

Renewables & Energy Efficiency Advisory Group

20 April 2016

Edinburgh City Arts Centre, Edinburgh

1. Introduction & Welcome

Cllr Ramsay Milne welcomed all to the meeting and thanked all for making the journey, especially our first speaker Jan Falconer who kindly joins us from Orkney.

2. Attendees and Apologies

As per attached.

3. Minutes of meeting 24 November 2015

The minutes were agreed as true and accurate.

4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

5. The Challenge of Generating Green Income

Speaker: Jan Falconer, Head of Strategic Development & Regeneration, Orkney Islands Council

Jan provided a very informative and interesting presentation on the challenge of generating green income within Orkney. This included information on some of the challenges facing Orkney including type of house builds to prevent hard/ heavy winds penetrating the stone, differing community benefits depending on who you are and where you are from. As well as this Jan provided information on some of the green income being generated which included glass blocks and the potential investments in scale production. Jan highlighted Orkney is a place of innovation and is looking forward to potentially having a hydrogen fleet of ferries in the future.

Following the presentation Jan answered questions from the floor.

6. Energy Efficiency – opportunities and developments

Speaker: Phil Brennan, Acting Head of APSE Energy

Phil Brennan provided the group with a thought provoking presentation on energy management and efficiency. As well as providing information on APSE Energy's next big area of work which will look at energy efficiency.

7. Motivating the DNO's to Support Local Authorities

Speaker: Marc Wynn, Managing Director, Asset Utilities

Marc Wynn provided the group with an insight into how to potentially motivate a DNO to help support local authorities. This included information on how the DNO viewed a local authority previously, which was the same as a private developer. This has changed when speaking to the right person about your considerations. It was highlighted that usually the best person to speak with is the Generation Manager within a DNO.

It was also highlighted that DNOs were looking at batteries as a solution and that the price was dropping. Other points to note included highlighting access to heat maps were helpful to see where the constraints of a project could be the importance of battery storage in the grid connection.

8. APSE Update

Speaker: Louise Melville, Principal Advisor, APSE

Louise delivered an update on the work of the Association, including our latest research on the “Final Piece of the Jigsaw” a further study on elected members and the recently released “APSE Scotland’s toolkit for Solar PV” which was produced by APSE Energy and available to all APSE Scotland member authorities (please contact Louise Melville on Lmelville@apse.org.uk should you wish a copy). Louise also updated the group on the various forms of advocacy undertaken recently including APSE’s work within the SWITCH forum, recent responses to Scottish Government consultations and participating in party political conferences. Louise completed the presentation by updating the group on APSEs services including APSE Solutions, APSE Training, Performance Networks and the upcoming seminars.

9. A.O.C.B.

There was no other competent business.

10. Date and time of next meeting

To be confirmed following the Scottish AGM in June 2016.

11. Lunch

12. APSE Energy Workshop

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Name	Council
Cllr Ramsay Milne	Aberdeen City Council
Eric Wells	Aberdeenshire Council
Louise Melville	APSE
Phil Brennan	APSE

Steve Cirell	APSE Energy
Paul Gillies	Argyll & Bute Council
Marc Wynn	Asset Utilities
Douglas Alexander	City of Edinburgh Council
Lawrence Hunter	Clackmannanshire Council
Chris Wood-Gee	Dumfries & Galloway Council
Neil Grant	East Ayrshire Council
Jenny Robertson	Fife Council
Shona Cargill	Fife Council
Pamela Pate	Fife Council
Carrie Brown	Fife Council
Greig MacDonald	Glasgow City Council
Gavin Slater	Glasgow city Council
James Miller	Green Acorn
David Hammond	North Ayrshire Council
Andrew Brockett	North Ayrshire Council
Jan Falconer	Orkney Islands Council
Peter Rogers	West Lothian Council

Apologies

Janice Pauwels	City of Edinburgh Council
CLlr Donald Balsillie	Clackmannanshire Council
Claire Mennim	Falkirk Community Trust
Eddie Boyd	Highland Council