

# BRO DYFI COMMUNITY RENEWABLES Ltd

## Chairmans Report October 2009

Welcome to our fifth (but belated) annual report.

### **Overview of 2008**

The V17, the 75kW wind turbine has now been operational for 5 years and over the last 12 months has generated an income of just over £10K. As you may recall the turbine is no longer connected to CAT as they were hooking up a combined heat and power plant (woodchip boiler) and no longer needed the energy. This has been quite good as we were able to negotiate some new rates and in the financial report we will expand on this. As you can see we have already benefitted from the changes to the supply side of the business and expect this increase in rates to boost the income from those predicted 3 years ago on the Nordtank when it begins to generate, more on this later!

### **The Committee (till Oct 2009)**

The following people form the committee and are responsible to the co-operative.

John Williams Chairman

John Harrison Secretary and membership (membership until 2008)

Duncan Kerridge Project leader

Tim Brewer Technical and finances (finances until 2008)

Judith Thornton H&S

Billy Langley Technical consulatant

Michael Philips (now responsible for membership)

Rod Edwards (now responsible for finances)

Sonia Kuznetsov

The management committee would like to encourage others members to help or get involved. Please let us (John W or John Harrison) know as soon as possible if you would like to take an active role in the committee. A new committee has to be elected at each AGM.

### **Finances**

Details will be presented by Rod Edwards but in summary income from the V17 is up on last year due to a few things, hire of a transformer to CAT, (due to an emergency at CAT) and slight benefit to increase in value of electricity. We have yet to generate any income from the Nordtank.

### **Update on the Nordtank 500 turbine**

A reminder of last years record breaking erection.

*“The new turbine went up in what must seem like record time (10days) after all the initial delays due to changes required in landowner leases. Some of you were able to make the modest celebration and site inspection during November, I hope you enjoyed the day”.*

Well what can I say to the developments so far this year. Very frustrating, exasperating and maybe a few other words. Most of you should know that as of 2 months ago the new shed and switchgear was installed. It's all been checked and apart from a few minor issues has been ticked off as job done. We are now waiting for the

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high voltage to be reconnected by Scottish Power and they have said end of October. We are trying for a date sooner than this but no feedback as yet. Tim Brewer will commence final commissioning following this connection, it should take about 2 more weeks. So in theory it could be up and running mid November.

### **Community Energy Fund**

**Reminder:** *The Energy Savings Trust had invested £12,050 in the V17 and the interest generated from this will be put into the Community Energy Fund. The purpose of this fund is to provide a mechanism to invest in other energy saving measures that will help to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from households in the Dyfi valley. The Dyfi-Valley Community Energy Fund has been recently formed and is being administered by Eco-dyfi. The fund is financed by existing money from the MS4 wind turbine and 30% of annual profits from the BDCR community wind turbine. The aim of the fund is to “Reduce carbon emissions in the Dyfi Valley, to combat climate change”.*

**As there were no interest payments made last year Andy Rowlands of Ecodyfi has nothing to report this year!**

### **Website**

Keep a lookout for updates on the website for any news especially the party pencilled in for May. Please let us know if there is anything you would like us to add to it.

### **Conclusion**

A reminder of my conclusion from the last report

*As you may have gathered progress on the Nordtank has been a mixture of joy and frustration but we are hopeful that it'll be up and running within 5 –10 days of the date below. The end is so near, well not quite as we have to consider how this will be administered in the future and will be seeking a part time person to do this.*

12 months later and (plus a few days) the same is true, but this time it had better be true! To be fair all the hardware has been installed so watch the web for an update.

John Williams (Chair)

11<sup>th</sup> Oct 2009

Agenda for the AGM 2008

1. Chairmans report (reiterated)
  2. Presentation of Accounts
  3. Share interest payment statement
  4. Election of new committee
  5. V17 report Financial and Technical
  6. The Nordtank 500
  7. AOB
- Tea and Coffee! Everyone welcome