Heartland Community Wind

The Pump House, Coton Hill
Shrewsbury, SY1 2DP

9th June 2026

Dear Member,

We are pleased to provide formal notification of this year's Annual General Meeting, which will be held online at **7pm on Thursday 25th June 2026, using Zoom**. Please find enclosed and attached the papers for the AGM.

If you would like to attend the AGM, please register using the following link:

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/eGhQbRISTBShDQ2JQaZk3Q

Please note that advance registration is required in order to attend.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

As you will be aware from the communications relating to our AGM in previous years, **our rules require that a minimum of twelve Members must be in attendance at the meeting in order for it to proceed as planned.** If the AGM is not quorate, then the motions, including any potential payment of share interest, will not be able to be ratified. We would therefore appreciate it if as many of you as possible could be in attendance.

If you are not able to attend, please submit your completed voting form and apologies to agms@sharenergy.coop by no later than **9am on Wednesday 24th June 2026**.

We hope to see as many of you as possible at the AGM.

Yours sincerely,

Jon Hallé
On Behalf of the Board

Encs:
Directors' Report for the year ended 31st December 2025; 2026 AGM Notice; Minutes of 2025 AGM; 2026 AGM Voting Form; Financial statements 2025; Healthiest Town Aberfeldy Report 2025; Healthiest Town Aberfeldy Hyper Local Food Plan May 26

DIRECTORS REPORT

FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

Overview of the year

2025 annual accounts show a broadly similar picture to 2024. Turbines generated 962 + MWh of green electricity, saving over 197 tonnes of carbon emissions. Sales from electricity and FiT revenue were £287,513 versus £285,354 in 2024. All annual contract charges and payments were as expected.

During 2025, Heartland renewed another five-year maintenance contract with Realise Energy Services after successful, lengthy negotiations led by director, Dan Hammond. Mechanical breakdown and liability insurance were renegotiated and there is cover in place until January 2027.

2025 saw the third and final payment made to Healthiest Town Aberfeldy, who were also awarded a fourth payment at the end of the year, making total contributions to the HCW community fund of £10,000 during 2025. Directors will be seeking expressions of interest from potential new recipients of the fund during 2026, and the board is proposing a new three-year agreement on a similar basis to the one with Healthiest Town Aberfeldy.

Work continued throughout the year on the potential repowering of the turbines at Urlar. With the assistance of Mark Jennison, Geyr Ecosse, the board has made steady progress towards defining financial and technical feasibility and there are now much clearer plans in place should repowering go ahead. After the 2024 AGM, the board was strengthened with the addition of two HCW members, Eric McMichael and Leo Tombs, who joined the repowering team. Both have regularly attended board meetings and made very positive contributions. Leo is standing for formal election to the HCW board at this year's AGM. Directors attended conferences hosted by the Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES) and Community Energy Scotland (CES) to evaluate strategies for possible Government grant funding and repowering projects in Scotland. Only £2,516 of the £40,000 repowering feasibility budget set aside after the 2025 AGM has been spent and work continues to progress. Changes such as the National Energy System Operator's (NESO) grid connection application process have meant the board continuing to reevaluate repowering options in a fast-moving regulatory environment. The board wishes to express its thanks to Mark Jennison for all his help and advice thus far.

Maintenance work on the wind turbines during 2025 included a statutory Health & Safety inspection where fire safety equipment was checked and updated. The original meters were replaced during the year, making monitoring much easier via the meter online portal.

Based on the overall strong performance of the society during 2025, the board proposes a 7% share interest payment to members at this year's AGM.

