



## **ACTION GROUP ON COMMUNITY ENERGY**

### **Draft Note of Decisions and Actions, Meeting 2, 4 September 2018**

**Present:** Fred Barker, Jon Barrance, Peter Boait, Alison Crane, Richard Erskine, Iain Garner, Richard Hellen, John Hill, Bob Hilliard, Brian Oosthuysen, Matt Partridge, Hugh Richards, Nadine Smykatz-Kloss, Erik Wilkinson and Andy Williams

**Apologies:** Hugh Barton, Jim Dewey, David McGovern, Simon Pickering

### **1 Review of Actions**

The actions from the first meeting were reviewed. A summary of progress (an 'action tracker') is appended. On-going actions will be subject to further review at the next meeting.

### **2 Way Forward**

Observations on progress included:

- The group has taken early steps in an 'identify-encourage-enable' approach to project development by others. Some development of the 'offer' we are making to other organisations in this approach would be helpful. This might amount to helping others see the potential for projects and 'join the dots' around how to achieve them.
- There is considerable 'good will' amongst other organisations and potential for joint or partnership working.

NCAT favour a flexible 'horses for courses' approach to project development. There is no clear commitment to establishing a 'Nailsworth Community Energy' venture.

GCEC are an established Community Benefit Society, and could provide the vehicle for developing new community-owned projects in Stroud district. GCEC would welcome closer involvement from Stroud-based members of the action group to identify and progress new projects.

There is currently very little appetite in the action group to establish a Stroud-based community energy social enterprise (ie for the 'identify-assess-own' approach in the 'Approaches to Future Development' discussion paper). The group thinks it makes more sense to work with GCEC to make best use of limited resources, and that a local identity can be promoted through specific projects.

**It was agreed** to establish a Task Group to develop proposals for how to make the 'identify-enable-encourage' approach, and working with GCEC, work effectively in practice (action 24).

Actions on non-project specific fund raising (action 23) and hydro potential (action 25) were also agreed.

### **3      AOB**

**It was agreed** to seek to add the action group's name to the Solar Trade Association letter to Government about the end of Feed-In and Export Tariffs (action 26).

### **4      Next Meeting**

FB to circulate a doodle poll to find a date for the next meeting in the middle of October.

**COMMUNITY ENERGY ACTION GROUP – ACTION TRACKER**  
**Updated 6/9/18**

Action	Topic	People	Progress	Done
1	Energy Local Club – Dudbridge Hydro	DM/PB	Authority obtained from Canals Trust to take forward exploratory discussion. Initial approach to Good Energy drew blank. <b>PB</b> offered to do initial assessment of local grid to identify potential.	
2	PV on schools	MP/AC	Minchinhampton scheme proceeding. AC exploring potential for GCEC schemes at other Academy Schools. <b>Anyone</b> with good contacts at Academy secondary schools to forward to AC.	
3	PV on buildings in Nailsworth Mill Industrial Estate	RE/MP/AC	<b>RE/MP</b> liaising with landlord and considering next steps, including meeting with GCEC around potential role.	
4	Potential for PV on other buildings in Stroud	BH/FB/AW/HR	Sub Rooms: STC commissioning energy audit. Constraints around listed building consent and Conservation Officer views. Rooftop PV not an immediate option but ‘on radar’. Merrywalks: developer (Dransfield) in discussion with Ecotricity about potential rooftop PV and associated Power Purchase Agreement. Stratford Park Lido: <b>FB/AW</b> to review case studies and meet with Jess McQuail on 28/9 to discuss potential options for heating the pool. St Laurence Church: AW supplied note on heating and PV options. Site visit with diocese sustainability expert planned for 19/10. <b>HR/FB/AW</b> attending. <b>HR</b> to check whether SALIX loans might apply.	
5	Potential site for ground mounted PV	FB	FB discussed with site owner. Potential severely restricted by being in AONB and being overlooked 26/07.	Done
6	Information about Innovative pilot projects	IG	Access to GCEC dropbox circulated to meeting attendees 13/7.	Done
7	Potential w/s on innovative pilot projects	FB	<b>FB/AW/JD/RH</b> attending Regen w/s on Community Energy Innovation on 19/9 and will report back.	
8	Water source heat pumps	AW	<b>AW</b> has potential under review.	
9	MSc research	AW	<b>AW</b> has potential subjects under review.	
10	Workplace energy efficiency	KC	<b>KC</b> met with SWEA w/c 30 July.	

11	Liaison with Stroud District Council	BH/FB/J D/SP	Meetings with SP 24/7 and JD 2/8 took place. Liaison established.	Done
12	Liaison with Stroud Town Council	BH/FB/A S	Met with Alan Sage 20/7. Liaison established.	Done
13	Liaison with Ecotricity	BH/FB/S P/JH	Met with Simon P 24/7 and JH also joined group. JH confirms in principle potential for partnership working on specific projects.	Done
14	GFirst Energy Strategy	FB	TS briefing paper circulated 17/7. Stakeholder w/s 9 October. Registration details circulated 4/9. <b>FB</b> seeking case studies on way LEP energy strategies can support community energy.	
15	Western Power Distribution	FB	E-mail sent to WPD stakeholder manager 17/7. WPD will add us to their database 17/7 and forwarded our details to Regen.	Done
16	Liaison with GCEC	AC/IG/P B	Established	Done
17	Attendance at GCEC AGM	FB/JB/M P	<b>FB/JB/MP</b> attending from Stroud/Nailsworth.	
18	Liaison with NCAT	RE/MP	Established	Done
19	Case for community energy	FB	Links and document circulated 17/7.	Done
20	Information management	FB	Dropbox files set up. Contact FB to enable access.	Done
21	Skills inventory	FB	Request for info sent round 17/7. <b>FB</b> to send again.	
22	GIS mapping	RE	NCAT in discussion about local resource mapping. <b>RE</b> to report back on progress.	
23	Non-project specific fund raising	FB/MP	To identify whether there are case studies of this working in practice. <b>FB</b> to initiate and liaise with <b>MP</b> .	
24	Task group on 'identify-encourage-enable' approach and working with GCEC	FB/MP/ RE/JH/A C	<b>FB</b> to establish task group to develop proposals on how to make the approach work effectively in practice.	
25	Task group on hydro potential in Stroud district	BH	<b>BH</b> to establish task group to review potential for hydro projects in the district. <b>RH</b> to supply contact to BH	
26	Consultation on end of FIT/Export Tariff regime	FB	<b>FB</b> to seek to add action group name to Solar Trade Association letter to Government	