

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



This newsletter summarises the progress on the community wind turbine scheme since the last newsletter circulated to Members in November 2019 and covers the Year 5 Quarter 1 financial reporting period from October to December 2019.

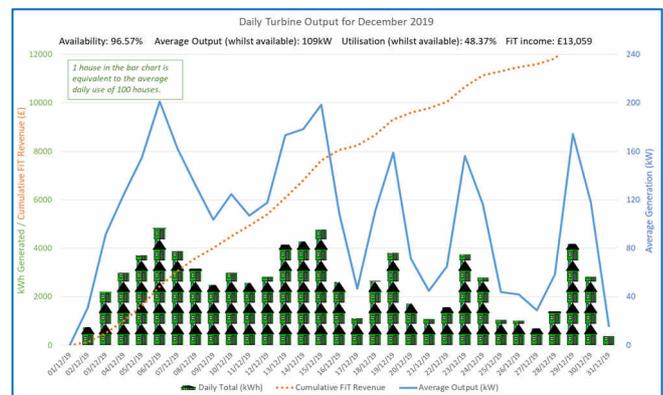
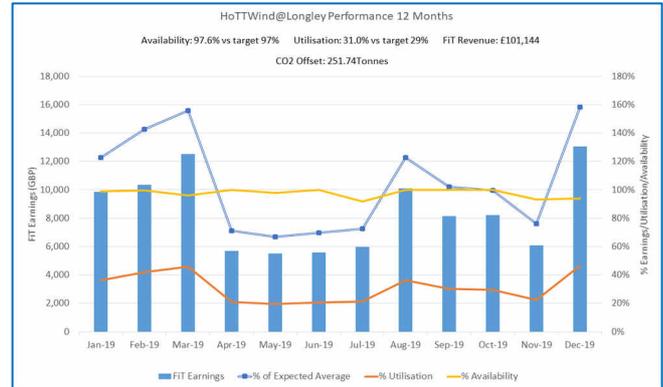
26.1 Wind Turbine update

Availability of the turbine in the quarter was 96.6% overall against a target of 97%, with a utilisation of 33.3% against a target of 29.1%

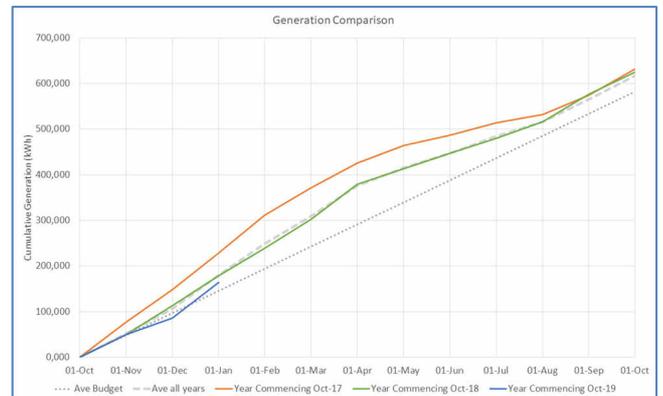
Generation over the quarter was 163,539kWh against a budgeted quarterly average of 142,997kWh.

Carbon savings in the quarter were estimated at about 67.4 tonnes, based on the DEFRA emissions coefficient of 0.412kg/kWh at the time of commissioning.

The wind turbine performance is indicated by the following charts:



Comparison with previous calendar years is given as follows, compared with the budgeted long-term yearly output for the wind turbine.



Output energy performance over the year so far is close to the budgeted yearly output.

The unplanned outages in the quarter were mainly due to high winds – we are following up an issue with Natural Generation about remote re-starting delays.

Natural Generation completed the 6-month service in November 2019 and the hydraulic hoses have been replaced.

Overall, the turbine is performing well with both generation and income on budget for Year 5.

26.2 Community Benefit Society

The fifth AGM of HoTTWind@Longley Ltd was held on Wednesday 4th December 2019 at the Holmfirth Tech community hub. 22 Members attended (approx. 15% of the CBS membership) and a further 9 Members had posted in their proxy votes. These votes represented 18% of the total Membership (currently 171).



