

## UistWind Management Committee Report 2023 - 2025

### 1. Introduction

This report provides an overview of achievements in the last financial year

### 2. Achievements and Financials

It has been another period which a lot achieved thanks to the support of the UistWind Management Committee, Members and UistWind’s contractors.

Site availability decreased with periods of downtime, particularly in September 2023, December and January 2024; and the project has received some Enercon compensation as a result. However we have seen improvements since March 2024, and Enercon’s response times have significantly improved, with a Uist-based technical team now in place (Table 1 and Figure 1). Enercon have also been catching up with regular maintenance and are soon to be using a drone to inspect the wind turbine blades.

Table 1. Performance summary for UistWind from July 2023 to January 2025.

Month	Capacity (kW)	SCADA Meter (kWh)	HH Meter Export (kWh)	Losses (HH vs SCADA)	P50 (kWh)	P90 (kWh)	Site Availability (%)	Wind Speed (m/s)	Seasonality Factor (%)	PPA Revenue (£)	FIT Revenue (£)	Import Expenditure (£)	Gross Revenue (£)
Aug 2023	1,800	168,923	163,087	3.5%	377,725	321,110	77.4	8.1	96	£12,531	£1,429	£504	£13,456
Sep 2023	1,800	444,142	443,154	0.2%	460,646	391,604	88.3	9.2	98	£34,070	£3,756	£504	£37,323
Oct 2023	1,800	540,371	537,170	0.6%	547,600	465,524	67.2	10.9	110	£41,496	£4,570	£504	£45,563
Nov 2023	1,800	383,805	428,583	-11.7%	600,512	510,506	99.3	8.6	78	£33,483	£3,246	£504	£36,225
Dec 2023	1,800	388,147	489,435	-26.1%	629,894	535,484	94.5	9.5	94	£38,128	£3,283	£504	£40,907
Jan 2024	1,800	536,769	385,014	28.3%	656,598	558,185	61.5	11.2	96	£29,802	£4,540	£504	£33,838
Feb 2024	1,800	412,761	410,412	0.6%	620,144	527,195	68.6	10.0	94	£31,741	£3,491	£504	£34,729
Mar 2024	1,800	587,737	586,671	0.2%	534,083	454,033	92.2	10.0	101	£45,659	£4,971	£504	£50,127
Apr 2024	1,800	637,302	635,935	0.2%	442,568	376,235	100.0	10.1	113	£50,817	£5,707	£504	£56,020
May 2024	1,800	334,354	333,538	0.2%	380,930	323,836	100.0	6.9	83	£26,892	£2,994	£504	£29,383
Jun 2024	1,800	373,555	373,577	-0.0%	355,019	301,808	98.1	9.3	125	£29,692	£3,345	£504	£32,534
Jul 2024	1,800	341,143	339,497	0.5%	332,281	282,478	96.4	7.4	97	£24,315	£3,055	£504	£26,866
Aug 2024	1,800	883,364	882,493	0.1%	377,725	321,110	98.8	11.5	142	£65,328	£7,911	£331	£72,908
Sep 2024	1,800	389,553	387,253	0.6%	460,646	391,604	93.7	7.8	84	£27,696	£3,488	£510	£30,674
Oct 2024	1,800	637,268	652,069	-2.3%	547,600	465,524	95.4	10.5	105	£46,644	£5,707	£609	£51,742
Nov 2024	1,800	606,259	605,399	0.1%	600,512	510,506	100.0	9.7	93	£43,122	£5,429	£497	£48,054
Dec 2024	1,800	616,740	614,333	0.4%	629,894	535,484	85.1	11.2	101	£43,455	£5,523	£513	£48,465
Jan 2025	1,800	642,911	641,062	0.3%	656,598	558,185	91.6	9.7	TBC	£45,467	£5,757	£745	£50,480
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>8,925,104</b>	<b>8,908,682</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>	<b>9,210,975</b>	<b>7,830,411</b>	<b>89.3</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>£670,340</b>	<b>£78,202</b>	<b>£9,247</b>	<b>£739,294</b>

