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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:	Trearddur Bay Hotel		
Date:	26/09/2022	Time	18:00
Attendees:	<p>Menter Môn: Gerallt Llewelyn Jones (GLLJ), Oliver Wilson (OW), John Idris Jones (JIJ), Hannah Thomas (HT), Aimi Hopkins (AH), Guto Wyn Hughes (GWH), Clive McGregor (CMG);</p> <p>Ateb: Llinos Iorwerth (LI), Mabon Dafydd (MD);</p> <p>Môn CF: Alun Roberts (AR);</p> <p>Jones Brothers: Brendan Fieldhouse (BF), Bryn Williams (BW);</p> <p>MP Ynys Môn: Bethan Davies (BD) On behalf of Virginia Crosbie;</p> <p>Isle of Anglesey County Council ward member for Holyhead: Glyn Haynes (GH);</p> <p>Anglesey Mechanical Solutions: Darren Morris (DM);</p> <p>Faun Trackway: Gareth Williams (GW);</p> <p>RSPB: Laura Kudelska (LK);</p> <p>Setter and Associates / Systems Partnership: Ian Ord (IO);</p> <p>Trearddur Bay Community Council: Stephen Williams (SW);</p> <p>Canoe Wales: Alistair Pattullo (AP);</p> <p>Local Landowners Representative: Tom Roberts (TR);</p> <p>Holyhead Shipping: Oliver Tull (OT);</p> <p>Seiriol Councillor/Deputy Leader Anglesey Council: Carwyn Jones (CJ).</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"> • Panel introduced by CMG: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GLJ – Senior Responsible Officer for Morlais ○ OW – Project Manager, Morlais ○ CL - Marine Characterisation Research Project Manager ○ AR – Deputy Chair for CLG 	
2.	Meeting Format
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting format agreed. 	
3.	Morlais Update

- Morlais team at Menter Môn is growing to deliver the project.
- Onshore infrastructure work is making progress.
- Jones Brothers, Morlais main contractor have employed apprentices on the scheme.
- OBR a local company have won a contract from Jones Brothers.
- Magallanes Renewables have won a CfD (contracts for difference) for 5.6MW.

4. Programme of Works – Construction

- Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD):-
 - Undertaken by Stockton Drilling (STK).
 - Drilling recommenced in August 2022 and is continuing.
 - Geology is varied which is causing the drilling to progress at a slower pace.
 - Drilling is anticipated to continue into early 2023.

- Onshore sub-stations and cable routes:-
 - Undertaken by Jones Brothers - began March 2022.
 - Cable duct installation has involved road closures and is now approx. 65% complete.
 - Diversion routes in place (see website updates).
 - Cable installation to begin over winter.
 - Further road closures required in spring 2023 to join cables.
 - Landfall substation earthworks and drainage substantially complete - work to continue here to Autumn 2023.
 - Parc Cybi substation work anticipated to begin late 2022/ early 2023.
 - Civil and electrical design continues.
 - Overall programme of works to be complete end 2023.

5. Marine Characterisation Research Project (MCRP)

- The MCRP project is monitoring a range of wildlife in and around the area: marine mammals, including (but not limited to) bottlenose dolphins, harbour porpoise and grey seals, seabirds, particularly guillemot and razorbill species, and migratory fish.
- A range of research is being delivered by world-leading experts from 9 different universities and organisations with a wide range of techniques, to understand the population sizes, movements and behaviour of animals in and around the area.
- They are collecting data using cameras, thermal imaging, acoustic monitors, visual observations, tagging and active sonar as you can from this example of a seal swimming past a sonar sensor.
- The environmental monitoring data will ensure that turbine deployment takes place in very controlled phases, to make sure that there are no significant adverse impacts on local wildlife.
- There is no evidence from other existing tidal Stream Energy projects of any significant negative environmental impact of turbines on marine wildlife.

6. Skills & Training Working Group

- Morlais have a working group which focuses on identifying and providing solutions for any skills gap presented by the work opportunities from the Morlais Project.
- This includes identifying way to help people who are unemployed, people in work and students.
- GWH & AR are discussing what opportunities there are for students that aren't academic to give them the opportunity and experience they will need to compete for the jobs.
- A Skills questionnaire has been created by Dr Edward Jones from Bangor University to go to developers to see what skills and training they will require from the jobs which will be needed when they deploy their turbines.

7. Supply Chain Working Group

- Morlais have established a supply chain working group in order to maximise jobs and work opportunities for local people and businesses through the project.
- Important that Morlais talk with local employers to make sure they are aware of the opportunities.
- Next working group meeting is on the 28th of September.
- Magallanes plan to visit 8th and 9th of November.
- Cadarn, OBR, AE & AT Lewis receive contracts directly or indirectly from Morlais.

8. Questions

Steven Williams – Trearddur Bay Community Council

- Public path down to the beach near Henborth needs improving to make it accessible to the public, is this something Morlais could do whilst they are doing work in the area?
 - GLJ – Will needs to ask internally and give a written response.

Bethan Davies – Attending on behalf of Virginia Crosbie

- Is there interest from other developers to use the 'plug & play' and what can be done if they are showing interest?
 - GLJ - 12 developers have shown interest but 5 are closest to apply for CfD.
 - Developers are Orbital, Nova, Verdant, Inyanag & QED and are likely to be bidding in the next subsidy round (AR5).
 - There is an option for the companies to build their turbines where they are based now or here in Wales. Julie James and Virginia Crosbie are involved in the work trying to persuade them to set up here, locally.

Darren Morris - Anglesey Mechanical Solutions

- How far is OBR down the line with their work with Jones Brothers and who does their architectural etc work for them?
 - BF – OBR have subcontractors to supply architectural work etc and Jones Brothers don't know who they use.

Tom Robert – Local Homeowner Representative

- What type of devices are the developers from the next CfD round going to deploy?
 - GLJ – 2 floaters and 4 subsea, 2026 deployment of the turbines.
 - GLJ explained that the turbines take 3 – 4 years to build but developers need to secure the CfD now.
- When will the baseline data report that the MCRP are collecting be available?
 - CL noted that the MCRP are hoping to get a lot of the data collection before 2023.
 - GLJ - It could be 2024 before a full baseline report is ready. Magallanes won't be able to deploy before NRW have signed off the baseline data report.

Oliver Tull - Marine shipping

- Where will the project be located and what is being done for commercial shipping?
 - CL to get Oliver's contact details so that he can be invited to future navigational meetings.

Darren Morris - Anglesey Mechanical Solutions

- Has there been any objections locally to the project?
 - GLJ noted that Morlais were expecting more objections, but people realise the need to create renewable energy and people recognise the need for local jobs.
 - TR stated that there has been concern with local homeowners and businesses regarding the effects on the wildlife and visual impact.
 - JIJ noted that Morlais recognise concerns and that it's natural, but Menter Môn are listening to the concerns and seeing what can be done and to share information through various channels such as the CLG.

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- How will the recent purchase of the Orthios site by Stena affect the project?
 - GLJ noted that Morlais have secured CPO powers as part of the planning conditions but what will happen to the land remains to be seen.
- CMG stated that if there are any more questions, attendees can contact the Morlais team through the info@morlaisenergy.com email and receive a written answer.

9. AOB

- No AOB.

10. Date of next meeting

- Date of next meeting TBC.