sustainability expert planned for 19/10. HR/FB/AW attending. HR to check whether SALIX loans might apply.	
5	Regen W/S on 'Engaging Communities in a Smart Energy Future'	AW/FB/ JD	FB/AW/JD attended w/s on 19/9. Useful for briefing on DNO/DSO innovation projects. Case studies may be relevant to future grant application. FB to keep under review.	
6	SWEA W/S on 'Build 2 Low Carbon'	EO/JB	SWEA organised w/s on 19/9. JB attended and found v useful. B2LC programme includes bid to Innovate UK re PV/batteries pilot in social housing. Result should be known in couple of weeks.	
7	GFirst Energy Strategy	FB	FB/PB/RH/EO/AW/JD/CR attended stakeholder w/s 9 October. Discussion focused on state of play and next steps for energy strategy. Needs a clear vision and actions across organisations and sectors. Draft strategy should be available for review in a month or so. FB to circulate 'stimulus paper' for event, and draft strategy for comment.	
8	GCEC AGM	AC/IG/P B	AC/IG/PB/FB/MP/JB attended AGM on 14/9. AGM agreed in principle to support working with the action group and co-opt Directors as appropriate.	
9	Skills	FB/AW	FB/AW to explore option for on-line	

	inventory/member biographies		collation of brief biographies of action group members.	
10	GIS mapping	RE	Local resource mapping being considered at next NCAT meeting. RE to report back on progress.	
11	Task group on hydro potential in Stroud District	FB/RH	FB/RH to discuss whether there is a potential way forward.	
12	Potential application to 'Next Generation Community Energy' grant programme	FB/PB/MP/RH	Potential for GCEC-led bid supported in principle. FB to review scoping note suggestions against grant application process and criteria when known. PB/MP/RH to contribute to project ideas for bid development as appropriate.	
13	Draft Memorandum of Understanding with GCEC on project development	FB/PB/AC	FB drafted MoU with input from GCEC Board, PB/MP and TS adviser. Action group content for FB to refer draft to TS and GCEC Boards with a view to signing.	
14	Nomination to GCEC Board	FB	Action group agreed to nominate FB as representative on GCEC Board. PB to send articles of association to FB.	
15	Resilient Energy Mouteney Renewables (REMR)	FB	FB to circulate details of request from the Resilience Centre to publicise opportunity for any contacts in Kingswood, Wickwar and Hillesley to serve on REMR Advisory Panel for review of applications for community benefit. JB/JD to contact possible interested parties.	
16	NCAT discussion with Shadow Energy Minister	RE/FB/EW	FB/EW to circulate details of NCAT event on 29 th Nov. People intending to attend to contact RE .	