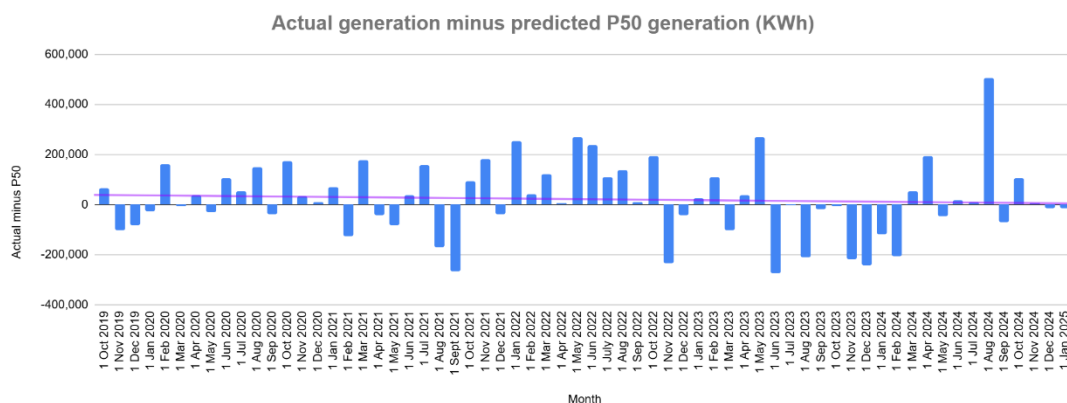


Figure 1. Actual generation minus predicted P50 generation.

As can be seen in Figure 1, the project is still roughly tracking along a P50, though there is a slight decrease in performance over time when compared to the P50, with some of this relating to Locogen and Enercon response times, and we continue to monitor performance.

The site now has a portable generator as a mitigation for any potential challenges associated with lack of electricity on site, as installed by ThreeEnergy. A formal handover for a competent person is being sought.

UistWind now has a new financial model, after being unable to contact the previous financial modellers, and UistWind will be carrying out some training on how to update the model shortly. This was developed by [QMPF LLP](#) in collaboration with the Management Committee and the accounts to improve the usability.

The financial report for 2023/2024 and audit report are available for Members, and we are also including the 2022/2023 accounts in the papers for Members as these were previously shared via email rather than discussed at an Annual Members’ Meeting. Following the Annual Members’ Meeting, the accounts will be submitted to the FCA. The audit has again taken more time than was expected, but we have discussed efficiencies with both the accountants and the auditors.

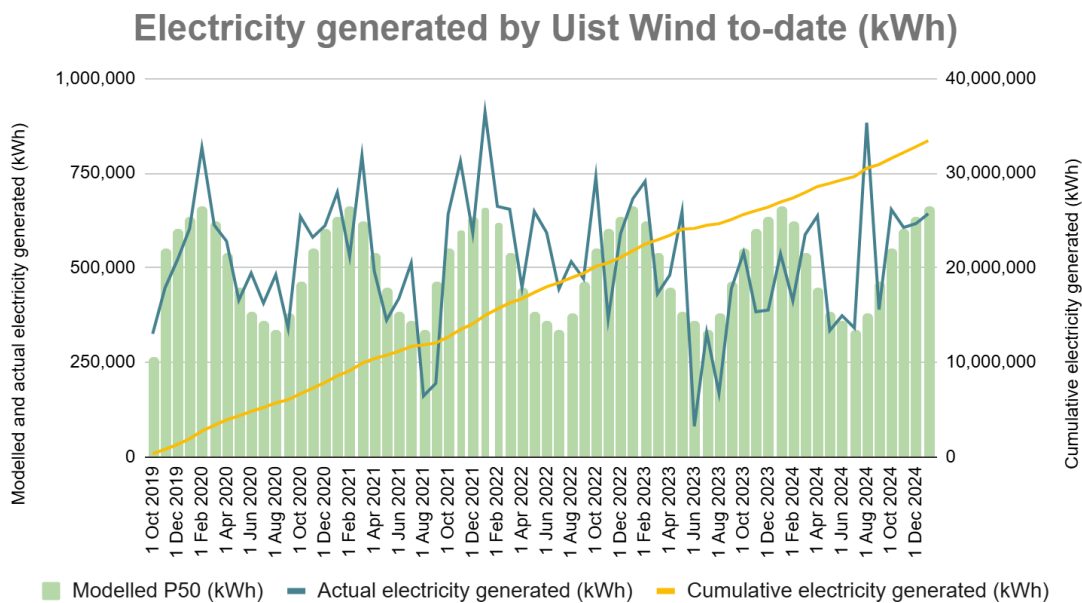
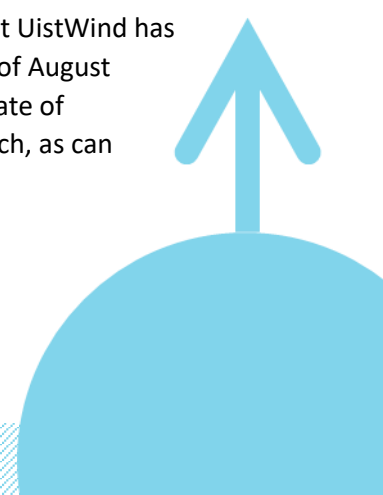