Latest developments

SSEN export constraint

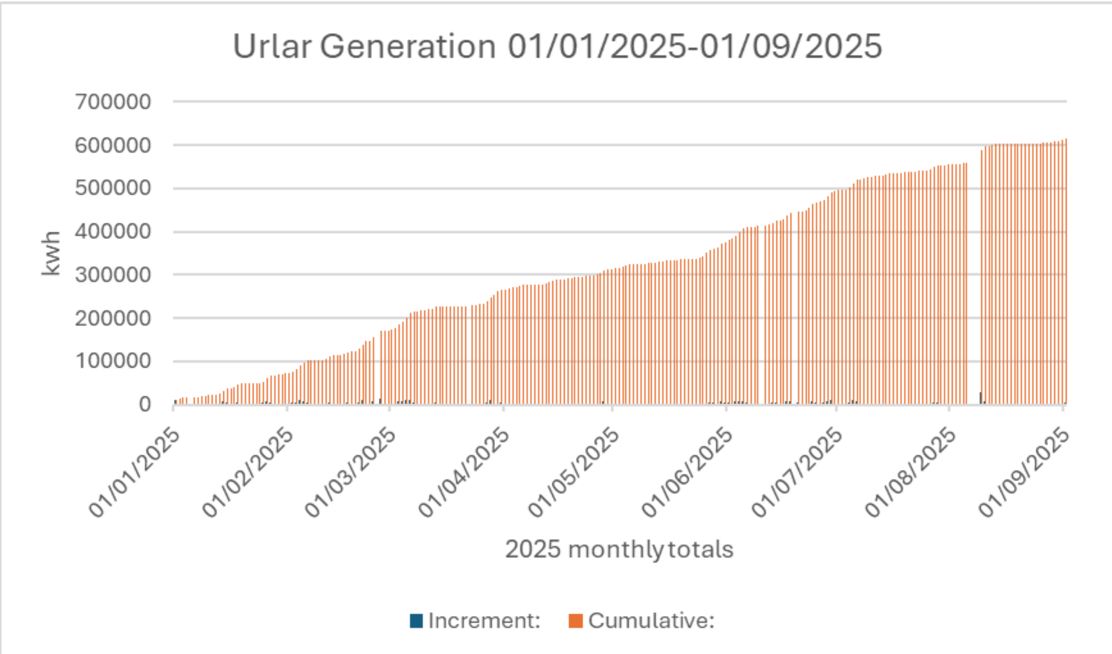
The board was advised in late May 2026 that SSEN is conducting an upgrade to the Coshieville Primary substation. For them to maintain the integrity and security of the network they have constrained the HCW site to a 50kW export limit which is currently in place until 30th November 2026.

This is a serious blow for HCW. Should the work take the anticipated full six-month period of constraint, the society might lose as much as fifty percent of its annual revenue. Whilst there is a £100,000 contingency fund in place to deal with such unexpected events, the board must inform members of the possibility this may negatively impact on 2026 and 2027 share interest payments.

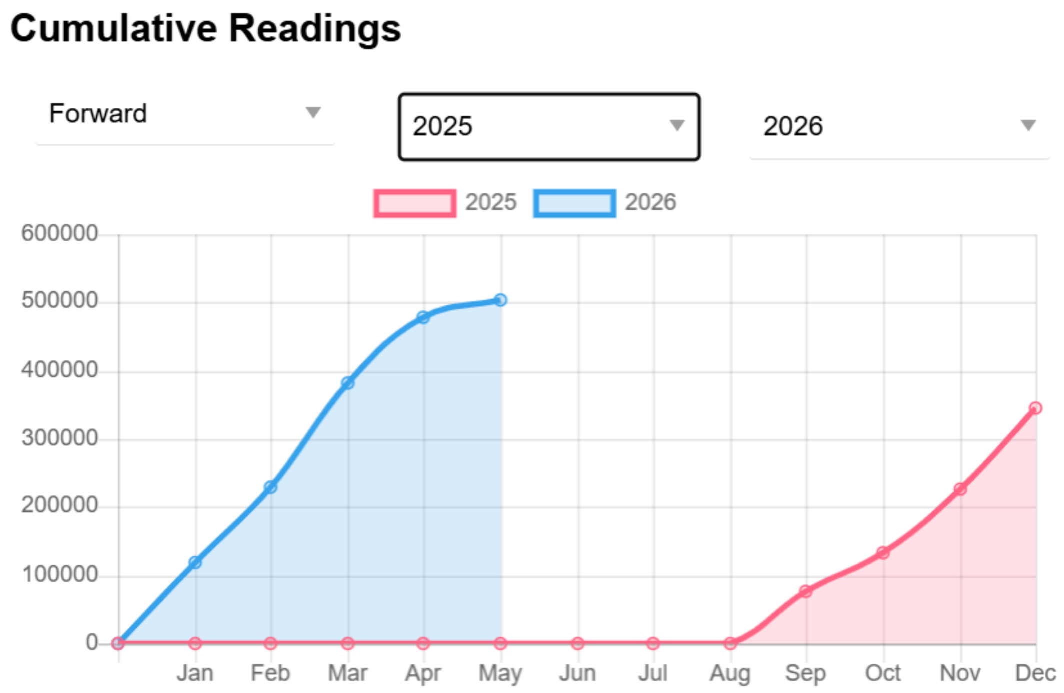
At the time of writing (1st June) the board is trying to establish the best ways to mitigate against as much financial loss as possible and is investigating several options. There is also a serious concern of potential damage to the WTN wind turbines. Directors are liaising closely with Realise to protect the turbines as much as possible.

At this stage the board has received little information or detail from SSEN and is contacting them to find out more. By the time of the AGM, it is hoped there will be much more detailed information to share with members.

2025 Turbine performance to meter change 01 Sept (Total generation to 31/08/2025 - 615,237 kwh.) Generation between 01 September and 31 December was 347,602 kWh making the annual total 962,839 kWh.



