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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 Limited, the community and key stakeholders.		
Location:	Ucheldre Centre, Holyhead		
Date:	06/06/2023	Time	18:00
Attendees:			
<p>Menter Môn Morlais: Oliver Wilson (OW), Andy Billcliff (AB), Hannah Thomas (HT), Guto Wyn Hughes (GWH), Gerallt Llewelyn Jones (GLJ), Clive McGregor (CMG), Clare Llywelyn (CL);</p> <p>IoACC: Angharad Crump (AC);</p> <p>Trearddur Bay Community Council: Stephen Williams (SW);</p> <p>IoACC ward member for Parc a'r Mynydd: Glyn Haynes (GH);</p> <p>IoACC ward member for Holyhead: Pip O'Neil (PN);</p> <p>RSPB: Laura Kudelska (LK);</p> <p>Canoe Wales: Alistair Pattullo (AP);</p> <p>Local Homeowner Representative: Tom Roberts (TR);</p> <p>Boathouse Hotel: Kirsty Williams (KW);</p> <p>Môn CF: Alun Roberts (AR);</p> <p>Ynys Môn Citizen's Advice Bureau: Alwyn Rowlands (AR).</p>			

Presentation was used during this meeting and displayed on screen.

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"> ○ OW – Project Manager, Morlais ○ AB – CEO, Morlais ○ GLJ – Senior Responsible Officer, Morlais ○ CL - Marine Characterisation Research Project Manager 	
2.	Meeting Format
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting format agreed. 	
3.	Review of actions from last meeting

- No actions from the previous meeting.

4. Morlais Update

- Morlais update given by GLJ.
- Infrastructure funding position:
 - Jones Bros and Stockton contracts progressing to time and budget.
 - Completion October 2023.
 - Connect seabed to the MANWEB network at Parc Cybi (currently 18MW export availability).
- Future infrastructure funding:
 - The growing project requires access to 180MW of export.
 - Next infrastructure project will proceed from Parc Cybi to the Anglesey Aluminium site to connect to the National Grid.
 - This will cost £14m - £9m of which will come from the North Wales Growth Deal.
- Revenue funding position:
 - Menter Môn Ltd has established a company called Menter Môn Morlais Ltd (MMM) to operate the Morlais site.
 - MMM is currently exploring means of raising capital to assist with its early years operation prior to the Break Even Point being achieved.
- Turbine operators UK government subsidy:
 - UK Gov offers subsidy (CFD) to turbine operators on an annual basis called AR rounds.
 - It is a competitive process.
 - Under AR4 2022, Magallanes were awarded 6MW.
 - MMML have allowed 5 turbine companies to bid for 38MW under AR5 2023.
 - Results will be known in September 2023.
 - If they do succeed, developers won't deploy until 2027.

5. Programme of Works – Construction

- Programme of works update given by OW.
- Horizontal Direction Drilling (HDD)
- Undertaken by Stockton Drilling:
 - Drilling work began mid-April 2023.
 - Two new shorter length drills will continue through May, June and July.
- Onshore Work (substations and cable routes):
 - Undertaken by Jones Brothers.
 - Cable route works complete, roads now re-opened since easter.
 - Landfall substation buildings continue to take shape, works will continue here to Autumn 2023.
 - Parc Cybi substation works progressing well and will continue through 2023.
 - Electrical control equipment being manufactured, some deliveries received on site.
 - Overall programme of works to be complete Autumn 2023.
- AB noted that the MMML project has received the Jones Brothers internal award for Health & Safety.

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6.	Marine Characterisation Research Project (MCRP)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCRP update given by CL. • Tidal monitoring buoy has been deployed, emphasis that this is not a tidal turbine and is only for monitoring purposes. • At the moment the buoy is supporting surface infrared and visual cameras, and an underwater visual camera. The cameras collect images of animals and are linked to a computer unit with an automatic species identification algorithm, which will help build up a picture of the type of animals in the area and how frequently they pass through. • Other environmental monitoring - more fieldwork from the passive acoustic monitors, and ongoing boat observation surveys and seabird colony counts. • Had 5 days' worth of drone surveys over the Morlais Demonstration Zone, using two different types of drones to conduct broad scale flights over the whole area, and fine scale hovers. • Preparations have been taking place for tagging which will happen this month. Razorbill tagging at South Stack and Puffin Island next week (12/06), followed by guillemots later on in June. Grey seal tagging over the next month, depending on the number of animals sighted at the haul-out locations. • All these surveys and data collection will help us to understand the range and behavior of these animals in the area. • The Citizen Science project is underway, as highlighted in the December meeting. We are looking for any volunteer keen photographers who could help capture images of birds at South Stack that are bringing back fish and other food to the nests. Full training will be provided, so if you know anyone interested, please ask them to email mcrp@mentermon.com.

