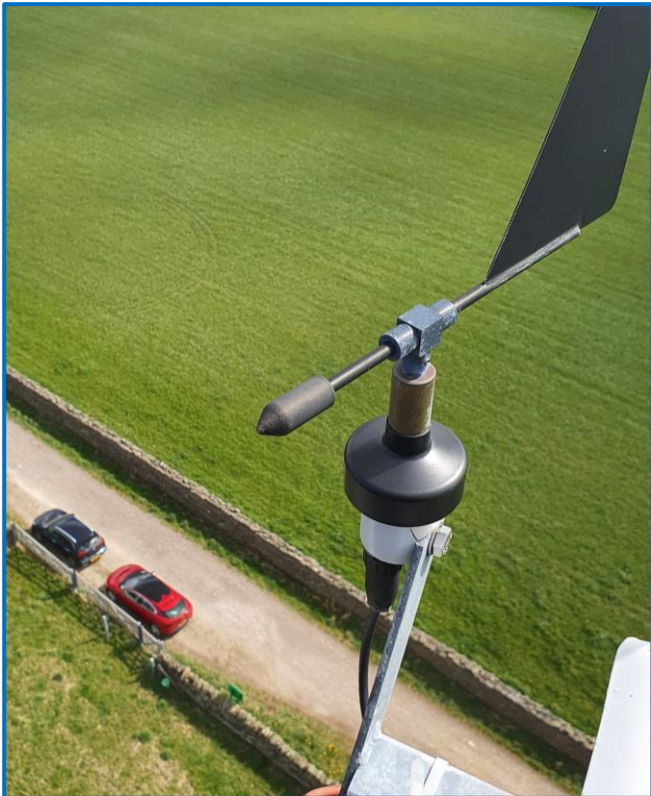


The community wind turbine has completed its sixth year of operation under the ownership of the HoTTWind@Longley Community Benefit Society. The turbine is now in the first quarter of Year 7.



This newsletter summarises the progress on the community wind turbine scheme since the last newsletter circulated to Members in August 2021 and covers the Year 6 Quarter 4 financial reporting period from July to September 2021.

33.1 Wind Turbine update

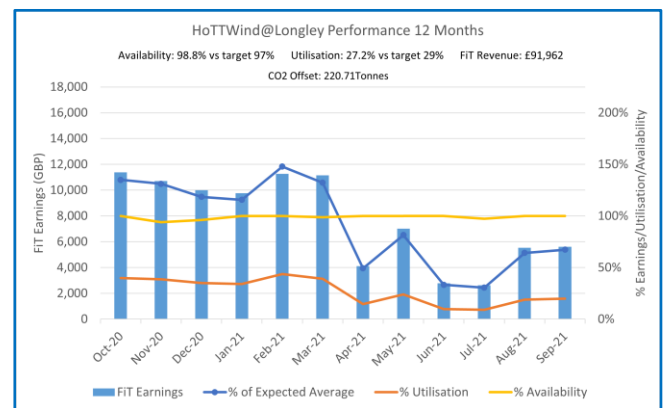
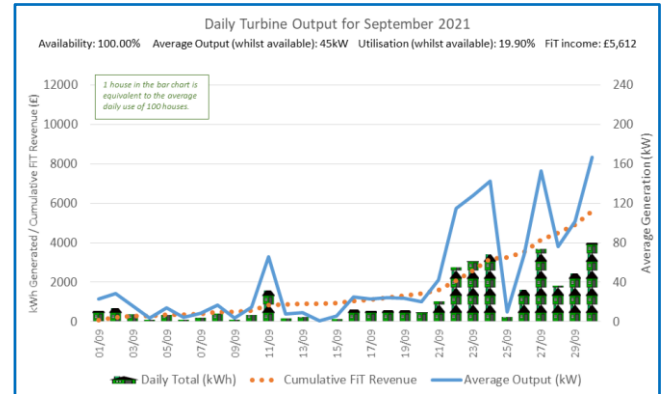
Availability of the turbine in the quarter was 99.1% overall against a target of 97%, with a utilisation of 15.3% against a target of 29.1%.

Generation over the quarter was 75,071kWh against a budgeted quarterly average of 142,997kWh.

