

# Cross-Party Group on Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency

9<sup>th</sup> November 2022, 7pm

Minute

Present

MSPs

Brian Whittle MSP  
Audrey Nicoll MSP  
Jenni Minto MSP  
Jackie Dunbar MSP  
Mark Ruskell MSP

Invited guests

Malene Nybroe (guest speaker)  
Steve McMahon (guest speaker)  
Andrew Mennear (guest speaker)

Non-MSP Group Members

Elaine Waterson  
Ben Walker  
Colin Pritchard  
John Birchmore  
Cameron West  
George Lewes  
Colin Campbell  
Karri tough  
Mark Winskel  
David Hickling  
Carolyn Burch  
Bill Rodger  
Stephanie Millar  
Deborah Meikle  
Gary Donlin  
Andrew Rylah  
Ranald Leask  
Norman McLennan

Apologies

Sarah Boyack MSP  
Paul McLennan MSP

## Agenda item 1 - Introduction by chair

Brian Whittle welcomed everyone to the meeting which will focus on energy security

## Agenda item 2 - Approval of minutes from the last meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 21 June 2022, had been sent round to group members in advance, and an amendment was noted to the spelling of Audrey Nicoll MSP. The group agreed that these provided an accurate account of the meeting (proposed by Audrey Nicoll MSP, seconded by Gary Donlin).

## Agenda item 3 – Presentation from Malene Hein Nybroe, Danish Energy Agency.

Malene Hein Nybroe explored the Danish Government's energy security strategy with attendees. This included the success which Denmark has had with energy security, particularly around renewable heat, electricity generation and energy efficiency. Malene explored how the current energy security crisis is affecting Denmark including the crisis in the Ukraine and what immediate steps the Danish Government is taking. An overview was provided of the what the key challenges are for Denmark in terms of energy security.

## Agenda item 4 – Presentation from Steve McMahon, OFGEM

Steve McMahon explored with attendees the strategy which OFGEM is taking to support energy security. This included contextualising the current challenges facing the Great Britain energy market. Steve explored the relevant work and reforms which Ofgem is undertaking to improve energy security, including the role of renewable energy. The group was advised that systems operators are preparing for all scenarios.

## Agenda item 5 – Presentation from Andrew Mennear, BP

Andrew Mennear began by the exploring the history of BP in supporting the UK's energy security. Andrew explored how BP is contributing to net-zero and has diversified into renewable energy. Andrew explored projects which are supporting energy security including ScotWind, green transport projects and green hydrogen.

## Agenda item 6 – Q & A and discussion

Brian Whittle chaired questions and answers with attendees

## Agenda item 7 – Next Meeting

Brian Whittle noted that the next meeting of the group is likely to be in February 2023. The secretariat will be in touch with members once a date has been confirmed.

## Agenda item 8 - AOB

No AOB was raised.