



## **Group re-establishment meeting**

**12.45pm, Thursday 15 September**

**Committee Room 2**

**The Scottish Parliament**

**Convenor: Liam McArthur MSP**

### **1. Attendees**

A provisional list of attendees is attached to the end of this note. If you attended and are not shown on the list, please email Gavin Donoghue ([gdonoghue@scottishrenewables.com](mailto:gdonoghue@scottishrenewables.com)).

### **2. Welcome by Chair and election of group office bearers**

Liam McArthur MSP welcomed everyone to the first meeting to re-establish the cross party group since the election in May. Mr McArthur also put on record the Group's thanks to the Convenors of SPREEE in the previous parliamentary session, Sarah Boyack and Jim Eadie, for all of their hard work.

The group was then reminded of the candidates who had put themselves forward to stand for group office bearer positions, as follows:

For the two Convener positions those nominated were:

- Liam McArthur MSP
- Mark Ruskell MSP

For the two Deputy Convener positions those nominated were:

- Claudia Beamish MSP
- Ben Macpherson MSP

For the two Secretary positions those nominated were:

- Renewable Energy and Treasurer
  - Gavin Donoghue, Scottish Renewables
- Energy Efficiency
  - Elaine Waterson, Energy Saving Trust

As there were no other nominations for any positions and the group had the required amount of nominees for each position, Liam McArthur MSP asked the group to accept the nominees and asked for two group members to officially move and second them.

Bill Ireland moved the nominations and this was seconded by Jeremy Smith.

### 3. Discussion of Future Business

Liam McArthur MSP then set out ideas the secretariat had already received for topics of future sessions and asked for any further suggested topics from the floor.

Ideas submitted in advance by group members were as follows:

- Electric Vehicles
- 'Band C by 2025'
- Energy Storage
- Hydrogen fuel cells
- Macro-economic impact of energy policy, including energy efficiency.
- Scottish Government's Energy strategy
- Update on SEEP
- Unconventional Gas Extraction
- Orkney Surf 'n' Turf and BIG HIT hydrogen projects
- Hydrogen Office development of 'local energy system' approach
- The H21 Leeds City Gate
- Role of Local Authorities
- Brexit
- Spotlight on a certain area, similar to previous Orkney session

Ideas suggested from the floor were as follows:

- John McKinney suggested a session looking at the Scottish housing condition survey
- Mark Ruskell MSP proposed looking at non-traditional business models, such as Energy Service Companies and community energy projects
- Neil Philips suggested looking at solar in Scotland
- Tariq Muneer advocated for a session on electric vehicles
- Bill Rodger put forward the idea of a session on hydrogen fuel cells and their application for Electric Vehicles and looking at the H21 Leeds City Gate project. He also suggested looking at wind and solar.
- Maree Todd MSP suggested a session on how to use energy more locally due to grid constraints.
- Enrique Troncoso proposed a session on the Orkney Surf 'n' Turf project
- Helen Melone suggested a session on fuel poverty
- Patrick Harvie MSP advocated for a session on energy efficiency as a national infrastructure priority and asked to tie this into the upcoming Budget.
- Liam McArthur MSP suggested the next session on 17 November could be on energy efficiency as a national infrastructure priority and Fiona Riddoch suggested it would be useful to include macro-economic work within this session.
- Jeremy Smith suggested a session on the Scottish Government's upcoming energy strategy in February 2017
- Bill Rodger suggested any session on Brexit should be tied to the UK's timetable for leaving the EU and that would depend on negotiations.
- Mark Ruskell MSP suggested a session on local energy strategy in May 2017.
- Robin Parker suggested a future session on including District Heating in the upcoming Warm Homes Bill

### 4. Presentation

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the proposed speaker from National Grid, Alice Etheridge, was unable to attend and present on National Grid's Future Energy Scenarios work.

Abigail Jones, National Grid, passed on Alice's apologies and invited group members to attend a stakeholder workshop on the Future Energy Scenarios in Edinburgh on 3 October.

Group members can download a copy of the Future Energy Scenarios document [here](#).

## 5. AOB

Liam McArthur MSP reminded the group that the next meeting would be held at 12:45pm on Thursday 17 November in Committee Room 2 of the Scottish Parliament.

## 6. Attendees

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Claire	Addison
Anthony	Brunton
Neil	Phillips
Lorna	Ross
Will	Sutton
Shemaiah	Weekes
Abhishek	Agarwal
Alex	Anderson
Claudia	Beamish MSP
John	Birchmore
Patricia	Boyle
Ewen	Cairns
Colin	Campbell
Katy	Dickson
Gavin	Donoghue
Scott	Duncan
Hew	Edgar
Hew	Edgar
Karen	Freel
Patrick	Harvie MSP
Nigel	Holmes
Nigel	Holmes

Donald	Inch
Bill	Ireland
Abby	Jones
Andy	Kerr
Les	King
Richard	Leslie
Fabrice	Leveque
Ben	Macpherson MSP
Liam	McArthur MSP
John	McKinney
Sam	McMillan
Emma	Megaughin
Ross	Milligan
Beatrice	Morrice
Alexa	Morrison
David	Moyes
Helen	Melone
Paul	Mullan
Tariq	Muneer
Joan	Pisanek
Andrew	Pope
Gemma	Richardson
Fiona	Riddoch
Pete	Roche
Bill	Rodger
Mark	Ruskell MSP
James	Salmon
Nik	Scott-Grey
Thom	Simmons

Clare	Slipper
Jeremy	Smith
Peter	Strachan
Niall	Stuart
John	Taylor
Maree	Todd MSP
Enrique	Troncoso
Elaine	Waterson
Karen	Warner
Mark	Whittet
Andy	Wightman MSP
Mark	Winkel
Meg	Wright
Scott	Wright
Stephen	Young

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