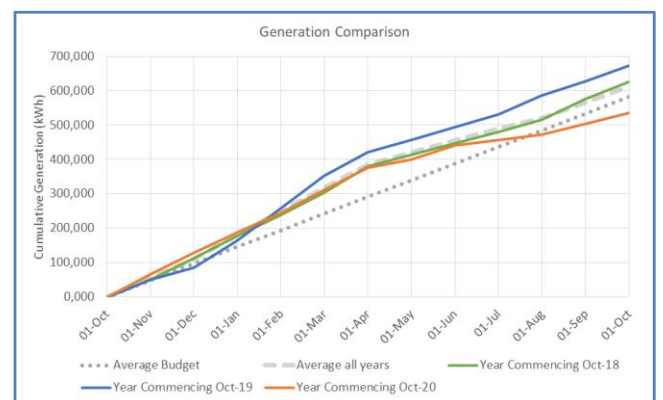
Carbon savings in the quarter were estimated at about 30.9 tonnes, based on the DEFRA emissions coefficient of 0.412kg/kWh at the time of commissioning.

Whilst turbine availability has been high, the quarter has continued to be much less windy with a low output. Our annual output has fallen below target for the first time by about 8%.

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.



The annual service maintenance was completed in the quarter by Natural Generation, after a formal complaint to them about routine servicing delays.

Fire extinguishers were inspected in August, with First Aid kits planned to be replaced as expiring shortly.

Overall, the turbine continues to performing well despite energy generation being under budget for the Year 6 due to the less windy summer months.

33.2 Community Benefit Society

The HoTTWind board have now resumed our face-to-face quarterly meetings as the pandemic restrictions have been lifted.

SHARE REDEMPTIONS 2021

Six Members applied following the annual request to voluntarily redeem shares, the total value of shares held was £19,900. One Member has died, leaving unassigned shares to be redeemed value £4,375. The total value of shares to be redeemed is therefore £24,275 against the target of £37,000. This means that once again, shares will be compulsorily redeemed to make up the numbers. The decision will be communicated to the Members concerned after the AGM.

AGM YEAR 6

The Annual General Meeting will be held at Holmfirth Tech on Wednesday 8th December, starting at 7.00 p.m. All Members are invited to attend. The planned interest payments and share redemptions will be advised by the Board at the AGM.

In addition to the usual updates and the formal business we hope to hear presentations from two of the groups that were awarded a grant in the latest funding round of the Bright Green Community Trust.

33.3 The Bright Green Community Trust

The BGCT continue to look for suitable 'green' projects in the Holme Valley area which contribute to reducing carbon emissions

This year's round of grant applications closed 31st July 2021 with a number of grant applications received. 9 applications went to the awards panel, requesting £49,140 with funding of £25,670 available for distribution. 8 grants were awarded totalling £25,670, as follows:

Bright Green Community Trust 2021 Awards		
Applicant	Amount awarded	Brief purpose of grant
1. Eden's Forest CIC	£2,750	The group applied for funding to support schools in educating primary aged children on matters of recycling and sustainability. The panel were happy to recommend supporting 11 sessions. The group will be asked to hold them with key stage 2 children and also to spread the sessions to include all the schools proposed if possible.
2. Environment Kirklees Ltd (EPIKS)	£2,500	The application was towards establishing a viable low emission e-cargo bike delivery enterprise in Kirklees. The panel asked for the BGCT logo to be put on the bikes.
3. Friends of Honley Library	£2,800	The application was for assistance to provide a flexible community hub at Honley library and were asking for funding to install heating controls to the library building & towards replacing inefficient lighting.
4. Hepworth Band	£3,000	The request was for a contribution towards next phase of repair/refurbishment works to the band room building, specifically, to complete the necessary roof repairs and add insulation.
5. Hepworth United FC	£7,834	Hepworth United FC applied for support towards the installation of solar panels to their clubhouse building. The panel were keen to provide them with sufficient monies to carry this out.
6. Holmfirth Civic Hall Community Trust	£2,000	The application was for a contribution towards new environmentally friendly toilet facilities.
7. Holmfirth Tech Limited	£2,892	The application was for the continuation of the replacement of the current light fittings with LEDs.
8. Thongsbridge Cricket Club	£1,894	The application was to replace an aging petrol operated groundman equipment, by purchasing a new range of greener rechargeable battery-operated models, including the rotary mower, strimmer and blower along with associated batteries. Sufficient funding available to award all the equipment but they would need to pay/raise funds to cover the cost of the batteries and charger.

Further information can be found on the One-Community website including eligibility and the application <http://one-community.org.uk/looking-for-funding/bright-green-community-trust.php>

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