

**UK MARINE ENERGY PROGRAMME
PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT GROUP (PMG)
MEETING NOTES**

Date: 30th January 2014
Time: 11:00 – 13:30pm
Location: LGO1, 3 Whitehall Place, London, SW1A 2AW

Attendance:

David Ainsworth (Siemens)	Barbara Garnier-Schofield (DECC)
Barry Carruthers (ScottishPower)	Trevor Raggatt (DECC) - Chair
Harvey Appelbe (Vattenfall)	Karen Dennis (DECC)
Nick Medic (RUK)	
Richard Yemm (Pelamis)	Apologies:
Rob Stevenson (Alstom/AWS) - Telecon	Lucy Parson (NAREC Capital)
Neil Davidson (Aquamarine)	Richard Round (Aquamarine)
Christian Cuvelier (MeyGen)	Dan Pearson (MeyGen)
Sue Barr (Open Hydro)	
Heidi Bridger (BIS)	

The meeting was co-chaired by Barbara Garnier-Schofield who took over following the welcome and updates from chair Trevor Raggatt.

Actions from previous meeting:

Action carried over from last meeting was for all to send comments on the Wave & Tidal Knowledge Network Website back to Karen Dennis before 28th February 2014. Karen also gave an update from the inter-government group on where they are with the grid study and request any comments to be fed back through her.

Economic Benefits Paper

Following previous meetings with DECC and members of the Economic Benefits workgroup, the Executive Summary is to be redrafted to reflect discussions. The paper should be less of an ask of Government and needs to be a more visionary paper highlighting the benefits of a UK marine energy sector. Refocusing of the paper was necessary to provide an answer to Minister Barker's request for the Board to demonstrate the benefits of the sector to the UK for the Government continued support.

EMR Announcements – Strike price & Allocation consultation

Wave and Tidal Stream strike price were confirmed in December at £305/MWh. Government is also considering providing Wave and Tidal Stream with an allocation reserve of 100MW for this delivery plan period. The allocation proposal was welcome but the view from the sector is that it is a long way from what is required to get the sector going. Strong signals needed from utilities as well as Government to help get the sector going. A long term vision for the sector is needed beyond 2019; what will happen to the strike price and the 100MW allocation. Also, there is the need to communicate to Government that the funding to the sector has been modest against what the sector is trying to achieve. Further consideration is needed on how to address the gap (funding) on either side.

EMR Workgroup

Discussion moved on to the EMR workgroup and its expected function over the next coming months. The group still needs to feed into the work on EMR as the programme moves towards implementation. There was also general agreement that the group could also do some work on analysing what is now needed for the sector, within an 'EMR world' for the sector to continue progressing towards commercial deployment.

MEPB Agenda:

The MEPB agreed the agenda items but suggested changing the order of the presentations and open forums to have the Economic Benefits first, followed by the presentation from Chas Spradbery on the lessons learnt from the Oil and Gas industry. This would then be followed by the 1st array developers and then the Grid study update. It was also agreed for Richard Yemm to give a response to the policy update to cover the key points on the EMR that the sector wishes to feedback to Government.

List of Actions

Action On:	Action	To be completed by:
All:	All to think about ways to improve the W&TKN site and report back to TCE or Karen Dennis.	28 th Feb 2014
Nick Medic:	To circulate current draft of the Economic Benefits paper and to decide on how to take it forward.	31 Jan 2014
All:	To feedback any comments to Karen	7 th Feb 2014

Action On:	Action	To be completed by:
	Dennis on SIR project going forward	
Richard Yemm & Barry Carruthers	To work with Chas Spradbery as he prepare his presentation for the MEPB to ensure that the relevant areas are covered.	19 th Feb 2014
Richard Yemm:	Richard Yemm to draft email to the MEPB to inform them of the renaming of the EMR workgroup and to explain the 2 strands of work it is to perform.	4 th March 2014
Karen Dennis	To revise MEPB meeting agenda as discussed (see attached).	10 th Feb 2014