



The wind turbine is now in the third quarter of its second year of operation under the ownership of the HoTTWind@Longley Community Benefit Society.

This newsletter summarises the progress on our community wind turbine project since the last newsletter which was circulated to Members in February 2017 and also covers the Year 2 Quarter 2 financial reporting period.

14.1 Change of CBS financial year end

To make financial reporting clearer, the Board decided to align the company financial quarters with the FiT submissions and sales invoicing quarters:

OfGEM confirmed full accreditation of the Feed-in-Tariff (FiT) for 20 years from 24th September 2015, having granted preliminary accreditation one year earlier. The financial model published in the share prospectus is based on the income and expenditure of the turbine ending on 23rd September 2035. These dates also govern the partnership development agreement with Longley Farm.

When HoTTWind@Longley Ltd was registered as a community benefit society in 2014, the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA), automatically set the financial year end on the last date of the month of application – i.e. 31st October.

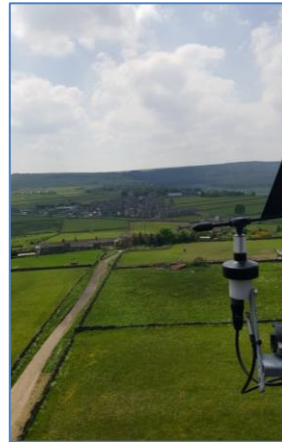
There was therefore a discrepancy of one month between the Company's current financial year and the income year. The same discrepancy exists with the VAT return periods and the quarterly invoicing cycle to Longley Farm.

To regularise the situation, the Board applied to the FCA to amend the company's financial year end to 30th September. There is no requirement to consult Members about such a change, which is purely for administrative convenience. The change has now been approved by the FCA.

As a result the current and all future financial years will end on 30th September, with plans to hold AGMs in early December. Profits will be distributed in the following January, one month earlier than previously.

This means that the CBS Financial Year 2 will now end on 30th September 2017, being 11 months long and that this year's Quarter 2 period is only 2 months long (February & March 2017).

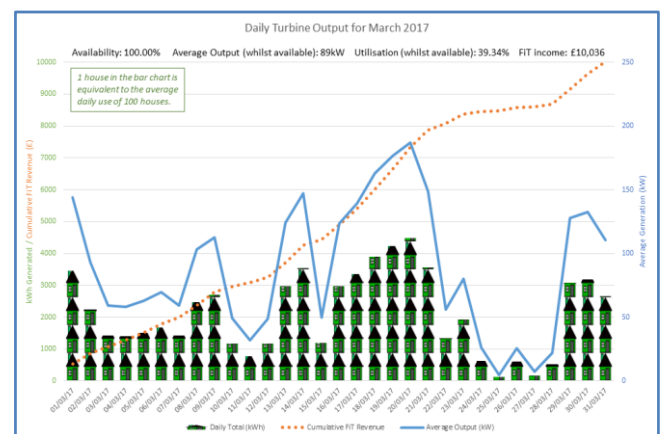
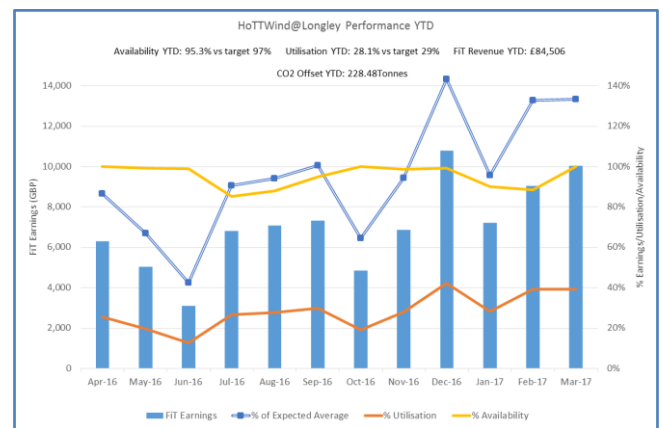
14.2 Wind Turbine update



Availability of the turbine in Quarter 2 2017 (the months of February and March 2017) was 95.9% overall (90.9% and 100.0% for each month respectively). Utilisation for the quarter was 41.7%, compared with the planned average utilisation of 29%, although this higher utilisation was anticipated for these windier winter months.

Several outages occurred in February due to intermittent control system faults, but these were sorted by the maintenance contractor Ainscough, with availability improving in March.

The wind turbine performance from April 2016 to March 2017 is indicated by the following charts:



14.3 Community Benefit Society

As mentioned earlier, future CBS financial years will end on 30th September and future reporting quarters are therefore Q1 ending 31st December, Q2 ending 31st March, Q3 ending 30th June and Q4 ending 30th September.

Interest payment to Members was complete in the quarter, with £14,610 being gifted to the Bright Green Community Trust – the agreed £11,000 grant plus Member interest donations. Members also donated £1,275 to HoTTWind reserves by waiving their interest.

The wind turbine maintenance contract with Ainscough has been renewed for a further 12 months.



14.3 The Bright Green Community Trust

The **Bright Green Community Trust (BGCT)**

community funds are to support green projects that reduce carbon emissions and

contribute towards a more sustainable future for the Holme Valley South community.

The BGCT fund is being administered on our behalf by One Community, the Kirklees Community Foundation. With nearly £16,000 available for 2017, the fund application process was successfully launched in February 2017 and had received 14 applications for funding by the April closing date.

The BGCT Trustees, with the assistance of One Community, have now awarded £15,000 to 11 community projects in the Holme Valley, brief details as follows:



Applicant	Amount applied for £	Amount awarded £	Brief purpose of grant
1st Holme Valley (Holmfirth) Scouts	1,965	1,000	Replace lighting with energy efficient LEDs & replace floodlighting
Earthworks	2,000	1,350	Buy and erect a wooden shelter
Fairandfunky CIC	1,354	700	Pilot an educational project
Friends of Honley	2,000	500	Adopt two areas of land: Moorbottom and Mag Fields
Friends of Wooddale Junior School	2,000	2,000	Purchase gardening equipment
Holmfirth Methodist Church	2,000	2,000	Installation of six more double glazed units in the worship area of the church
Honley Village Community Trust	2,000	1,000	Replace water heating boiler
HoTT Incredible Edible Group	2,000	2,000	An initial showcase community planting area to generate interest in the creation of further areas
River Holme Connections	1,874	500	Purchase of tables and chairs, computer, and equipment
Streetbikes	2,000	2,000	Set up a recycling project
Yorkshire Wildlife Trust	1,950	1,950	Materials and Equipment

Further details of the Bright Green Community Trust fund can be found on the One Community website: <http://www.one-community.org.uk/looking-for-funding/bright-green-community-trust.php>

Please pass on this information to any individuals or local groups who may be interested in applying for funding in future.

The Directors would like to thank Members for their important role in our community wind turbine project, which as well as having obvious environmental benefits, is now providing significant benefits to local people.

The Directors
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