



Bro Dyfi Community Renewables Ltd

Annual General Meeting 2014

- Chair's Report -

Hello all,

It is my pleasure to report to shareholders on progress for the year 2013 on the wind energy schemes owned and operated by Bro Dyfi Community Renewables Ltd.

The headlines are that the Nordtank 500kW ('Nora') has performed very well throughout the year, despite the occasional grid outage and extreme winds, whilst we still struggle to make progress on repowering the Vestas 17 75kW ('Vicky') which is still inoperable. Finally, however, progress is being made on the evaluation of options for the V17 which I will report on below.

Financially it has been a good year for BDCR and there has been a good wind for Nora, leading us to advise shareholders from our net income to approve an increased share interest payment this year of 5% (last year was 4.5%), which Rod Edwards our treasurer sets out the details of in the Treasurer's Report.

The surplus for the year 2013 of £31,463 is excellent, almost double last year. Even though generation was similar to 2012, we have secured a much better price for the energy we produce through the e-auction and we are free on the Finance Wales debt. Generation from the Nordtank was marginally better than 2012 at just over 802MWhr for the year 2013, whilst the added income we have made this year on generation has been benefitted by our current use of the NFPA ROC auction prices and our escape, finally, from the Finance Wales loan. We're grateful to Finance Wales for the financing but we now have much reduced debt to burden us.

BDCR's voluntary committee has worked well on your behalf throughout the year, and significant progress has been made in several areas:



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➤ **New Company rules**

We set out today a resolution to shareholders on agreeing new Company Rules, which are primarily based on Co-op UK's 'Model Rules' for an IPS but adapted by the Committee to our needs. Many of the changes in the Rules we hope reflect a greater emphasis on honouring co-operative principles and values. The old Rules served a purpose but were outdated and lacked sufficient clarity in some areas. We trust you can support the resolution in order to improve the operations of our business whilst correspondingly reinforcing the foundation and values of the community of common interest that is BDCR.

➤ **O&M Part time Post**

We have a job specification and remuneration offer prepared and approved by committee for the role of part time Operations and Maintenance coordinator. Day to day O&M matters and routine maintenance will be covered along with long term planning for the technical sustainability of the project. The role will be fulfilled by one of committee members located in close proximity to the turbines. The benefits of running an efficient machine and ensuring shut downs are addressed as soon as opportunity allows are strongly in the interests of BDCR through maximising operational availability of the turbine and hence income.

A post of approx. 2 days per month will be recruited for.

To be confirmed in post by end of summer 2014.

➤ **Admin Part Time Post**

We have a job specification and remuneration offer prepared and approved by committee for the role of part time administrator. The administrator will unburden the committee of many day to day activities and we expect the role will improve the efficiency of our management and help move new strategies and requirements forward with greater alacrity.

A post of approx. 30 hours per month will be recruited for, with the hope that the job will be taken by a local resident, thereby growing the benefits of BDCR to the local community.

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➤ V17 repowering options study

We have been delayed in preparing the options study for the V17 as funding has not yet come through to cover the feasibility study. In retrospect we should have just paid for the study ourselves so that we would have been in a position to present a resolution to shareholders today on the options for a way forward. We are behind schedule on the study and we regret the slow progress on this matter for shareholders.

One of our concerns is that the costs of recommissioning the V17 may outweigh the benefits, and based on the installed capacity of the turbine and the likely financial returns we may struggle to keep the machine viable. Therefore we feel it is best to weigh up the options for repowering the site, including installing a new / second hand turbine on the hill, somewhere.

Our options are described by Conrad in his presentation to the AGM.

We would expect to come through with a proposition on repowering the site to shareholder by the end of the year. A pivotal question will be how we finance the repowering of the turbine – whether by a further share offer or through raising a loan. If you have any thoughts or preferences please let them be known.

The Management Committee (June 2014)

The following members continue to form the management committee for BDCR and are responsible to for its day-to-day operations:

Rod Edwards	Finance / O&M
Sonia Kuznetsov	Company Secretary
Duncan Kerridge	Technical Advisor
John Williams	O&M
Harry Chandler	



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Conrad Trevelyan

Rachel Kennedy

Michael Phillips Chair and Membership secretary

My considerable thanks to all the committee members for their continued hard work and commitment. Please remember that the committee acts in a voluntary capacity to support your interests, and we receive no remuneration for our efforts. However, we expect to introduce a system for more formally recovering expenses costs such as mileage etc for committee members this year.

Community Energy Fund

Reminder: The Energy Savings Trust had invested £12,650 in the V17 and the interest generated from this is put into the Community Energy Fund. The purpose of this fund is to provide a mechanism to invest in other energy saving measures that will help to reduce CO₂ emissions from households in the Dyfi valley. The Dyfi Valley Community Energy Fund was formed and is being administered by Ecodyfi. The fund is financed by existing money from this share ownership whilst, in addition, the further investment in the Nordtank project through grant funding of £43,000 raised by Ecodyfi results in BDCR awarding annually a further payment to the Community Energy Fund.

This year the management committee for BDCR is recommending that, in addition to the share interest payment based on its £12,500 share ownership, a further £2,150 is agreed as a benefits' contribution to the Community Energy Fund. In total over the last three years £4,450.00 will have been a paid to the Fund for ongoing energy saving activities in the area.

Website and Media

We continue to give some limited attention to keeping the website www.bdcr.org.uk which is updated with news stories, new generation figures and AGM details. Sadly there is little time to embellish the site but we hope things will improve with the appointment of the administrator.



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This year we also feature in the UNESCO Publication: *RENFORUS Good Practices - Success stories on sustainable and renewable energies in UNESCO Sites*. The publication describes a series of projects and schemes across the world where communities have come together to deliver energy reduction and low carbon energy measures in their areas. When the committee has the time (and when ably supported by persons such as Andy Rowland) we continue to try to spread the word that community energy schemes can be successful and sustainable.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Michael Phillips

12 June 2014