

# **BUNNY ENERGY SOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**

## **A Sub-Committee of Bunny Parish Council**

### **Notes of Meeting 19.11.25.**

#### **1. Attendance**

David Beckford, John Berridge, Vivien Keller-Garnet, Chris Rogers, Chris Webb.

Apologies - Stuart Taylor

It was noted that Nigel Sutton has resigned from membership of BESC. It was agreed that changes will need to be made to the delivery mechanism. David (and his children) were duly thanked for undertaking Nigel's S.P. Seminar deliveries at short notice.

#### **2. Notes of Meeting 17.10.25.**

It was agreed that the notes of the meeting were a correct record. It was noted that a copy of the shorter bullet point version of the notes was sent to Linda Price ( Clerk) as the B.P.C. version. A discussion took place about whether both the full version and the bullet point version should be put on the BESC website [<https://villagenetzero.org>] It was agreed that both would enable visitors to the website to scan the short version and look up the details should they wish. It was further agreed that the website should have the facility to automatically record the number of hits it receives. David and Chris W agreed to enable this facility.

#### **3. Matters Arising**

Ed Leddy Owen's apologies for not attending the S.P. seminar were received (he updated his phone but not his calendar reminder !) Contact has not yet been made with Councillor Matthews to enable John to meet Councillor Bert Bingham to discuss the policy of N.C.C. with regard to climate change and the government's Net-Zero policy. Hopefully this matter will be resolved at the B.P.C. meeting on 20.11.25.

#### **4. Solar Panels seminar evaluation**

All remarks received have been positive. Overall the discussion enabled members of B.E.S.C. to be updated by people who are already using S.P.s. The comments and

questions at the seminar further indicated genuine interest and it is known that at least one household are taking the necessary steps to install S.P.s. Overall it was agreed that further seminars should be undertaken with Insulation, Air Source Heat Pumps and EV's being suggested as topics. It was also noted that as battery technology and use are developed there could be a case made for a further S.P. seminar. It was for example noted that consideration of weather, the variation of electricity costs during a 24 hr cycle and domestic consumption needs indicate that the use of S.P.s is likely to require a more sophisticated approach in order to maximise savings. Home insulation and controlled house temperatures were both cited as variables which need consideration.

It was further noted that such seminars will be benefitted by advertising them as “no one selling anything” It was considered that the timing (less than two hours) was about right.

Chris R indicated that he will undertake an edit of the video material and is aiming at a first draft being available by the new year. It was suggested that a finished product around a question and answer theme could suit our needs best. It was agreed that we need to make the finished product available to R.B.C. and possibly N.C.C.

## **5. Local Energy Social Enterprise.**

The linkage between a range of aspects of energy production which BESC has considered was discussed. They are ;

**Local Energy Social Enterprise**  
**The Community Energy Bill**  
**A National Villages Net-Zero Policy**  
**Application for a Stage1 Feasibility Grant**  
**Sharenergy**

The definition of Community Energy was discussed - “ People coming together, taking action and using local resources to reduce, manage or generate their own energy.” Community Energy projects are owned by the community, the benefits are felt locally including;

- Creating a connection between the community.
- Inspiring the community to work together
- Taking positive action to tackle the climate change emergency
- Lowering energy bills and producing income for local projects

It was noted that the Community Energy Bill sponsored by Joe Morris M.P. (Hexham) and supported by James Naish M.P. (Rushcliffe) has completed the second reading

and hopefully will proceed to the committee stage, the report stage, a third reading and thus to the Lords.

In relation to Local Energy Social Enterprise It was agreed that we should contact Dr Mary Gillie and Ashton Hayes (carbon neutral village) and Gary Charnoke to advise us on these matters. David agreed to research the possibility of us going to them, them coming to us or setting up a computer driven meeting. Additionally the end of January as a date for achieving this was set.

The possibility of the Parish Council renting parcels of unused land in Bunny to set up solar arrays and then offer the cheaper electricity thus produced for cheaper EV charging at a suitable site, was discussed.

## **6. Sharenergy**

It was noted that Sharenergy has the experience, expertise and therefore potential to advise BESC on its application for a stage 1 feasibility grant with regard to projects relating to the generation of sustainable electricity and Bunny achieving Net-Zero.