

### Minutes of Meeting.

<b>Meeting title</b>	Community Liaison Group – Wainfleet	
<b>Location</b>	Wainfleet Coronation Hall, Wainfleet All Saints	
<b>Date/ time</b>	Wednesday March 25 <sup>th</sup> 2025 7pm – 8:20pm	
<b>Originator</b>	ODOW	
<b>Attendees</b>	Jenny Marsden, ODOW – JM Charlotte Brown, ODOW - CB Dan Clark, ODOW - DC Helen Smithson-Whitehead, Bratoft Parish – HS Carleen Dickinson, ELDC Friskney Ward – CD	
<b>Apologies</b>		
<b>Purpose of meeting</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To involve key local stakeholders in the design and development of the Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind project (landfall, onshore cable route and substation) through presentations, discussions and planned workshop activities.</li> <li>2. To act as a two-way communication channel between local communities and the project team.</li> <li>3. To help foster local involvement and ownership of the project.</li> </ol>	
	1.	<p><b>Chair's welcome, terms of reference and introductions</b></p> <p>JM and CB opened the meeting and attendees introduced themselves.</p> <p>The group was reminded of the terms of reference</p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were approved.</p>

2.	<p><b>Project Update</b></p> <p>JM and CB went through the project timeline and the current status of the project. At the time of the meeting the Examination was still ongoing, but at the time of writing the minutes, the examination had completed (examination concluded on April 10<sup>th</sup>). The Planning Inspectorate will now produce a report with a recommendation for the Secretary of State who will make the development consent decision in Q4 this year.</p>
3.	<p><b>Future Surveys</b></p> <p>An overview of upcoming surveys was given to attendees including an offshore geotechnical survey and a nearshore geophysical survey near to Anderby Creek planned for summer 2025.</p> <p>Archaeological excavations continue following consultation and approval of the scope of work by the County Council Archaeologist.</p>
4.	<p><b>Outer Dowsing in the Community</b></p> <p>JM shared that the CBF is being developed and is expected to launch after financial close in 2027. In the meantime applications for smaller projects and sponsorships can be considered and would be assessed against the themes and criteria outlined on the website. Organisations must have own bank account, pass due diligence checks and project must fit within themes of investment.</p>

	<p>The themes of investment include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- STEM Skills</li> <li>- Community Health</li> <li>- Nature Positive</li> <li>- Sustainable Enterprise</li> </ul> <p>Examples of where Outer Dowsing has supported the local community were shared – including careers outreach programmes for local primary and secondary school students.</p> <p><b>Careers Outreach</b> ODOW has attended many careers fairs, given presentations and undertaken outreach work in local schools and colleges including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Attended Careers Fair at Thomas Middlecott Academy in Kirton as part of National Careers week</li> <li>- Presented to Year 7&amp;8 year groups and 6th form Engineering and Business students at University of Lincoln Academy Holbeach</li> </ul> <p>ODOW is sponsoring Future Fest by funding a marquee outside that will focus on STEM.</p> <p>The aim is to try and boost interest and skills in STEM subjects in the area.</p> <p>HS asked if there was a template for the applications for community funding. <b>ACTION – JM agreed to share the template.</b></p>
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5.	<p><b>Supply Chain &amp; Collaboration</b></p> <p>Humber Offshore Wind Cluster held an event at the Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority which ODOW attended.</p> <p>ODOW will work to maximize investment in the UK supply chain and create skilled jobs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Over £2billion estimated investment in the UK</li> <li>- Over 1000 UK-based skilled jobs during construction – peaks at 2500</li> <li>- Over 400 UK-based skilled jobs during operations for 35 years</li> <li>- Member of Humber Offshore Wind Cluster working to bring economic growth to the region</li> <li>- Launched supplier portal – one of the most popular pages on the website with around 75 companies signed up already</li> </ul>
6.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>ODOW will be attending the Lincolnshire Show again this year.</p>
7.	<p><b>Chair's closing remarks and next steps / next meeting</b></p> <p>The next CLG is expected to be after the consent decision in late 2025 but ODOW will be in touch with details nearer the date.</p>