

NEWSLETTER No 17 - October 2017

The community wind turbine has now completed its first full 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 August 2017 and also covers the Year 2 Quarter 4 financial reporting period.

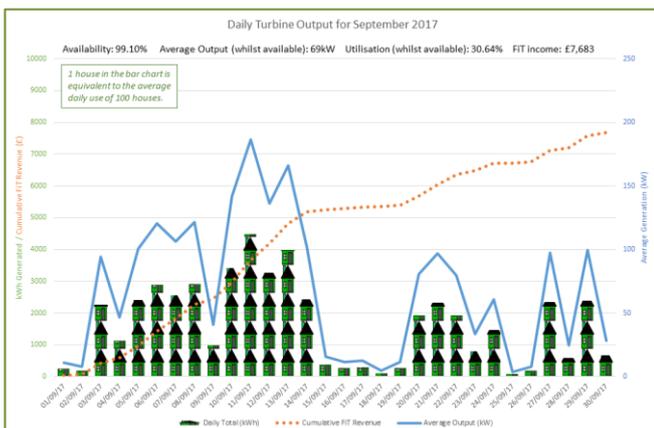
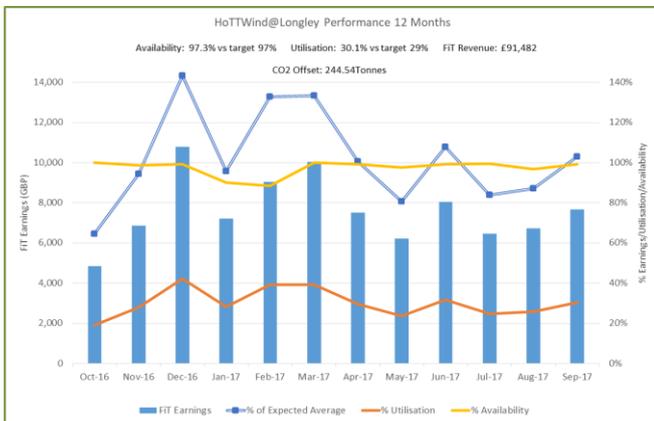
17.1 Wind Turbine update

Availability of the turbine in Quarter 4 2017 (the months of July to September 2017) was 98.4% overall against a target of 97%, producing some 133.0 MWh

For the whole of Year 2, power generation was 561.5 MWh against a target of 533.5 MWh. Availability was 97.3% against a target of 97%, with a utilisation 30.1% against the planned yearly average FIT revenue utilisation of 29.5%.

Carbon savings were estimated at about 244 tonnes for the whole of Year 2.

The wind turbine performance in the past quarter 2017 is indicated by the following charts:



The turbine outages in Q4 were due an intermittent auxiliary contact fault; the contactor has been replaced and circuits checked for loose connection. The half year service has been carried out during October along with a modification to improve the robustness of the nose cone attachment. Overall the turbine is performing well with generation and income for Year 2 above that planned.

Year 2 Operational Report		Actual Year 2	Budget Year 2	Variance Year 2
Generation	MWh	561.5	533.5	28.0
Feed-In tariff	£/yr	91,521	81,308	10,212
Export Sales	£/yr	110	1,346	-1,236
Longley sales	£/yr	20,636	17,232	3,404
Sundry income	£/yr	2,630	0	2,630
Total Income	£/yr	114,897	99,886	15,010
Manage/Insure/Rates	£/yr	6,326	11,220	-4,894
Maintenance	£/yr	13,614	19,074	-5,460
Loan Payments	£/yr	0	0	0
Member Capital repayments	£/yr	0	0	0
Sundry costs	£/yr	623	0	623
Total Costs		20,563	30,294	-9,731
Surplus	£/yr	94,334	69,592	24,741

17.2 Turbine site visit

If there is sufficient Member interest, the Directors will organize a Members visit to the wind turbine site. This is suggested to be on a Sunday morning. Please email info@hottwindlongley.co.uk to express interest in a visit or other comment.

17.3 Community Benefit Society AGM

This year's HoTTWind@Longley AGM is planned to be held at 7.30pm on 6th December 2017 at Hade Edge Band Room, Hade Edge, Holmfirth. Papers for the AGM will be issued shortly, including Financial Accounts for Year 2, ending 30th September 2017.

If any Members are interested in standing for election as a Director or are interested in being a co-opted Director, please note the following:

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Each year at least one Director retires from the five-strong Board and may offer to serve for a further term of three years. Any Member can seek to be elected to the Board at an Annual General Meeting. To be considered for the Board as an alternate to a serving Director, a Member must be nominated and seconded by other Members. For this, you are reminded that you can consult the list of Members at the Society's registered office. If you wish to do this please contact Mike Williams the Company Secretary on 01484 686912. Nomination details will be issued with the AGM papers.

The HoTTWind Board also has the power to co-opt Directors to strengthen the Board and/or to plan for succession. If you are interested in this route onto the Board, please contact Mike Williams as above to arrange an appointment to discuss details of how the Board works and the duties that a directorship entails.

17.4 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.

An awards and celebration evening was held on 17th October 2017 in Honley Village Hall, attended by the BGCT awards panel, some HoTTWind Members, representatives of One-Community and of those organisations who had received awards.



Recipients of the 11 organisations who had received awards were presented by with certificates by Janet Williams, chair of the BGCT awards panel. The representatives also spoke about their projects and what they had done so far with the award monies. Details of the individual awards, totalling £15,000, were published in Newsletter No 15.



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 BGCT funding in 2018.

The Directors
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