Figure 2. Renewable electricity generated to date (kWh).

Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) prices are lower than the peak we experienced, but UistWind has secured an improved PPA at £97.29/MWh including embedded benefits from the 1<sup>st</sup> of August 2025 for 8 months with Younty which is great news, and we are currently on a PPA rate of £81.67/MWh until the 31<sup>st</sup> of July 2025. We will continue to monitor the market which, as can be seen in Figure 2, continues to be highly variable.



Thanks to the higher PPA rates at its peak, UistWind has successfully generated enough profit to be able to fund a full time joint position with North Uist Development Company, which has been approved by the lender. This is a really important step for UistWind as a major milestone in achieving UistWind’s community benefit aims and objectives. An Memorandum of Understanding has been agreed between both organisations for agreed ways of working and to mutually support the new member of staff. Unfortunately, though a suitable candidate was offered the position following recruitment, the person turned down the position as they didn’t feel the move to North Uist was suitable for them at this time. The two organisations have appointed BTA Recruitment Ltd for a second attempt at recruitment for this position and the closing date for applications is now set as the 13<sup>th</sup> of April 2025. You can find more details [here](#) and we encourage Members to advertise the position with their networks.

UistWind and North Uist Development Company are also planning for the first release of the first North Uist Community Benefit Fund. Once the new member of staff is in place, processes and procedures will be developed in preparation for the first distribution of Community Benefit Funds from UistWind to North Uist Development Company, including community engagement for the update of the [Community Investment Plan](#). Additionally, there are plans to develop and agree a Deed of Covenant to support and guide the Community Benefit Fund processes and procedures.

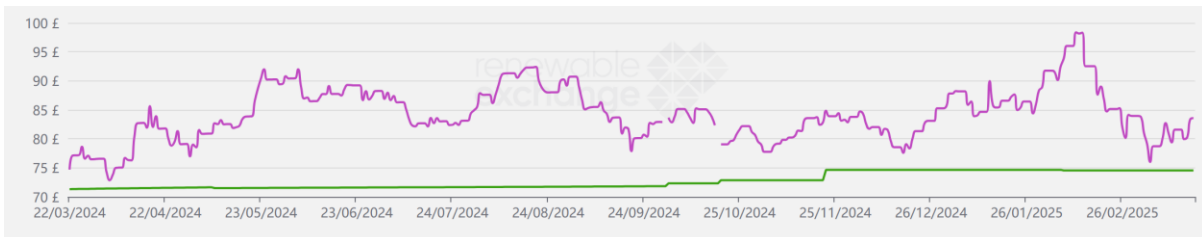


Figure 3. PPA rates over time from the Renewable Exchange platform (2025).

Pupils at Sgoil Uibhist a Tuath joined UistWind and North Uist Development Company for an exciting morning of interactive activities on Friday 27 October 2023, including activities to name the turbines (Figure 4). The pupils came up with a lot of great suggestions, and these were shortlisted before issuing to the community for a community vote conducted online and via ballot boxes placed at the North Uist shops and Sgoil Uibhist a Tuath.



Figure 4. P5 and P6 children from Sgoil Uibhist a Tuath experimenting with wind energy and the list shortlisted turbine names from pupil's suggestions which were issued for a community vote.

