

# Baywind Energy Co-operative Ltd (Registration No. 28354 R)

## Minutes of Annual General Meeting

### The Coach House, Ford Park, Ulverston, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at 1.00 p.m.

Present: 12 members, 4 guests, 9 Directors and 2 representatives on behalf of Energy4All Ltd.  
138 responses were received for the motions.

#### 1. Introductions and welcome

The members were welcomed by the Chairman David Eastlick, especially those who had travelled a long distance and those who had not previously attended the AGM. David introduced the current Board, Derek Elsworth, Alex Hassan, Annette Heslop, Lorrie Marchington, Richard Scott, Majid Siadat, Charles Taylor and James Wood.

#### 2. Chairman's Review of the year

David outlined the following points:

- Output from all six turbines during 2012 amounted to 6,027MWh compared to 6,052 in 2011.
- Wind resource ~ low wind speeds during the year contributed to the inability to achieve budget (92% of budget met for Harlock Hill and 79% at Haverigg II).
- Availability very good at Harlock Hill (97%) but poorer at Haverigg II (79%).
- The UK wind energy sector reduced the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in UK energy supply by 8.34m tonnes, 4.1% of the total emissions had the electricity been produced entirely by burning fossil fuels. .
- Additional reasons for not meeting budget include:
  - Harlock Hill T5 suffered a rotor wire break on 22 November which was eventually repaired in January 2013.
  - Haverigg II generator failures on T2 & T4. T3 also suffered a rotor wire break towards the end of the year.
  - 10 day restriction to export power due to NWE line down for repair.

#### 3. Financial Presentation

Annette Heslop, who is also the Co-op's Company Secretary, gave a brief report on the finances for 2012. Turnover was up slightly from last year at £574,832. After deducting operating costs, administration expenses and tax, the profit available for distribution amounted to £164,375, giving a return to members of 10.38% to EIS investors and 8.30% to non-EIS investors.

From February 2012, the electricity output from Harlock Hill is sold on the ROC market through a Power Purchase Agreement with Co-op Energy. Haverigg II sells electricity through a NFFO contract, which ends in July 2013. Thereafter, it too will join the ROC market.

The rate of return to members is good considering the current economic climate. We will continue to maintain HH turbines until re-powering and we have a spare transformer in storage to reduce downtime in replacement, production losses and mitigation of insurance costs.

#### Members asked the following questions:

##### Q – What is a ROC?

A – A ROC is a renewable obligation certificate. 1MW = 1 ROC. The government sets a target each year whereby suppliers of electricity are required to source a percentage of their supply from renewable sources. Failure to meet the target results in a fine known as the buy-out price. This buy-out price is then distributed between generators. Annette will provide an information sheet on the subject.

##### Q – If re-powering is successful can the spare transformer be re-used?

A - Yes we could look at selling it to another wind farm.

#### 4. Key Performance Indicator's (KPIs)

Alex Hassan presented Baywind KPIs for the Board and members to monitor the performance of the Co-op. The pie charts included both Harlock Hill and Haverigg II data.

Derek Elsworth took charge of voting results on the motions and election of directors. Derek reminded members not to vote if they have already voted online.

#### 5. Motion 1 - To approve the Minutes of the AGM held on the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2012

Proposed by Andrew King and seconded by David Eastlick.

The motion was carried by the majority present with 3 abstentions. Postal votes totalled 120 for, 9 abstentions and the chair held 9 votes in favour.

**6. Motion 2 - To approve the Annual Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012 with the reports of the Directors and the Auditor.**

Proposed by Lorrie Marchington and seconded by Bill Shaw.

The motion was carried unanimously by members present. Postal votes totalled 126 for, 3 abstentions and the chair held 9 votes in favour.

**7. Motion 3 - To re-appoint auditors Melville and Co to hold office until the AGM in 2014**

Proposed by David Eastlick and seconded by James Wood.

The motion was carried unanimously by members present. Postal votes totalled 120 for, 1 against, 8 abstentions and the chair held 9 votes in favour.

**8. Motion 4 - To approve the distribution of surplus funds for the year (the operating profit together with any other income) by way of Share Interest**

Proposed by Bill Shaw and seconded by David Scott.

The motion was carried unanimously by members present. Postal votes totalled 123 for, 1 against, 5 abstentions and the chair held 9 votes in favour.

**9. Election of Directors**

Rule 12(7)(a) requires one third of the Board of Directors to retire by rotation.

Alex Hassan, Majid Siadat, and James Wood retire by rotation and seek re-election. The Co-op received one nomination to join the Board from Michael Dimelow. Derek confirmed the ballot voting results as follows:

Michael 66 votes, James 93 votes, Majid 106 votes and Alex 112 votes.

Derek confirmed Alex, Majid and James were duly re-appointed to serve a further term on the Board.

Derek thanked Michael for seeking election.

Close of formal business.

**10. Alex Hassan - due to climb Mount Kilimanjaro in July in aid of Renewable World**

Alex thanked Baywind members and the Board directors for their generous donations. To date Alex has raised nearly half of his target sponsorship.

**11. Repowering Harlock Hill Update**

David provided the latest update on the planning application submitted to Barrow Borough Council (BBC) B06/2011/0662 and South Lakeland District Council (SLDC) SL/2011/0685. The application was refused by SLDC on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2013. BBC will determine the application on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2013.

**12. Baywind Energy Community Trust (BWECT)**

Richard Scott provided a brief update on the activities of the trust. The trust is independent with a duty to report to, but not controlled by, Baywind. They extended their geographical area to include Dalton.

**Grants in 2012**

- Swarthmoor Sports & Community Club received £3,711 for a new energy efficient boiler, Brian Atkinson, chair of the club present at the meeting thanked BWECT for its support. The club is used by both young people and elderly residents from the area.
- Dalton Community Association received £8,632 towards renovation costs of the Drill Hall. Barry Doughty, chair of the association thanked BWECT for its contribution. Barry explained the hall is now used by a variety of local groups and the local police as a station and training facility. The Association has recently gone through the process of Community Asset Transfer of the hall from Cumbria County Council.
- Top of the Form Quiz for BAE graduate apprentices £200
- Drop Zone Youth Project £500

**13. Presentation by Liz Sidebotham on Making Electricity Generation Work for the Future**

The Board and members thanked Liz for a very informative presentation on the role of customers to help smooth the distribution of electricity by modifying their usage patterns.

The meeting was closed at 3.15 pm.

Signed as a true record of the meeting.



**David Eastlick, Chairman**