

**UPPER OGMORE WIND FARM AND ENERGY STORAGE PROJECT
COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP**

TUESDAY 3RD JULY 2018

NANTYMOEL RFC

ATTENDEES

Cllr Glyn Walters (GW)	Blaengarw Community Council
Chris Jackson (CJ)	RES
Rob Fellows (RF)	Quatro

Apologies received from Cllr Sorrel Dendy.

No other apologies received.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

CJ welcomed GW and thanked him for attending the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Sorrel Dendy and Chris Elmore MP.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

GW was happy to accept the minutes for the previous meeting as a true and accurate record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

RF raised the issue of questions tabled by Cllr Andy McKay at the end of the last meeting. CJ informed the meeting that answers to the questions had been sent to Cllr McKay along with other members of the CLG.

5. PROJECT UPDATE

Since the last meeting, it has been decided to reduce the proposal to 7 turbines, from the 8 previously advised. This reduction has been made in response to the surveys that have taken place. In response to comments received about turbine T6, which is closest to Nant Y Moel, the turbine has been reduced in height by 20m compared to that originally proposed. Turbine T3 has been moved and is now further away from Blaengarw.

CJ discussed the energy storage facility that will be applied for as part of the Upper Ogmores project. Should the application be successful, there is currently some uncertainty as to when

this aspect of the proposal will be built out because of limited available capacity on the electricity network in South Wales.

CJ went on to talk about the next round of public consultation that will take place in early September 2018, prior to the application being submitted.

This consultation will include updated photographic montages to illustrate the revisions that have taken place to the project and also explain to people issues surrounding common land.

As the project takes some common land out of circulation due to tracks, crane pads etc, adjacent land has been identified as appropriate for land exchange and will be included in the proposal as replacement common land.

CJ finalised the project update by stating that it is envisaged that the project will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate Wales for consideration in October 2018.

6. QUESTIONS

GW asked a question about how many homes can be supplied with electricity from 1 wind turbine. CJ stated, that this info will be available at the public exhibitions, but depending on turbine type, location, site wind speeds etc, 1MW of wind can supply up to approximately 1,000 homes.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

8. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will take place at the end of October / early November.