The name Fionn was selected by the pupils because of its association with Finn's People or Pobuill Fhinn, the stone circle near Langass Lodge in North Uist, which were probably named after the legendary hero Fionn mac Cumhaill, while Flòraidh was chosen in recognition of the famous Flora MacDonald. The epithet 'fuamhaire' was chosen because the children's main impression when they were up close to the turbines was of their impressive size and scale, using the terms 'magnificent' 'enormous' 'massive' and 'phenomenal'. UistWind are very grateful to pupils and teachers at Sgoil Uibhist a Tuath for their support, and are pleased to have new 'giants'.

Ameena Camps has been continuing, in her spare time, to support the [Just Transition Commission](#) and inputting learnings from UistWind and other projects into discussions on advancing community owned energy and maximising community benefits of renewables in Scotland, and you can find a Holyrood article [here](#) which may be of interest (with a few misinterpreted statements) to UistWind Members. There have been some positive announcements from government for community energy recently, including the announcement of additional [funding](#), so we remain hopeful the efforts of Uist and the wider community energy sector are being listened to, and we will see a new growth of community owned energy assets which maximise community empowerment and local benefits.

### **3. Appointments**

Locogen Limited continue to be involve in their asset management role, as well as continuing to follow up with Enercon for the outstanding project management task: installation and testing of smart energisation.

Campbell Stewart Maclellan & Co continue to act as accountants, also providing the lenders with the bi-annual reporting. Chiene and Tait were appointed as the auditors for the previous period, and the Management Committee will make a recommendation at the Annual Members' Meeting for next year's audit.

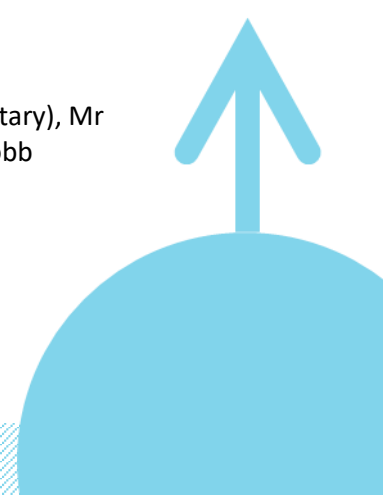
UistWind has a two year contract with EDF for the energy import to minimise the impact of increasing energy costs.

The HV contract is with Three60 Energy Renewables Ltd, and the Meter Operator Provider is SMS.

UistWind appointed Eddie Stiven Ltd of Glenelg for Health and Safety Services, who was the Health and Safety Officer appointed by Enercon during construction. Eddie has produced health and safety documentation, including induction materials, and UistWind intends to appoint him for a further training session with the Management Committee. Once the Community Development and Operations Manager is in place, UistWind will also further explore a joint accredited wind turbine safety course with other generators in Uist.

### **4. Management Committee**

At present the Management Committee comprises Mr Andrew Ross (Chair and Secretary), Mr Neil Cameron (Treasurer), Mr Duncan Maclachlan, Mr Peter Keiller and Mr Charlie Robb (Technical lead).



21<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Mrs Catherine Macleod stepped down as Chair and from the Management Committee at the last Annual Members' Meeting. Mr Clifford Black and Mrs Diane McPherson has also since resigned from the Management Committee. We ask that Members' join us in thanking them for their significant contributions.

We received one nomination to be elected to the Management Committee, and the Management Committee will provide the nomination to all Members alongside the other meeting papers in preparation for elections. Additional nominations will be accepted during the meeting.

## 5. Summary

2023 to 2025 has been another busy and successful period, with the project reaching a key milestone in being able to fund a full time joint position with North Uist Development Company and to start planning for the first distribution for the Community Benefit Fund. The Management Committee will be working with North Uist Development Company to focus on recruitment and employment of the Community Development and Operations Manager, and to develop further processes and procedures in preparation for the Community Benefit Fund and support efficient and effective operations.

As ever, we look forward to the date when the community benefit fund will be in place for community applications – a date which is getting much closer. With cost savings over the construction and operation periods, and higher PPA rates secured, we are confident the funds for the community benefit fund will continue to grow, which will help to support a thriving future for the community of North Uist.

Thanks to all for your continued support.