

A round-up of the work SR is doing  
on your behalf



scottishrenewables  
**MONTHLY BRIEFING**  
MAY 2019

**Dear member,**

April has seen increasing scrutiny of the way in which the benefits of renewable energy are shared across Scotland and the UK.

We appeared in front of both the Scottish Government's Just Transition Commission and the Scottish Parliament's Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee to discuss how the jobs and wider socioeconomic impacts of developments including on and offshore wind and renewable heat are passed on to local communities, supply chain and Scotland Plc as a whole.



Last week also saw the UK and Scottish Governments question offshore wind members on supply chain, with SR playing a coordination role ahead of the summit in Edinburgh.

If you'd like to discuss any aspect of our work to promote and protect our industry, do get in touch.

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**GENERAL**



## Scottish Green New Deal roundtable

Scottish Renewables and several members were pleased to take part in a roundtable event organised at the Scottish Parliament by the Scottish Green Party and attended by representatives of the Scottish Conservatives, Scottish Labour and Scottish Liberal Democrat parties about a Green New Deal for Scotland.

The wide-ranging discussion touched on a number of aspects of renewable energy policy and was followed by [a debate on the topic](#) in the Scottish Parliament.



## Just Transition Commission Appearance

As mentioned above, Scottish Renewables Director of Communications Nick Sharpe represented the industry in front of the [Scottish Government's Just Transition Commission](#) in Fife.

The Commission will produce a report on how to transition Scotland from a carbon-intensive to a low-carbon economy in an economically and socially-just way.

Nick made the case for the industry's achievements in recent years and explained our potential to do more. [Email him](#) for more information.

## Blog: On Scotland's new net-zero goal

The Scottish Government has announced it will set a new climate change target of reaching net-zero emissions by 2045.

Our media reaction and [our new blog](#) spell out what we think the change means for our industry, with Senior Policy Manager Fabrice Leveque writing: "Scotland and the UK can capitalise by developing the skills and technologies which the world's low-carbon industries of the future are going to need".



## Young Professionals Green Energy Awards shortlist announced

A 39-strong shortlist for the Young Professionals Green Energy Awards 2019, which takes place on May 30 at the Grand Central Hotel in Glasgow, was [announced](#) last month.

The full list of finalists is [here](#) and tickets for the event [are available on our website](#).

## ECONOMICS & MARKETS



### Scottish Renewables sets out views on the future of regulation

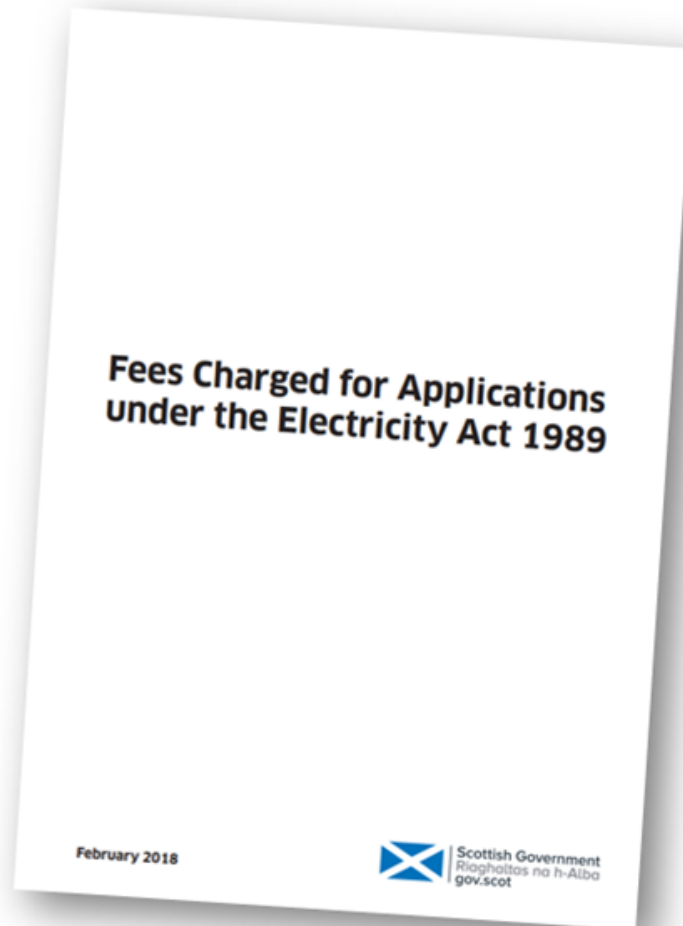
[In our response](#) to the National Infrastructure Commission's Call for Evidence on the Future of Regulation SR set out views on how Ofgem and other regulators could better fit with the new energy system.

Our key point is that Ofgem should explicitly seek to enable the decarbonisation of our energy system, and that this should be reflected in statutory obligations.

For detail, contact [Hannah Smith](#).

## PLANNING & CONSENTS





## **Fees Charged for Applications under the Electricity Act 1989 - update**

SR was previously advised that Ministers aimed to implement the revised fees by May 2019.

The Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit (ECU) have confirmed that Ministers now aim to implement the revised fees by June 2019.

If you have any queries, please write to

[EconsentsAdmin@gov.scot](mailto:EconsentsAdmin@gov.scot) or ECU Consents Manager [James McKenzie](#).

## **SNH Planning for Great Places webinar series**

SNH is delivering a series of 'Planning for Great Places' webinars, covering various development and natural heritage related topics:

- Planning for coastal change - (date tbc)
- Wind farm visualisations - Wednesday, June 5, 1:00-1:30pm

For more information [contact Caroline Anderson](#).

Please note all webinars will be recorded and may be broadcast in the future. Registering to attend the webinar will be considered as acknowledgement of the recording.

