

**Jersey Energy Forum – Fifth Meeting
21st November 2017**

**Brief Notes and Action Points from meeting held in the Committee Room,
Howard Davis Farm, Trinity 09:00-11:15**

Attendees

Anne King (AK)	Ian Wilson (IW)	Richard Le Sueur (RLS)
Stuart Crossman (SC)	Nick Palmer (NP)	Peter Cadiou (PC)
Jim Hopley (JH)	Chris Ambler (CA)	Sir Nigel Broomfield (NB)
Nicholas de Breyne (NDB)	Glyn Mitchell (GM)	<u>Malcolm Ferey (MF)- guest</u>
<u>Tony Morling (TM)-guest</u>	Louise Magris (LM)	Holly Lefebvre (Minutes)

Apologies

Fiona Glover (FG)	Gemma Coleman (GC)	Helier Smith (HS)
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Not in attendance

Norman Murray (NM)	Andrew Robinson (AR)	Colin Russell (CR)
Mike Waddington (MW)		

	Action
1. Welcome and introduction from the Chair	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome and introduction from Chair, AK - AK reminded the forum members of the purpose of the Forum and of the days meeting via a tabled agenda. 	
2. Energy affordability policy	
<p>AK welcomed MF, from Citizen’s Advice Bureau (CAB) Jersey, and TM from St Helier Methodist Centre, thanking them for taking the time to meet with the Forum. The discussion was framed against a backdrop of the Department of the Environment beginning further work on Fuel Poverty in 2018 in line with action Statements 26 & 27</p> <p>MF summarised the support CAB Jersey offers islanders living in poverty. In the past year they have referred 575 cases of poverty to other local support agencies such as St Helier Methodist Centre, St Vincent de Paul Society and Grace Trust. MF explained that poverty splits into 3 main categories of support; food; fuel; clothing.</p> <p>TM confirmed that the St Helier Methodist Centre only offer assistance to individuals who have been referred from CAB Jersey to ensure their efforts are best placed. They offer islanders support such as food, electricity vouchers and budgeting advice. Advised they annually spend £10-12K on providing support. TM encouraged further collection of data, and emphasised the importance of speaking with islanders in order to better understand the extent of fuel poverty locally.</p> <p>The UK definition of fuel poverty was confirmed as individuals who spend more than 10% of their income of their fuel bills. MF and LM confirmed that currently there is no Jersey specific definition of fuel poverty. LM advised that developing a local definition would be a priority for fuel poverty work planned for 2018, in line with objectives set out in the Energy Plan.</p>	<p>All members to feedback potential data sources for fuel poverty work to AK.</p> <p>AK to co-ordinate a paper on the Forum’s</p>

	<p>LM advised that the 2010 Jersey Annual Social Survey indicated that approx. 6% (2,500 households) of islanders were living in fuel poverty at that time. There was general agreement that more data is needed to better understand the extent of fuel poverty locally.</p> <p>AK asked members to consider and feedback any data sources they feel may help inform fuel poverty work moving forward. LM advised that GC would be leading the fuel poverty work in 2018, and invited Forum members to meet with her individually to discuss what data they may be able to contribute.</p>	<p>views on Fuel Poverty with supporting data from MF & TM</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Proposition 88/2017</p>	
	<p>LM provided a brief update on Proposition 88/2017 lodged by Deputy Labey. Independent consultants will be appointed to review the commercial Standby Charge being proposed by Jersey Electricity. The first phase of their work will be to review the proposed price per kW in response to Deputy Labey’s proposition, and the second phase will review who should bear the cost of standby. CA helpfully added further clarification on JE’s position and reasoning on the introduction of the charge.</p> <p>LM advised that the Forum, either collectively or individually, would have the opportunity to give evidence on Jersey Electricity’s proposed Standby Charges. LM suggested that the Forum consider contributing their Micro Renewables Paper to the second phase of the review. AK asked the Micro Renewables project group to meet with herself and SC to review all outstanding data queries so that the document can be finalised. AK to forward details of SC’s queries to the project group for review in advance of meeting.</p> <p>AK encouraged Forum members to engage with this process. LM to forward further details to Forum members once the independent consultants have been appointed and are ready to receive evidence.</p>	<p>LM to forward details of the evidence gathering process to Forum members once available to allow Forum’s input into the process.</p> <p>Micro Renewables project team to meet with AK and SC to crystallise the feedback from JG on the draft paper.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Membership for the period 2018 to 2021</p>	
	<p>AK invited comment on what has and hasn’t worked within the current forum group. General discussion followed, covering the need for independence, for members to have expertise in the relevant field and to behave with impartiality. The importance of setting realistic objectives was also raised, with the suggestion of tackling fewer issues to greater effect.</p> <p>AK voiced concern that project groups have proven ineffective as members struggle to find time around their other commitments. Suggested the Forum focus on working collaboratively as whole group during scheduled meetings in line with the most successful tasks to date – the Brexit discussions/paper and the .</p> <p>AK suggested the Forum need to continue to build their relationship with the Energy Executive as she is mindful of elections next year and does not want to lose momentum with a potential change in membership of the Executive.</p>	<p>All members will be invited to reapply for next term of Energy Forum if they wish.</p>

	AK reminded members that they will need to reapply if they wish to be considered for the Energy Forum in its next term. AK tabled a potential person specification to the Forum	
6.	A.O.B.	
	There was not time to review the minutes from the previous meeting (15 th September 2017). AK to recirculate the minutes via email for members to review and comment on electronically as some could not recall receiving them.	AK to circulate minutes from last meeting. All Forum members to review minutes.