



Newsletter – November 2022

Welcome to the Morlais newsletter – bringing you updates and the latest news about the project

Morlais is Menter Môn's tidal Stream Energy project which aims to benefit local communities, the economy, and the climate.

If you would like to contact the team, please email us on info@morlaisenergy.com.

Community Liaison Group

The second meeting of the Morlais Community Liaison Group was held in September at Trearddur Bay Hotel. Clive McGregor chaired the meeting once again with several groups and local representatives attending the session. It was an opportunity for us to share the latest information about the project with the local community and businesses as well as stakeholder representatives. Amongst the topics covered were local and regional benefits of the project, the construction work programme, skills and training, as well as supply chain. Minutes are available on our website - <https://www.morlaisenergy.com/portal/community-liaison-group/>



International Conference on Ocean Energy

John Jenkins and Claire Palmer recently represented Morlais on the Welsh Government stand at the International Conference on Ocean Energy in San Sebastian/ Donostia. It was an important platform for the project to meet and discuss with partners from across the world. Discussions were had with developers, supply chain and other colleagues from the industry about our unique project here on Anglesey. It was great to see Morlais taking its place on the international stage.

OBR contract awarded

The news was recently released that Anglesey-based company OBR Construction, has secured a £2m contract with Morlais' main contractor Jones Bros, to work on the construction of the landfall sub-station. OBR is a local company, with experience of delivering similar work on Anglesey, Wales and across the UK as a whole. We look forward to developing our relationship with them over the duration of the project.

Construction update

Construction work is progressing well as installation of the power ducts on South Stack Road continues, this process should be completed by the end of 2022. Work will then move to installing cables, which will be continue into the spring/summer of 2023.

Meanwhile construction of foundations and drainage at the landfall substation is at an advanced stage, with building structures and other infrastructure to continue until late 2023. Construction pictures are available to see -

<https://www.morlaisenergy.com/news/gallery/>

Schools outreach

During the first half term of the current academic year, Morlais colleagues Aimi Hopkins and Ian Newton visited Ysgol Cybi, and Hannah Thomas and Sammy Jacques been to St Mary's Catholic School, Holyhead. They gave year 6 pupils a presentation on the project, showing them how tidal energy works with our model turbine. School visits are an important part of our work to introduce renewable energy to the next generation. It's also a way for us to highlight the exciting projects happening locally here on Anglesey and the opportunities they provide.



Drop in Event

A drop in event was held in Llaingoch Community Hall in August. Community engagement remains important to Morlais and we were pleased to welcome local residents to talk about the project and future plans. It was also an opportunity to speak to local elected members who called by and to share our vision with them of ensuring local benefit from the project. We will be holding more of these events in the future, keep an eye out for further information on our social media channels.

Site visits

We were pleased to welcome the marine licencing team from Natural Resources Wales to Anglesey recently to show them how work is progressing. It was an opportunity for them to see the project within its context and to learn about the next steps. The group went on a tour of our site near Holyhead and saw where the turbines would be deployed.

At the beginning of November, we also welcomed our developer Magallanes to Anglesey. It was their first visit since the beginning of construction and since their success in securing one of the Contracts for Difference (CfD) as part of the most recent UK Government renewable energy auction. During their visit the delegation met with Morlais and Menter Môn staff, the construction team at the landfall substation site, as well as other key local partners and supply chain.

Sue Price WEFO's Head of Programme Management Division visited in August to view work on the landfall substation site, the cable route ducting at Porth Dafach and the SPEN substation.





Events

We recently attended the Coleg Menai 'Codi STEM' careers event in Llangefni. We gave a presentation and spoke to students about the career opportunities in renewable energy. It was great to speak to young people who were enthusiastic about the potential of projects like Morlais.

We also attended a Careers Wales event in Pontio, Bangor in October. It was another great opportunity to discuss and talk about upskilling opportunities available to young people through Morlais and the sector as a whole.

During the summer we took part on the Menter Môn stand at the Anglesey Show. It was a very successful two days, with many people visiting us to find out more about how tidal energy works and our plans and vision for the project.

The Morlais and Menter Môn team continues to grow

Once again in this newsletter we are pleased to announce that the Menter Môn energy team is expanding.

As construction continues, industry specialist, Claire Palmer joins the Morlais leadership team, as Stakeholder Director. Claire brings with her a wealth of experience and contacts from the marine sector. She will lead on liaising with supply chain, developers as well as on skills and training.

We have also appointed Gareth Roberts as Operations Lead. Gareth is a former Compliance, Facilities and Land Manager with housing association, Adra Cyf. He brings with him extensive project management experience to the team. He has a

background in the electrical industry and has managed an electrical contracting company.