

Jersey Energy Forum
Wednesday 14th January 2.00-4.00pm
Committee Room, Howard Davis Farm

Notes and Action Points from meeting

Attendees

Bertrand Dellinger (BD)
Peter Cadiou (PC)
Richard Le Sueur (RL)

Jim Hopley (JH) (Chair)
Ian Wilson (IW)
Ali Cambray (AC)

Chris Ambler (CA)
Clive Doyle (CD)
Ian Plenderlieth (IP)
Colin Russell (CR)

In attendance

Louise Magris (LM)

Lisette Jones (LJ) (Minutes)

Apologies

Aishya Ashworth (AA)

		Action
1. Welcome and apologies	Apologies from Aishya Ashworth.	
2. Minutes and matters arising from the last meeting	Accepted the minutes of the last meeting	LJ to publish minutes on Gov.Je
3. Election of new Chair	<p>Confirmed that the Secretariat had received one nomination from Jim Hopley for the Chairmanship. Members were requested to confirm their approval via email to the Secretariat. Confirmed that no objections had been received.</p> <p>The Forum confirmed Jim Hopley as Chair. It was noted that this is an 'interim position' as a review of the functioning of the Energy Partnership will be carried out in 2020 as part of the development of a long term climate action plan (as outlined in the Carbon Neutral Strategy).</p>	
4. Carbon Neutral Strategy Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Lodged on 31st December- Completed States Members briefing and media briefings	

- Has been received positively but are finding that it's complicated and therefore difficult for the public to fully engage with
- 25th February is the currently date of debate
- Proposition is asking for agreement for a set of procedures
- Real scrutiny will come from the action plan which will be release later in 2020
- Interest has been around what a Citizens' Assembly is
- Public launch planned for just after the debate
- Jane will be asked along for the next meeting to explain it further
- Designing and working out the details of the Citizen's Assembly in the background ready to get it going in March

Forum discussion

- Forum need to get to a collective opinion and may wish to put that opinion in the public domain
- The Chairman asked the group what it thinks about this
- Agreed that members needed a couple of weeks for everyone to read it and digest it and then come together to decide a response
- Discussion ensued about the communication of the policy and the need to think very carefully about how it is approached. For example, if it is agreed that we're moving to electrification and that there are no other providers of heating and fuel in 2025 – have to think about the implications of that in the market. It could be easily misunderstood by the market and those directly impacted by it for example, heating engineers. Need to make sure this isn't a fait accompli and that they are involved in the discussions.
- Explained that the modelling suggests a hypothetical route for us to be carbon neutral is about us moving to electrification – it doesn't say that that's what Government will do. Agree that it's difficult to manage the nuances about that in the media.
- Have to be aware that the modelling may have been reported as fact and that there is a lot of message management needed.
- Agreed that it will be important to identify the most affected groups and give briefings to any group that you want us to.
- The Chair agreed that the members and the group need to take some responsibility for balancing views and communications
- Discussed the timings of work and explained that while the document is lodged before the debate we're in a difficult stage – can communicate what is in the document but can't galvanise action.
- It will become clearer that we haven't set a date for carbon neutrality - we were asked to model what carbon neutrality by 2030 looks like but hasn't been agreed yet.
- Need to be very clear that if the proposition is agreed on 25th February by the States Assembly what we are committed to.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members all agreed that communication and media is key. It is incredibly complicated and need to tackle how we communicate the complex issues to the Citizen’s Assembly. • Explained that the Citizens’ Assembly will be helped through the process so less of a concern that the general public. • Discussed the Citizens’ Assembly - random sortition, Assembly is not binding. It is a completely new approach for Jersey. • Discussed the costs of carbon neutrality in the context of other GoJ spend and relative to the costs of doing nothing. Is there a benefit of going early – can we quantify this? Need to engage with the Financial Services industry • Discussed the role of carrots versus sticks and whether there is a need to force behaviour (eg bans) or whether we can change behaviour by making certain choices favourable • Agreed that young people need to have a seat at the table <p>Energy Forum response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the Forum agree with the proposed process, the Citizens’ Assembly and the public participation? Are the scope and definitions right, and our position on carbon offsetting correct? • Agreed that the Forum should say something as a group now – further down the line organisations may want to speak as individuals • Can they currently agree the key issues and the importance of communication and engagement? Should they also acknowledge the challenges / risks in the process • Agreed that a letter to the Energy Executive that could be appended to the briefing that goes out to States Members before the debate, needs to refer to the Energy Pathway and keep it high level, aligned on key principles, importance of communication, as well as citing some risks and opportunities 	<p>Members to email through ideas to the Chair in next two weeks.</p> <p>Response needs to be out ahead of 25th February.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Sustainable Transport Policy update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lodged on 31st December • To be debated on 10th March • Agreed that the Forum should get involved in the Sustainable Transport Policy AC • Discussed the approach needed to create the incentives before we start penalising them • Gaining the correct evidence base is really important too • Discussed the need to invest in the incentives through charging the car drivers • Discussed the opportunity to tackle this through trials – need to get data, confidence in the initiatives • Acknowledged the gap on sea and air travel emissions that was out of scope for this STP • Agreed would provide Energy Forum’s response to the STP as per the CNS. 	<p>Members to email through ideas to the Chair in next two weeks.</p>

6.	<p>Forum membership and work plan for 2020</p> <p>Discussed the need to expand the membership of the Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Someone from environmental lobby – Jersey in Transition or other campaigning organisations. Agree the Chair would make a direct approach to Mark Forskitt and ask who would fill the gap • Transport – Chair to make a direct approach to LiberyBus, FerrySpeed • Younger representative – Chair to talk to Chamber of Commerce youth connect group 	<p>Chair to approach Mark Forskitt, LibertyBus, Ferryspeed and Chamber Connect</p>
7.	<p>AOB and date of next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed that there is a need to review the Partnership model and Forum and Executive this year ahead and to think about how it interacts with the Ministers / Council of Ministers and the governance • Agreed that regular meetings at the moment seem sensible – this can be reviewed • Agreed to hold meeting date 11th February, 10-12am but can revise if the amendments haven't been received by then • Agreed would make hard copies of the CNS and STP available to JH, CA, IP • Agreed would invite Jane Burns to next meeting to brief members on the engagement and comms plan 	<p>Meeting request for 11th February, 10-12am</p> <p>LJ to check amendment dates</p> <p>LJ to organise paper copies of the two policy documents for JH, CA and IP</p>