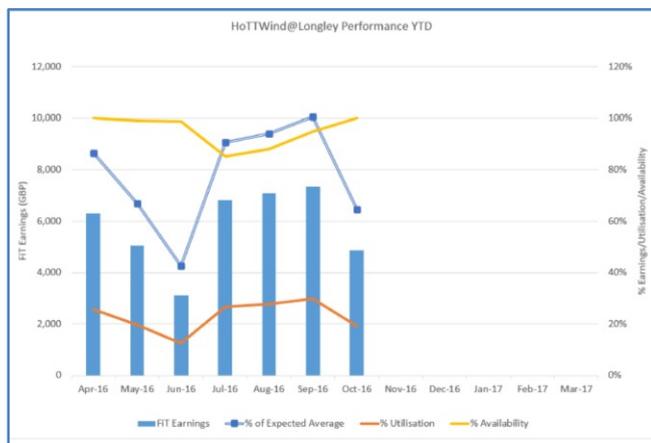


The wind turbine has now been in operation for over a year and under the ownership of the Community Benefit Society since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016; generating power, earning revenues and saving CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. The first financial year (Year 1) for the CBS ended on 31st October 2016 and we are now in Year 2. This newsletter summarises developments on our community wind turbine project since the last edition (Newsletter 12), which was circulated to Members in August 2016.

### 12.1 Wind Turbine update

Availability of the turbine in August, September and October has been 88%, 95% and 100% respectively. Since the wind vane fault was resolved in August, any outages have mainly been due to inspections and the bi-annual service. A nose-cone bolt fault in September caused the turbine to be shut down for 2 days for safety inspections, and this was finally repaired in early November. Whilst energy output in August and September was generally as expected, the output in October was lower than average due to there being little wind, as shown by the following chart.



In the year to date since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 under community ownership, the wind turbine has had an utilisation of 23% against the planned annual average of 29%, and has generated about 80% of the expected energy for this period, noting that again we hope to see it perform better over the windier winter period.

### 12.2 Community Benefit Society

The Board will meet on 30th November 2016 to decide on the division of profits for the financial year (Year 1) ending 31st October 2016. Monies will be assigned to operating reserves, interest payments to members and a grant to the Bright Green Community Trust. The Board's decisions will be communicated to Members as a resolution in the AGM papers – see below.

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The second AGM of HoTTWind@Longley Ltd has been arranged for the evening of **Wednesday 18th January 2017** at Hade Edge Band Room. Last year 37 Members attended and a further 5 cast proxy votes. This represented just over one-fifth of the CBS membership; the Board hope to welcome even more Members this time.

As well as the formal AGM business, there will be reports on the wind turbine performance and the first period of trading as a community-owned business from 1st April 2016, a look forward to the year ahead including the establishment of the Bright Green Community Trust, and a selection of short films.

The AGM agenda and full details of the programme will be circulated to Members in late December 2016. Also included will be the CBS accounts for the year ending 31st October 2016. Proxy voting forms will be sent on request to Members who cannot attend the AGM but wish to vote on the resolutions.

#### ASSIGNMENT OF SHARES

Members are reminded that shares up to a maximum value of £5,000 can be assigned to another party or parties in the event of a Member's death. Assignment must be completed during a Member's lifetime – bequeathing the shares to someone in a will is not valid. At present very few Members have taken advantage of this facility. Assignment forms will be sent out with the AGM papers.

### 12.3 The Bright Green Community Trust

The working party of representatives from HoTT and Longley Farm has met with One-Community, the Kirklees Charitable Foundation, to discuss them administering the community funds of behalf of the Trust Board, ready to invite project applications and issue grants in early 2017.

**The Directors**  
**HoTTWind@Longley**