7.	Skills & Training Working Group
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skills and training update given by AB. • AB noted that MMML will be advertising new roles to take over skills & training and the supply chain aspect of the project following Claire Palmers departure.

8.	Supply Chain Working Group
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supply chain update given by AB. • MMML team attended the MEW conference in Swansea. • AB attended the Atlantic Arc conference event in Cardiff and spoke about MMML on the renewable energy panel.

9.	Questions
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Steven Williams – Trearddur Bay Community Council

- Will there be any more caballing along Porth Dafarch causing road closures and traffic management?
 - AB – No more road closures. Hellenic have done tests on the cable and say it can accommodate 230MW on the cable therefore the road shouldn't need digging up again, the only reason it would need to be dug up would be because of a cable fault.

Tom Roberts – Local Homeowner Representative

- Clarify the working hours at the site?
 - OW – 7am until 7pm, also on Saturdays but also on Sundays with approval.
- Should the soil bank which helps to minimise the noise level have been built higher?
 - OW – The bank which is in place is satisfactory & this situation is being monitored by staff to monitor the noise levels.
- Concern that the issue with flooding and the water run-off will remerge.
 - OW - The design of the attenuation pond accounts for the floods.
 - AB noted that MMML did write to the council and suggest the footpath is closed because it can be dangerous because of the water, and it seems to be resolved.
 - If this issue is found to persist after MM's developers have left site then MM will of course investigate and address any reemerging related issues.
- Local farmer that is having to jump through hoops to build and agricultural shed and want to know what MMML are doing to reduce visual impact.
 - OW noted that there will be cladding on the buildings and there will be some planting around the entrance
 - GLJ also noted that it is difficult to make a comparison when MMML application went to Welsh Government and presume his is through the local council.
- The monitoring buoy has reinforced the concern for visual impact, is there any scope to think about the location of the devices?
 - GLJ noted that location of the berths and devices were based on where Natural Resources Wales (NRW) wanted the devices to go.

Alistair Patullo – Canoe Wales

- Will Parc Cybi be made redundant by the connection to the national grid?
 - AB – No, there will be an import and export cable.
- Does the hanging kit off the monitoring buoy introduce any hazards of anything at water level?
 - CL - Will respond with a written response including height of horizontal structure between the hulls.
- Location of devices, you have already allocated berths if the developers are successful are you taking into account our arguments ? putting the turbines closer to the shore will make it a hazard, has this been taken into consideration.
 - AB noted that ALARP will be taken into consideration. MMML won't deploy anything which is unsafe have to comply with the navigational risk assessment.

Kirsty Williams – Boathouse Hotel

- Would MMML be interested in Wild Elements going around schools educating pupils about MMML and tidal energy on their behalf?
 - GWH to get in touch with Kirsty to follow this up.

Alwyn Rowlands – Ynys Môn Citizen's Advice Bureau mentioned

- Noted that the education system doesn't actually preach about the engineering and the career opportunities which will be available from the project and that the problem is that young people are not given the correct advice and information.

Glyn Hayens – IoACC ward member for Parc a'r Mynydd

- Will freeport status at Holyhead port help the project?
 - AB – Already been talking at lengths with Stena.
 - GLJ - It will help to encourage developers to build their turbines in Holyhead and freeport does make it attractive to developers.

CM reminded attendees that they can email info@morlaisenergy.com with any queries.

10.	AOB
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- No AOB.

11.	Date of next meeting
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- Dates of future meetings in 2023:
 - Tuesday 5 September 2023 (to be held on Microsoft Teams).
 - Tuesday 5 December 2023 (to be held face-to-face).