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Notes on Meeting held at request of Hendy Wind Turbine personnel and convened by Penybont CC on 13 November 2013 in Meeting Room, Penybont Community Centre

Present: Penybont CC: Cllrs Duggan, Docherty, Watkins, Apologies: Cllrs Turner, Ingram

Present (by Invitation): Glascwm CC: Cllrs Berwyn Jones (Chairman) Clive Nixson

New Radnor CC: Cllrs M Haines (Chairman) N Dodman

Powys CC: Vanessa Garwood (Community Benefit officer)

Hendy Windfarms: Stephen Radford, Project Manager and Director of Njord Energy Ltd, and an associate

Although not a public meeting, a contingent from the public were present and, in the absence of anyone else making introductions, the Clerk explained the context of the meeting and that public were being allowed to attend as a courtesy of Penybont CC but they were there only as observers and could take no part in the meeting.

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SR confirmed that people were free to contact him direct or gain further information from the website.

The following points were made by SR:

- Update on the results of the consultation exercise, the main points of concern being:
- Visual impact
- Turbine noise

In response, the number of turbines proposed had been reduce from 8 to 7. Turbine column height had also been reduced by 10m and the siting of the turbines had been moved further South of Penybont. This results in reducing the view of turbines from Penybont and the visual impact from Llandegley. Site Plan and Wireform diagram were presented in illustration.

Cllr Docherty queried the visual impact statement and pointed out that it was possible to see the anemometer mast from the side of the Church in Llandegley at present and, therefore, it would be possible to see the turbines, the column height of which would be the same as the mast and then must be added the height of the propellers.

Cllr Watkins asked whether the total of 7 turbines might be increased at a later date and was informed that there were no plans for this.

It was further confirmed that, if a grid reference was provided to the company by email, it would be possible to "scope" the visual impact for a specific property and email a wireform diagram.

It was also confirmed that as documents, information were reviewed and adjusted and became available, they were uploaded onto the website so that they could be accessed by interested parties.

The feedback from consultation with Statutory Bodies was also available to view on the website.

### Community Benefit

Output of 2.05 Megawatts would result in a community benefit of £72,000.00 per annum for the contract period of 25 years.

VG then gave an outlines of the points to be considered with the administration of these funds. Whilst the CB aspect is completely divorced from any planning consideration and approval, and there is no legal requirement on developers, as a "rule of thumb" PCC would expect £5,000.00 per annum per megawatt installed. Any sum agreed upon should be index linked for the life of the contract (Consumer Price Index) It is also important to define the area that would be included in any CB benefit as it could and does go over boundaries between Councils.

### Infrastructure

Build cost of £15 million

- To contain costs, it is intended to source stone from a quarry on/in the region of the Rhos Common and to have the necessary machinery on site to break up the stone.
- Each turbine base requires 700 tonnes of concrete (44 lorry load deliveries per turbine base) plus 30/40 tonnes of reinforced steel
- Track width for access required to be 4.5 metres
- Length of flat-bed lorry, 44 metres
- Power take off would be to Llandrindod Wells sub-station on wooden poles above ground. Developers are already in negotiation with Western Power
- Vehicles would probably be coming from Newport
- Opportunity for local sub-contracting, on a percentage basis would look to contract 20% to 30% but this is only possible where the appropriate contractors are available. Site would create one job for ongoing maintenance.
- De-commissioning, developer should be required by Powys CC to place a suitable fund on Escrow ( reviewed every 5 years) to ensure that the necessary monies are available at the end of the contract.

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