Generation from 01 January to 11th May 2026 (503,057 kWh) with 2025 generation between 01 August 2025 to 31st December 2025 in red (344,320 kWh)



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TO BE HELD AT 7PM ON THURSDAY 25th June 2026 VIA ZOOM

NOTICE is given that the Annual General Meeting of Members will be held at 7pm on Thursday 25th June 2026 via the Zoom conferencing facility, for the following purposes:

AGENDA

Welcome and introductions

Motions:

1. To agree the minutes from the previous meeting, held on 30th June 2025.
2. To receive and adopt the Report of the Directors and the Annual Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025.
3. In accordance with Section 84 of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014, a resolution not to undertake a full professional audit of the Society for the year ending 31st December 2026.
4. To make a share interest payment to Members of 7% for the year ended 31st December 2025.
5. To elect Leo Tombs as a Director of the Society.
6. To re-elect Jon Hallé as a Director of the Society.

Any Other Business

By order of the Board

Jon Hallé
Secretary
9th June 2026

NOMINATIONS TO THE BOARD

The Rules allow for a maximum number of seven Board members of which one third of those who are elected into post must retire each year in rotation and may seek re-election. Jon Hallé will retire and will seek re-election. Leo Tombs will seek election as a Director of the Society.

Biographical Notes for Retiring Director Standing for Re-election:

Jon Hallé

Jon Hallé was a founding director of Heartland Wind Co-operative. He has been working in community energy since 2003 with Goldenfuels, Energy4All and with Sharenergy Co-operative, which he co-founded in 2011. Previously Jon worked as an internet company CTO and for campaign group The Land Is Ours. Jon has been closely involved in several successful community wind projects in Scotland and Wales as well as renewable energy societies using other technologies across the UK. Jon was named as a Community Energy Champion in 2015 by Community Energy England.

Leo Tombs

Leo has been an active member of the HCW repowering feasibility team since 2025.

Leonardo Tombs: I was born and raised in Edinburgh, I attended Durham University and graduated with a Bachelors of Mechanical Engineering in 2011, I did my final year project on wind turbine gearbox gear fatigue analysis. I then started working on yachts as an engineer and completed various marine engineering courses over the years until I got the highest level yacht engineering qualification in 2022. Since September 2023 I have been Chief Engineer on a 69m long motor yacht, the owner is a scuba diving enthusiast so we have been all over the world finding dive sites, they also have a marine conservation charity so sometimes we take along marine scientists who do research in the remote places we go. My role involves maintenance of all machinery on board, including diesel engines, pumps, motors, HVAC, lighting, PLC systems, hydraulics, AV and IT. A large part is also the planning of shipyard periods and managing contractors during this time. It’s a varied role which keeps me busy when I am on board and definitely has its challenges.

Since high school I have been interested in renewable energy and it is my intention to change careers into something related to wind, solar, battery storage or a combination of all three. I invested in Heartland Community Wind 10 years ago to help support initiatives that have a positive impact on the local community both financially and environmentally and would love to get more involved.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT 7PM ON MONDAY 30TH JUNE 2025

The Annual General Meeting of Members was held at 7pm on Monday 30th June 2025 using Zoom.

Members present: Elizabeth Leighton, Dan Hammond, Michael Nicholls, Stephen Mark Williams, Jeremy Brignell-Thorpe, Jerry Evans, Jon Hallė, David Crippin, Patricia Crippin, Eric McMichael, Mick Patrick, Shamsher Dharsani, Simon Graham, Jem Taylor

Attendance was 14. The quorum is 12 and the meeting was therefore quorate.

Also in attendance: Vicki Orttewell, David Newsome

Apologies were received from the following 20 Members: Ann Ashley, Derek Ashley, Graeme Begg, Ian Caldwell, Helen Claire Crackett, Alan Dickson, Robin Edwards, Herbert Eppel, David Haigh, Deborah Hamilton, Michael Isaacs, Alex Matheson, Caroline McManus, Edward Milford, Maurice Prendergast, John David Ripley, Janet Roberts, John Stott, Kelman Taylor, Allan Thomson

There were 14 voting forms received in advance.

Motion	**Postal votes**	**AGM votes**	**Motion passed Y/N**
Motion 1: To agree the minutes from the previous meeting, held on 18th June 2024	9 for	13 for	Y
Motion 2: To receive and adopt the Report of the Directors and the Annual Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024	14 for	13 for	Y
Motion 3: In accordance with Section 84 of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014, a resolution not to undertake a full professional audit of the Society for the year ending 31st December 2025	14 for	13 for	Y
Motion 4: To instruct the Board to: a. Further investigate the feasibility of repowering the Heartland site, with the aim of increasing energy generation and community benefit; b. Allocate a budget of up to £40k for this purpose; c. Seek grant funding where available for this purpose; d. Report to the next AGM on progress; e. Seek further shareholder approval for any repowering proposal once details are established.	13 for, 1 against	11 for, 1 against	Y
Motion 5: To make a share interest payment to Members of 5% of retained capital for the year ended 31st December 2024	14 for	12 for, 1 against	Y
Motion 6: To re-elect Elizabeth Leighton as a Director of the Society	14 for	12 for	Y

The meeting opened at 7pm with Heartland Director, Dan Hammond giving a detailed presentation on the findings of the recent scoping study into potential repowering. This was followed by an extensive Q & A with members asking for more information about the project.