## LOW-CARBON HEAT



### Low-Carbon Heat Conference

Our [Low-Carbon Heat Conference](#) in Glasgow was a big success this year, with more delegates than ever and a packed [programme](#).

The Scottish Government's current [proposals to regulate the heat network sector](#) were keenly debated, as was the recent announcement by UK Government to phase out installations of gas heating in new homes from 2025 (in England and Wales). We also took a closer look at the potential role of hydrogen and of local authorities' local energy plans.

You can access all the presentations [here](#). If you have feedback, or ideas for next year's conference, please contact [Fabrice](#).



## Patrick Harvie MSP visit to low-carbon heat sites

Scottish Renewables took Scottish Green Party Co-Convenor [Patrick Harvie MSP](#) to visit two low-carbon heat sites in order to showcase the sector's potential.

Patrick visited [a biomass district heating project in Broomhill](#), maintained by [HWEnergy](#), and [Star Renewable Energy's](#) Thornliebank factory alongside Scottish Renewables Senior Policy Manager Fabrice Leveque.

## Blog: A new path to district heating

A new [blog](#) by Senior Policy Manager Fabrice Leveque considers the Scottish Government's consultations on district heat networks and how these are shaping the future of the low-carbon heat sector in Scotland.

He writes: "The full benefits of district heat networks will only be realised if we move from today's patchwork of small-scale networks, serving a handful of buildings on a university campus or hospital, to a future of district and city-wide networks."

## GRID & SYSTEMS



### Consultation: Islands needs cases

We're responding to Ofgem's consultations on the Final Needs Cases and Delivery Models for the Shetland and Western Isles Transmission Projects.

Drafts of both responses [are available on our website](#). Please contact [Hannah Smith](#) before the closing date of May 30 to input.

## ONSHORE RENEWABLES



### Good Practice during Wind Farm Construction - latest version

The latest version of [Good Practice during Wind Farm Construction](#) has now been published. This version has received input from a range of stakeholders including Scottish Renewables members, Perth and Kinross Council planning staff, Historic Environment Scotland EIA staff, Forestry

Commission Scotland, SEPA and Marine Scotland freshwater staff.

New material includes a chapter on the Historic Environment; SEPA Construction site licenses; wind farm traffic on highways; more focussed information on Environmental Clerks of Works; less prescriptive information on habitat restoration and a general refresh of all chapters to bring them up to date with current good practice.

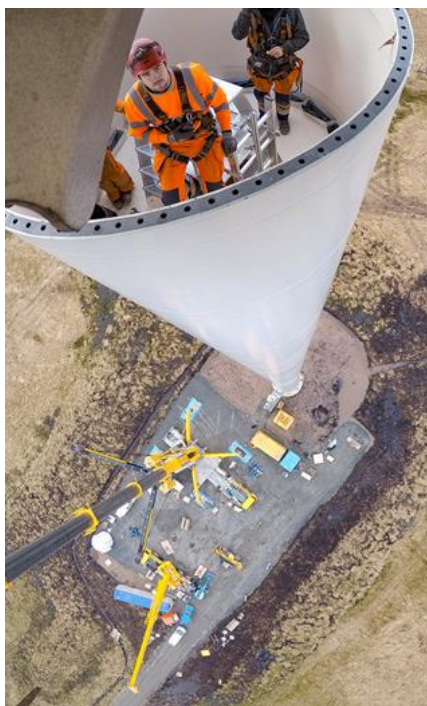
If you have any questions on this please contact [Stephanie Conesa](#).

## SNH repowering meeting

SR attended a meeting convened by SNH to discuss the next steps for their proposed guidance '[Assessing the impact of repowered wind farms on nature](#)'.

The meeting included landscape professionals, lawyers and Scottish Government, and aimed to work through the revised EIA position and its implications on the baseline for LVIA and ecological surveys.

SNH hopes to finalise the guidance later this year, although a number of issues remain to be resolved, which we will continue to engage them on. Please contact [Stephanie Conesa](#) for more information.



## Unearthing Scotland's oldest hydro turbine

SR's Communications team worked with member Gilkes to unearth the oldest operating Turgo turbine in Scotland, which is celebrating its centenary this year.

Its fascinating story was [covered by The Herald](#) ahead of our [Hydro Conference](#) on May 9 in Perth under the headline "Man lives energy bill-free after restoring 100-year-old hydro electric pump".

## OFFSHORE RENEWABLES



### BiFab committee appearance

As mentioned in the introduction to this email, our Director of Communications Nick Sharpe represented the industry in front of the Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee of the Scottish Parliament during a roundtable discussion about the future of the BiFab.

Nick gave the Committee important context on the Scottish offshore wind supply chain and the opportunities for Scottish supply chain companies to work with industry.

A [transcript of the session](#) is available. Please contact [Nick](#) for more information or to discuss.

### ScotWind Leasing update

Crown Estate Scotland has updated its intended timings for the launch of [ScotWind Leasing](#), as well as adding further information which may be helpful to those considering applying for the process.

A pre-launch will take place in July 2019, with the leasing round launching in earnest in October. The full update can be found [here](#) and the media release [here](#).

Please get in touch with [Fabrice Leveque](#) or [Stephanie Conesa](#) if you would like to discuss.





## SNP Conference wave and tidal fringe event

How to unlock the vast potential for Scotland's wave and tidal sector was the topic of our hugely-successful fringe event at the [SNP's Spring Conference](#).

Paul Wheelhouse MSP, Deidre Brock MP, Simon Forrest of tidal developer Nova Innovation and our own Hannah Smith were joined by 170 delegates at the EICC for a lively discussion of the marine renewables industry.

The event was very warmly received by attendees, with one describing it as "one of the most exciting and informative fringe events I've attended in the last five years."

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