

Hallburn Wind Farm

Construction Update - December 2017

Turbine component deliveries now complete

Deliveries of the components for the six Vestas V100 turbines at the Hallburn Wind Farm are now complete.

The last deliveries were made on Sunday November 19th when two police-escorted convoys each carrying three 49-metre-long turbine blades made the journey from Blyth Port on the east coast. REG Power Management had hoped to avoid Sunday deliveries but delays to the transport schedule because of a BT pole in the centre of Longtown, and concerns about the availability of police escorts in the coming weeks led to the decision to complete the deliveries on the Sunday.

A spokesman for REG Power Management explained: "We were keen to avoid any further delays to traffic in Longtown and disruption for local residents who have been extremely patient and understanding over recent weeks. Uncertainty over the transport schedule was caused by delays in removing the BT pole which blocked access for the longest loads. We decided to make deliveries every day after the pole was removed to complete the schedule as soon as possible."

Completing the deliveries means the work on the wind farm can progress with the aim of completing installation, testing and commissioning of the turbines by the end of the year. At the current rate of progress work on the site should end in February 2018.

When completed, the wind farm is expected to generate 40,657 MWh per year, equivalent to the average annual consumption of 10,100 households*. The wind farm has planning permission for a 25-year operating period, after which time it will be removed, with no trace of having ever been there.

To see a video of the turbine blades passing through Longtown go to <https://youtu.be/8rH4RAYiIR8>



Reinstating items in the centre of Longtown

Work was carried out in the centre of Longtown to prepare the route for the turbine deliveries, and enable the large delivery vehicles to make the turn from English Street into Swan Street. Trees were removed, a bus stop was temporarily relocated, and a BT post permanently moved to a new location, with the agreement of Arthuret Parish Council.

Under the terms of the permissions for these changes, the various items will all be reinstated, including new lime trees. It has been agreed with Arthuret Parish Council that the majority of this work should take place early in 2018, to avoid disruption during the pre-Christmas period.

First payments by Hallburn Wind Farm Community Support Fund

New festive lights, IT equipment for local army cadets, replacement windows for a bowling club, equipment for a community play area and support for a youth project are among ten good causes that are the first to benefit from the Hallburn Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund.

The first £33,000 in grants from the Community Benefit Fund has been allocated, with support from a local Advisory Group established to help decide which organisations receive the awards.

The money is the first of two allocations of grants – each totalling £33,000 - which will be made each year. During the 25-year operating period of the wind farm the community fund will pay out more than £1.6 million.

The full list of grant allocations is:

- Longtown Bowling Club - £1,500 – contribution to the cost of new windows and doors in the club house.
- Hethersgill Parish Council – £600 – to help meet the cost of a new community website
- Longtown Youth Project - £2,500 – to help fund the project which provides activities and services for 11-14 year olds in Longtown Memorial Hall Community Centre.
- Arthuret Parish Council - £2,000 – contribution for new festive lighting in the town centre.
- Longtown Childcare Trust - £5,000 – contribution to the cost of developing play areas and facilities at the Pear Tree Nursery in Longtown.
- Arthuret Church Council - £2,500 – to help fund an extension to the churchyard.
- Kirkandrews-on-Esk Parish Council - £16,950 – to help provide superfast broadband to parts of the parish where it will not be available under the Connecting Cumbria scheme.
- Arthuret Parish Council - £500 – contribution to the cost of the annual senior citizens' Christmas Party.
- Longtown Detachment Cumbria Army Cadet Force - £1200 – to purchase new IT equipment for use in the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme.
- Longtown Women's Institute - £250 – to help fund a computer training session for the WI.

The Advisory Group comprises: Chair – Cllr John Mallinson (Carlisle City Council), Cllr Ray Bloxham (Carlisle City Council), Cllr Val Tarbitt (Cumbria County Council) and one nominated Parish Councillor from each of the five parish councils covered by the fund; Kirkandrews-on-Esk, Arthuret, Hethersgill, Kirkinton Middle and Westlinton GrantScape, an independent grant-making charity, administers the Fund on behalf of the local community, and will help and advise groups on eligibility and how to complete grant applications. The deadline for the next round of applications is February 14th 2018.

For more information or to apply, local groups should contact GrantScape directly on 01908 247630, email info@grantscape.org.uk or visit the funding page at

<http://www.grantscape.org.uk/fund/hallburn-wind-farm-community-benefit-fund/>

Longtown schoolchildren get wind of local green energy

Pupils at Longtown Primary School learned how wind can generate electricity when they received a visit from Will Whittington (pictured) who is the Project Manager on Hallburn Wind Farm.

The children had already seen huge wind turbine components moving through the town to excite their curiosity, and pupils in the reception class constructed their own 'wind farm' in the school garden.

Will explained the science behind the generation of electricity from wind, and demonstrated the technology using a model wind turbine. Hallburn Wind Farm will consist of six 2.2MW wind turbines each standing 125 metres high to the tip of the turbine blade. They will generate electricity equivalent to the needs of around 10,100 households, with power from the turbines set to be routed into the local supply network.

