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Meeting Title:	Community Liaison Group (CLG)		
Meeting Objective:	The role of the CLG is to facilitate communication and engagement between Morlais Menter Môn, the community and key stakeholders.		
Location:	Ucheldre Centre, Holyhead		
Date:	09/05/2022	Time	18:00
Attendees:	<p>Menter Môn: Dafydd Gruffydd (DG), Andy Billcliff (AB), Gerallt Llewelyn Jones (GLLJ), Karen Jones (KJ), Oliver Wilson (OW), Hannah Thomas (HT), Aimi Hopkins (AH), Clive McGregor (CMG);</p> <p>Ateb: Llinos Iorwerth (LI), Rhys Evans (RE);</p> <p>Jones Brothers: Brendan Fieldhouse (BF), Bryn Williams (BW), Eryl Roberts (ER);</p> <p>IoACC: Angharad Crump (AC);</p> <p>MS Ynys Môn: Rhun ap Iorwerth (RI)</p> <p>Holy Island ward member: Trevor Lloyd Hughes (TLH);</p> <p>Holyhead ward member: Glyn Haynes (GH);</p> <p>RSPB: Laura Kudelska (LK);</p> <p>NWWT: Nia Jones;</p> <p>Alternative Cleaning solutions: Arron Milton (AM), John Hughes (JH);</p> <p>Bob Francis Crane Hire: Mark Francis (MF);</p> <p>MEW: Jay Sheppard (JS);</p> <p>Minesto: Osian Roberts (OR);</p> <p>S2 Recruitment: Sarah Ellwood (SE);</p> <p>Setter and Associates / Systems Partnership: Ian Ord (IO);</p> <p>RYA: Gerwyn Owen (GO);</p> <p>Canoe Wales: Alistair Pattullo (AP);</p> <p>Unite The Union: Daryl Williams (DW);</p> <p>Ynys Mon's Citizen's Advice Bureau: Alwyn Rowlands (AR).</p>		

Summary of Discussions:

1.	Welcome and Introductions
<p><i>During this meeting a power point presentation was displayed on screen.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First CLG Meeting. • Introduction to the Morlais team given by CMG: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dafydd Gruffydd – Menter Mon Managing Director ○ Andy Billcliff Morlais CEO ○ Gerallt Llewelyn Jones – Morlais Director ○ Karen Jones – Morlais Director ○ Oliver Wilson – Morlais Project Manager 	

2.	Meeting Format
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMG explained the emergency procedure in case of a fire etc. • All attendees received the meeting agenda beforehand.
3.	Purpose and Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Group
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All attendees received a copy of the ToR before the meeting. • CMG stated that the main purpose of the group is to facilitate communication between Morlais, the community and other stakeholders and to raise awareness and better understanding as the work progresses.
4.	An introduction to Menter Môn
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DG gave an introduction to Menter Môn (MM). • MM was established in 1995 to respond to challenges faced by rural areas. • Projects involve protecting native species and raising the profile of the Welsh language. • MM have always explored ways of adding value to local resources and extract local economic benefit. Projects have included renovating the coastal path, reintroducing the red squirrel, SMART Towns and bring old buildings back to use.
5.	An introduction to Morlais
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morlais is a Menter Môn project. • A Tidal Stream Demonstration Zone designated by the Crown Estate in 2014 which covers 35 km² of seabed. • 45-year lease to 2059 owned by Menter Môn. • 240MW is the maximum capacity that the Tidal Stream Demonstration Zone will be able to generate. • The first large scale 'Plug and Play' tidal stream demonstration zone in the world ready for deployment in 2023. • Morlais objectives include safeguard the environment and reduce carbon impact, develop long term and sustainable source of revenue to reinvest locally via Menter Môn & Secure local economic benefit and jobs.
6.	Detail of the consent granted
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morlais awarded TWAo consent by Welsh Government in December 2021. • Morlais awarded Marine License by Natural Resources Wales in December 2021. • Morlais Demonstration Zone(MDZ) has been allocated the The Crown Estate (TCE). • Turbines will be deployed into the MDZ in phases.

- Environmental Monitoring and Mitigation Plan (EMMP) will monitor the effects of the offshore works and tidal turbines on the marine life and environment.
- There are three types of turbines which will be deployed into the MDZ. Seabed mounted, mid water column and floating.

7. Programme of Works – construction

Horizontal Direction Drilling (HDD):

- HDD work is being undertaken by Stockton Drilling.
- A successful trial bore was done from Tŷ Mawr out to sea undertaken Feb/Mar 22.
- Learnings from the trial drill are helping establish design for pending bores to be drilled.
- Bores drilling will re-start late summer 2022.

Onshore Sub stations and cable routes:

- Civil work is being undertaken by Jones Brothers.
- Onshore construction began March 22 and continues to increase.
- Road closures through 2022, diversion routes are in place.
- OW noted that the Morlais website is updated with Traffic Management updates regularly.
- Overall programme of works is expected to be complete end 2023.

8. Environmental Monitoring and Mitigation Programme

- Environmental Monitoring and Mitigation Plan (EMMP) will monitor the effects of the offshore works and tidal turbines on the marine life and environment.
- GLJ stated that Gillespie, Hastie et al in Scotland monitored & tracked 340 animals (HP) for 14 months and the data showed that there were no collisions.
- There are 15 work packages to monitor animals and the environment within the EMMP.
- EMMP work will continue for the life span of the project.
- £6 million will be spent on the EMMP work packages between now and 2023.

9. Skills and Training Working Group

- KJ stated that one of the key factors to securing a long-term local supply chain and skilled work force is to build on the present on that exists and to diverse to a new sustainable local energy industry.
- Morlais provides long-term socio-economic benefit employment to the region.
- KJ noted that Jones Brothers have already made arrangements to take on an apprentice in September.
- Skills from the nuclear industry can be transferred to the tidal industry.
- Morlais has been holding meet the buyer events where developers attended and were able to explain their skills & training requirements.

- Nine Developers anticipate deploying devices at Morlais, deployment depends on revenue support for most of the developers.
- KJ stated that all developers would like to set up a local workshop/assembly area.
- Two developers currently use supply chain work from Wales, so this is definitely an area to work on and build relationships locally.

10.	Supply Chain Working Group
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- Covered in previous agenda item.

11.	AOB
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- What type of quality will the jobs be that Morlais creates?
 - Morlais are seeking actively in all engagement with developers that community benefit will be contractually in the agreement with the developers.
- Will the developers Manufacture any turbine parts on the island?
 - Morlais don't entirely know but would like them to assemble on the island.
 - Morlais have taken developers on a tour to Holyhead port to show them the resources which are available locally .
- When will the Navigational risk assessment be?
 - Morlais are arranging a meeting for the beginning of June.
- Have the small boating community in Holyhead been made aware of the navigational risks?
 - A face-to-face meeting to be arranged with the small boating community.
- Important that teachers understand there is an opportunity of jobs for people who are about the start their career.
 - KJ is making the engagement early on with primary & secondary schools and Universities.
- Any vibration disruption from the HDD?
 - Morlais have undertaken a noise survey, result is that there is no effect.

12.	Date of next meeting
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- Date of next meeting TBC.