The Board's decisions on disbursement of 2019 profits and share redemptions were endorsed by Members, and the payments were made in the first two weeks in January 2020.

Two Directors, Frances Bennett and Mike Williams stood down and, with no other nominations received, were re-elected to the Board.

The Board advised that it had again co-opted Andrew Hogley, a CBS Member, as a Director for the coming year.

As well as the formal AGM business, the Directors and Project Manager presented on:

- ✓ the wind turbine performance to date
- ✓ the fourth year of trading as a community-owned business
- ✓ arrangements for payment of Members interest, including options for Members to donate their interest to the Bright Green Community Trust, or to add to the HoTTWind CBS reserves.

As the reserves at the end of the 2018-19 financial year were approximately £35,000 in excess of the original financial projection, the AGM meeting endorsed the Directors recommendations that:

- ✓ Members' interest for the year should be set as projected at 7½%.
- ✓ The grant to the Bright Green Community Trust should be £30,000 rather than the £19,000 projected.
- ✓ A grant of £20,000 be made to set up a Bright Green Business Fund (BGBF), subject to the development of the fund rules and the establishment of an awards panel. The fund will provide grants to businesses to undertake low carbon initiatives in the Holme Valley. Businesses are not eligible to apply to the Bright Green Community Fund.

On share redemptions, a call for voluntary redemption was made in September 2019. Six Members applied to redeem shares to the value of £14,100. Adding these shares to the excess carried forward from last year left the CBS approximately £10,500 short of the annual target. The AGM meeting endorsed the Directors recommendations that the shortfall should be made up by forced redemptions and that this be applied to those Members with a shareholding in excess of £15,000.

The Directors are also pleased to announce that 13 Members donated their interest payments to the Bright Green Community Trust, totalling about £1,850. The donations have increased the community fund contribution to about £32,500, when adding the 25% gift aid contribution that comes with these donations. A further six Members have waived their entitlement to interest.

The Directors wish to thank all these Members for their generosity and support.

After the AGM, two of the 2018 Bright Green Community Trust Awards winners spoke to Members about what they had been able to do with the community funds raised by the HoTTWind community energy scheme.

- ✓ **Fairandfunky** received £900 to help with the cost of a smoothie bike and school educational workshops with the bike, for raising awareness of children in energy, resources and carbon reduction.
- ✓ **HoTT** were awarded £1,523 to publish and distribute a local Recycling Directory of where to take your hard-to-recycle wastes, that the Council don't collect. It has been widely distributed in the Holme Valley to raise awareness about recycling and carbon reduction.



2018 BGCT Award – Local Recycling Directory

26.3 The Bright Green Business Fund

The community wind turbine, HoTTWind@Longley, is offering a grant to support green 'carbon saving' projects run by commercial businesses based in the Holme Valley. This new fund is called the Bright Green Business Fund (BGBF) and will be administered by the HoTTWind@Longley Board.



All projects must reduce carbon emissions and contribute towards a more sustainable future for the Holme Valley.

Application forms and more information are available from <http://www.hottwindlongley.co.uk/bright-green-business-fund/> website and funding requests should not exceed £10,000.

The BGBF fund is being launched in the Spring and applications are open from April 1st to July 1st 2020.

Please circulate this information to your colleagues in the Holme Valley businesses community asking them to register their interest with us.

26.4 The Bright Green Community Trust

The community wind turbine, HoTTWind@Longley, donates its community fund contribution to the **Bright Green Community Trust (BGCT)** which uses these funds support green projects that reduce carbon emissions and contribute towards a more sustainable future for the Holme Valley South community.

The **BGCT 2019 Awards ceremony** was held on 28th November 2019 at the Holmfirth Tech for recipients of the 2019 BGCT community funds awards.



2019 BGCT Award Winners



Eden Forest School at Honley were awarded **£9,800** to create a model solar, wind and hydro generating system and run school sessions on renewable energy education.



Applications for BGCT funding awards will open again in Spring 2020 - please pass on this information to any individuals or local groups who may be interested in applying for BGCT funding in 2020.

The criteria for funding can be found on the One-Community website including eligibility and the application process, at:

<http://www.one-community.org.uk/looking-for-funding/bright-green-community-trust.php>

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