

Cross Party Group on Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency

Economic Impact of Renewables

17:30-19:00, 24 April 2012, Committee Room 2, Scottish Parliament

Chair: Chic Brodie 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)

2. Introduction

Chic Brodie MSP welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the speakers.

3. Presentation: Niall Stuart, Scottish Renewables, 'Delivering the Ambition: employment in renewable energy in Scotland'. Niall presented highlights from SR's recent jobs report and said this report amounted to the first stage of a wider research project into the economic impact of renewables in Scotland. He also mentioned SR's surprise that there were so many jobs in areas such as bioenergy and academia.

4. Presentation: Michael Timar, PricewaterhouseCooper, 'Securing the growth of renewable energy in Scotland'. Michael contrasted the recent investment decisions of Gamesa and Doosan and spoke about what the renewables industry needs in terms of investment – either through loans, equity investment or grants.

5. Presentation: Darah Zahran, Skills Development Scotland, 'Skills in the renewables industry'. Darah spoke about how Scotland can realise the opportunities of the renewables sector through the Skills Development Plan and working across the wider energy sector in terms of training.

6. Questions

A range of questions were directed at the panel (please note that the intention of this meeting note is not to record a verbatim account of the meeting)

Questions posed to the panel came from:

- **Chic Brodie MSP**, asked about the link between jobs in renewables and youth unemployment.
- **Tariq Muneer, Napier University**, asked about jobs in manufacturing rather than just operations and maintenance
- **Chris Cook, Nordic Enterprise Trust**, asked about renewable heat schemes.
- **Dan Barlow, WWF**, asked whether there would be enough people to implement the measures of the Green Deal.
- **Jennifer Ross, Office of Liam McArthur MSP**, asked about the impact of the Green Investment Bank.
- **Douglas Prentice, Geocapita**, asked about the small numbers of people in Scotland involved with funding renewable energy projects

7. AOB

For suggestions for correction of this note and requests for copies of the presentations by Niall or Michael, please contact Gavin Donoghue (gdonoghue@scottishrenewables.com)

Attendees

Name	Organisation
Gavin Donoghue,	Scottish Renewables
Rachelle Money,	Scottish Renewables
David Foster,	Scottish Renewables
Niall Stuart,	Scottish Renewables
Michael Timar,	PwC
Darah Zahran,	Skills Development Scotland
Nigel Holmes,	Scottish Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Association
Andrew Faulk,	Consumer Focus Scotland
Alan Kyle,	Renewables (UK)
John Debenham,	Halcrow Group Limited
Jan Love,	Renewable Energy Scotland
Blair Armstrong,	Mathie McIntyre
Jack Fulton	
Andrew Watson,	ScottishPower
Neelum Mohammed,	RYBKA
Lorna Ross	
Joanne McAlpine,	Engineering Construction Industry Training Board
Malcolm Chalmers,	Scottish Government
Bill Fowler,	Semple Fraser LLP
Tariq Muneer,	Napier University
Kelvin Khoo,	MWH
Rachel Furlong,	ScottishPower Renewables
Alan Kyle,	Halcrow
Doug Prentice,	Geocapita
David Keddie,	Peter Brett Associates LLP
Nikki Keddie,	Scottish Enterprise
Robert MacGregor,	Aecom

Sam Mackilligin,	Aecom
Ian Cooke,	Development Trusts Association Scotland
Esther Black,	Pagoda PR
Bill Rodger	
Barry Truswell,	Scott Moncrieff
Cllr Gurudeo S Saluja,	Aberdeenshire Council
Jed Shirley,	Carillion Energy Services
Jim Hart,	Edinburgh Centre for Carbon Innovation
Rupert Pigot,	Confederation of Forest Industries (Confor)
Dan Barlow,	WWF
David Budge,	Budge PR
Jean Welstead,	SLR
Shona Fisher,	Ofgem
Dr Mark Winskel,	Institute for Energy Systems
Barbara Atterson,	Energy Action Scotland
Eva Groeneveld,	WWF Scotland
Jennifer Davie,	McGrigors LLP
John Foley,	Atkins
Jean Curran,	URS Infrastructure & Environment UK
Pierre-Alain Coffinier,	Consul général de France
Veronica Noone,	Scottish Enterprise

Mike Sinclair,	Scottish Enterprise
John Alexander,	ScottishPower Renewables
Catherine Sibly,	ScottishPower Renewables
Neil Philips,	Positive Solutions
Bryan Little,	Horcon Projects Limited
Mike Bonaventura,	Crichton Carbon Centre.
Emma Megaughin,	PPS Group
Lindsay McCallum,	PPS Group
Dave Gunn,	Edinburgh Centre for Carbon Innovation
Hugh Muschamp,	Fife Council
David Somervell,	Edinburgh University
Colin Campbell	
Chic Brodie MSP	Scottish Parliament
Claudia Beamish MSP	Scottish Parliament
Liam McArthur MSP	Scottish Parliament
Mike Mackenzie MSP	Scottish Parliament
Graeme Pearson MSP	Scottish Parliament