

Minutes meeting 2-4 October 2018 Peterhead (Aberdeenshire) and Aberdeen

Participants Energy and Climate Change WG meeting:

Jimmy Gray (Chair, Highland Council), Jon-Olav Strand (Aust-Agder, vice chair), Andreas Larvik (vice president NSC, Ostfold Council), Paulien Kooistra (Advisor, Northern Netherlands), Nils Harald Rennestraum (Vest-Agder), Trond Schrader Kristiansen (Vest Agder), Irma Ganibegovic (NSC secretariat), Geir Kjell Andersland (councilor, Hordaland), Karen Nybo (Hordaland), Thomas Hansen, (Ostfold Council), Malcolm McCloud (Highland Council), Isobel Davidson (cllr Aberdeenshire), Claudia Cowie (Aberdeenshire), Bard Oyen (Buskerud), Trond Myrland (Buskerud), Liv Rud (Vestfold), Charlie Hartley, Sam Gomersall (Pale Blue Dot).

Magnus Engelbrektsson, NSC Executive Secretary, welcomed the two groups and gave a presentation on the outline and process of developing the post 2020 North Sea Region Strategy which is planned to be adopted by the NSC Annual Business Meeting in 2020.

After that the two groups had their separate meetings. Cllr Isobel Davidson and Jimmy Gray opened the Energy and climate change meeting. The ECCG discussed energy transition, renewable energy generation and climate change adaption with presentations from representatives of the Aberdeenshire Council, Highland Council and the organisation Pale Blue Dot. Also the group discussed a position paper how to create a level playing field for Hydrogen in Transport and greening of North Sea industries and European policies and funding programmes in this respect. The following remarks were made :

-elaborate a bit more on storage of wind energy, hydrogen storage and -add Western Norway Region in the part of Hordaland. Hydrogen is an alternative to battery storage.

The position paper will be spread as a paper from our group to relevant EU institutions and will be communicated to the CPMR climate taskforce and be input for the Event in Brussel (Q1 2019).

It was decided to schedule the next meeting of the Energy and Climate change working for 27 and 28 February in Brussels. (27 February, Working group meeting 13-17 hrs, 28 February, event with Transport Group, Brussels).

Claudia Cowie will join the working group for organizing the event.

The second day started with a joint visit to the new fish market in Peterhead, which is the largest fresh whitefish market of its type in Europe. The day continued with a joint meeting and presentations on marine planning from a Scottish perspective by the Head of Planning of the Aberdeenshire Council. Two innovative projects were presented, Equinor Hywind Park which is the world's first floating Windfarm Park, located outside of Peterhead, and North Connect Interconnector, an on-going project which aims to generate and transmit energy between Scotland and Norway.

The ECCG members continued with a NorthSEE energy workshop at the Marine Laboratory of Aberdeen. The workshop regarded an introduction to the NorthSEE workshop that was followed the day after (4 October) with the Maritime Spatial Planning Challenge.

Read more about the meeting, the agendas and the presentations:

<https://cpmr-northsea.org/event/joint-meeting-marine-resources-group-and-energy-and-climate-change-group/>

<http://www.mspchallenge.info/>

<https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/apps/news/release.aspx?newsID=5123>

[Presentations:](#)

<https://crpmbruxelles.sharepoint.com/:f:/r/sites/NorthSeaCommission/Shared%20Documents/NSC%20ECCG/ECCG%20Meeting%202,3%20October%202018?csf=1&e=uWklva>