

APSE Renewables & Energy Efficiency Advisory Group

Minutes 22 January 2019

1. Introduction and Welcome

Cllr Evelyn Tweed welcomed everyone to Glasgow especially on a day when the weather has thrown its travel challenges our way.

2. Attendance and Apologies

See attached.

3. Minutes of previous meeting – 21 August 2018

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate account of the meeting.

4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

5. An update from Salix Finance – making the most of funding opportunities

Torran McNeil provided a detailed presentation on the funding opportunities available. This included the Salix Energy Efficiency Loan Scheme and the Recycling Fund which they currently have 22 of running in Scotland at the moment.

Torran provided some case study examples as part of this presentation with the option for attendees to visit their website to see others. Please [click here](#) to access knowledge sharing case studies.

As part of Torran's presentation he asked delegates what the main challenges/ barriers to invest and what future opportunities might be available. He highlighted that the funding was still available until the end of March 2019 and noted that there was a lot of flexibility on where match funding came from regarding projects.

For Torran's full presentation please [click here](#)

6. **Glasgow City Council's approach to** transforming a city car park into a solar power centre

Gavin Slater provided a very interesting and informative presentation on Glasgow's approach to transforming a city car park into a solar power centre. Gavin began by providing some information to delegates around the Horizon 2020 funded community flagship project, this included information on the 33 partners involved in the project. Gavin noted that should you be thinking about this fund an important element is the community interaction of the project. If considering then needed to be mindful of how communities can become involved if funding is successful.

Currently the car park has parking spaces on the roof for the carpark itself and City parking were keen not to lose any of those current spaces therefore the decision was taken to build a canopy on top of the roof parking. The plan is to have 22kilowatt chargers as part of this

project instead of rapid chargers. As part of the project Gavin highlighted that there has been good information sharing between Glasgow, Scottish Power and Transport Scotland. The car park is a bespoke structure which is being built and as the car park is leased part way through the project the owners will re-evaluate to ensure they are happy to proceed.

Gavin highlighted that Glasgow would be happy to share information with other local authorities on the battery and car parking asset elements of the project in more detail, along with the large part open data plays in relation to information and statistics.

7. **Edinburgh's** journey to on street charging: Business Case approval for over 200 charging points across the city

Janice Pauwels provided another very interesting and information presentation to the **group; this time focus was on Edinburgh's journey to on street charging**. Janice began her presentation by setting the scene as to why this was being taken forward by the council, as well as information on the current charging infrastructure within Edinburgh.

The Council set up an Electric Vehicle working group and Janice highlighted the importance of bringing in the DNO as soon as possible. Edinburgh have taken this decision and have involved Scottish Power throughout the process.

Janice then provided some details around the EV business case which included the remit and the key findings. Some of the challenges and issues highlighted included:-

- Locations
- Standardisation
- Parking Impact
- Grid
- Enforcement

Janice concluded by noting some **of the main learning from Edinburgh's experience as well as the next steps** which included:-

- Complex agenda with lots of different elements making it time consuming
- A number of service areas need to be involved
- Needs to be as strategic as possible, important to consider what you need!
- Potential for a revenue stream but need to consider governance/ who leads this?
- Best to have a business case if possible

For full information on Janice's presentation please [click here](#)

8. An overview of policies and examples of taxi and private hire fleets becoming cleaner and greener

Charlotte Banks opened her presentation by providing some background to the Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership workshop and included a link to the [Low Emission Taxi Guide](#)

As part of the presentation Charlotte outlined the National perspective as well as a number of Local Authorities case studies which were highlighted as part of the workshop in Birmingham.

A number of common themes were thread throughout the workshop which included:-

- Engagement is key
- Infrastructure
- Local Authority Collaboration

Charlotte concluded her presentation by providing delegates with information on APSE Energy’s “Go Ultra Low Oxford” publication.

9. Discussion forum: Ask your peers for their views/ experiences on any challenges or issues currently being faced.

Topics included:

- How do you **justify you’re getting a good energy rate?**
- On street electric charging points – behaviour change, who uses them, do you have a booking system, capacity etc
- **LHEES (Local Heat & Energy Efficiency Strategy) Who’s done one? Is anyone struggling to complete one?**

10. APSE Update

Louise Melville provided the group with an update on all of the recent work of the Association both in Scotland and UK wide. This included information on recent briefings and publications including **information on the recently launched “Hollowed Out” and “New Municipalism”**. Louise also provided the group with information on the various areas of advocacy APSE were involved in, including Party Political Conferences. With the latest (Scottish Labour conference) which is being held in Dundee at the start of March. As well as exhibiting at the conference APSE will be holding a fringe event on “New municipalism and community wealth building”. **Finally, Louise provided information on the other services provided by APSE which included an update on the recent Performance Networks event in Blackpool.**

9. A.O.C.B

There was no other business.

10. Date and time of next meeting – 19th March, BRE Innovation Park at Ravenscraig

Attendees

Name	Council
Louise Melville	APSE
Charlotte Banks	APSE Energy
Janice Pauwels	City of Edinburgh Council
Neil Grant	East Ayrshire Council
Ryan Robertson	East Lothian Council
John McElhinney	East Renfrewshire Council

Andrew Corry	East Renfrewshire Council
Steve Revell	Falkirk Council
Douglas Evans	Falkirk Council
Pat Taggart	Falkirk Council
Marianne Bull	Fife Council
Gavin Slater	Glasgow City Council
Tom MacLennan	Highland Council
Andrew Brockett	North Ayrshire Council
Torran McNeil	Salix Finance
Corinne Manion	Salix Finance
Cllr Ian Cochrane	South Ayrshire Council
Roz Smith	Stirling Council
Cllr Evelyn Tweed	Stirling Council
Peter Rogers	West Lothian Council

Apologies

Paul Gillies	Argyll & Bute Council
Janet Archibald	Fife Council
Julie Richmond	South Lanarkshire Council
Lesley Hinchelwood	South Lanarkshire Council
Kathryn McCafferty	South Lanarkshire Council