- Why doesn't Heartland Community Wind currently qualify for CARES grant funding?

To qualify, HCW would have to be registered in Scotland. This would be an administrative address change only, in reality. An alternative option would be for HCW to partner with another organisation already registered in Scotland to be eligible. This needs further investigation on the best way to proceed.

- If a subsidiary body was set up to qualify for grant funding, what would the relationship with HCW be?

Whilst not out of the question, setting up a subsidiary might prove far more complicated than is necessary, so is possibly not the best way forward.

- Would a second-hand turbine be insurable?

There are repowered projects running with second-hand turbines that can be insured. However, this would need very thorough investigation before committing to a refurbished machine. It's recognized insurers are becoming more risk averse and are less keen to insure older turbines. We would look to purchase a turbine with a comprehensive service history and full maintenance log.

- What will happen to the current turbines if/when they are decommissioned?

There isn't at present a healthy second-hand market for our WTN turbines. There is a possibility of someone with a project needing smaller turbines wanting them but that's an unknown at this stage. If recycled, the WTNs do have useful steel and copper which can be reused.

- How much 'risk' spending is involved, and will this impact on community benefit funding and member share interest payments?

Detailed financial forecasting has not been done yet, so unable to give a full answer. However, if HCW should consider repowering, now is the right time with the changes in FiT eligibility.

- Does the present Board have the capacity to proceed with a repowering project?

The board welcomes members who are interested in becoming more involved to join a repowering project team. We're also very lucky to have received assistance from Mark Jennison, GEYR Ecosse and along with Sheridan Jenkins, Mark could contribute more to any repowering work.

- Are we not adding to CO2 by dismantling working turbines and ending the current project after 10 out of 20 years? Wouldn't it be better to extend the life of the existing project?

Embedded carbon in the existing project should be balanced out by substantially increased generation within a year possibly. It is common for larger turbines to run for much longer – typically 25/30 years but *repowering of existing smaller schemes, such as HCW, makes sense when there is a proven wind resource, and the site can support a larger turbine.*

- What is the situation with grid availability as there is news of projects being queued up waiting for grid capacity?

There have been recent changes in the grid application process in order to speed up progress of viable projects. Any project is always dependant on grid capacity and connection and there is an element of risk involved. A deposit must be paid to secure the connection, so other aspects of the project must be carefully time managed to minimize that risk.

- Is Zonal pricing of electricity going to negatively impact on a repowering project?

There has been no firm decision or announcement made on how this is going to work but we expect to hear shortly – certainly before HCW commit to anything. We will need to allow for fluctuations in energy prices in any financial modelling and changes due to zonal pricing may be smaller than other factors such as changes in the wider wholesale price.

- What would be the increase in Community Benefit funding be if revenue increases substantially?

An unknown at this stage. Whilst capacity could quadruple, contributions to community benefit may not be directly proportional. However, there would be a notable increase.

- How does the present FiT agreement work with increased generation?

The FiT payments will only be made on the existing capacity of the site (0.5MW), in the same location, and for the same time period (until 2035). This makes it prudent to repower sooner rather than later to benefit from as much FiT as possible.

- Repowering entirely changes the original Heartland project, and wouldn't it be better to build new, somewhere else?

There are a number of critical factors that make the repowering attractive versus building a new site. Scottish Govt are keen to support repowering, with grant funding available, and current planning guidance also supports repowering. The changes in FiT regulations now mean a repowering project can attract higher revenue than a new one. There is a proven wind resource and plenty of space to put up a larger turbine. We already have working relationships with stakeholders such as the landowners.

- Whilst being supportive of potential repowering, members should be taken care of with a higher rate of share interest paid for 2024 (7%), why is this not the case?

This is entirely understandable and something the board have considered carefully. We've tried to take the decision to balance member share interest payments and investing in continued work on repowering without jeopardizing member capital or our contingency fund for operational emergencies. We will continue to work closely with all members and welcome all feedback.

AOB: It was noted that with AGM Papers being sent only 14 days before the AGM date, members were not given sufficient time to respond or ask for changes to the proposed motions. The board agreed to look into this and to try ensure members have more opportunity to input in future.

Several members expressed their support for repowering in terms of reinvestment if there was a new share offer to raise capital.

The vote by Zoom poll was conducted at 8.15pm and the meeting concluded at 8.30pm.

By order of the Board,

Jon Hallé
Secretary
2 July 2025