



Project Newsletter - Sept. 2016



Project Overview

This is the third in a series of regular newsletters to keep you up to date on the Sliabh Bawn Wind Farm, which is currently being constructed. The wind farm will comprise 20 wind turbines, a substation & new access road and will have a maximum export capacity of 58 Megawatts (MW) which will supply the equivalent of 37,000 homes with electricity¹.

¹ Source: IWEA. 1MW = 650 households. 58 MW = 37,700 households.

Construction Update

Update: Construction of the Sliabh Bawn Wind Farm commenced in June 2015. To date all turbine foundations, new and upgraded site access roads electrical collector network trenching and the sub-station are now complete. Turbine deliveries and installation has commenced. Currently all 20 No turbines have been preassembled on site and 7 No turbines are fully installed. The sub-station is required to import electricity from the wind turbines and convert it to a higher voltage for transmission to the national electricity grid.

The Sliabh Bawn Wind Farm team will continue to work closely with local residents to minimise any possible disruption. We appreciate the ongoing support, understanding and cooperation received from local residents.



Project Timeline

June 2016	Sliabh Bawn recreation Phase 1 works completed
July-Oct 2016	Wind turbine deliveries on-going
July-Dec 2016	Wind turbine installation
Spring 2017	The Sliabh Bawn Wind Farm is scheduled to be operational
Summer 2017	Sliabh Bawn recreation Phase 2 works scheduled for completion and Coillte's 'open forest' policy will resume

Wind Turbine Deliveries

Update: To minimise any local traffic disruption turbine components are being delivered in convoys during the early morning hours (c 3.00am to 8.00am). Turbine deliveries to the wind farm commenced in early July and will continue until late October 2016. These deliveries are being escorted by a convoy of specialist escort vehicles. All turbine deliveries are travelling to site via the project's turbine delivery route.

Updates are available on our website.
www.sliabhbawnwindfarm.ie



Access to Doughill Forest During Construction

To protect public health and safety during construction, access to some sections of Doughill Forest is restricted to authorised personnel only. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

During the construction phase of the windfarm Coillte has provided public access to a 4km temporary public recreational route through part of the forest. Information signs have been placed at all entrances to Doughill Forest.

Coillte will reinstate access to Doughill Forest, on a phased basis, as soon as possible following complete construction, which is scheduled for Summer 2017.

When will the Sliabh Bawn Wind Farm be in Operation?

Once turbines have been erected and extensively tested for safety and operations, the Sliabh Bawn Wind Farm will start to go into operation in late 2016 and is scheduled to become fully operational from Spring 2017. The wind farm will have a wind farm manager responsible during the 25 year operational phase.



SLIABH BAWN COMMUNITY BENEFIT SCHEME

Sliabh Bawn Power DAC is committed to the development of sustainable energy in Ireland and believe the communities in which the wind farm is located should be able to experience the benefit of that wind farm in the locality.

Recreation Plan

Significant investment will be made to develop leisure and recreation facilities at Doughill Forest on Sliabh Bawn. Some sections of recreation works have commenced and the remaining sections will be constructed in 2017.

See Sliabh Bawn recreation map on the right.

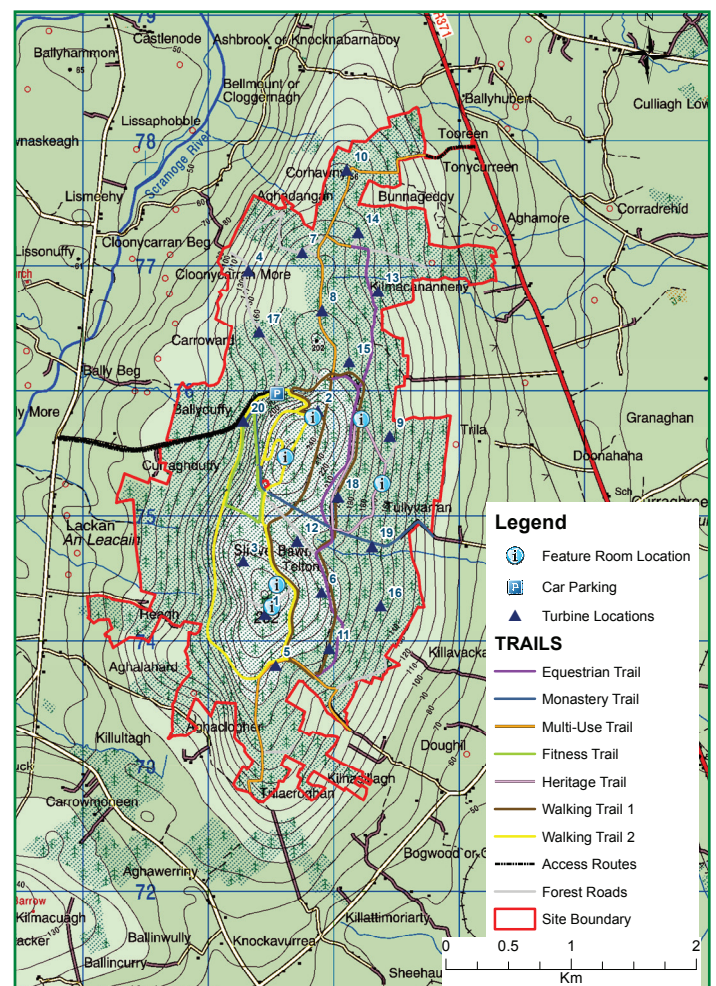
Community Fund

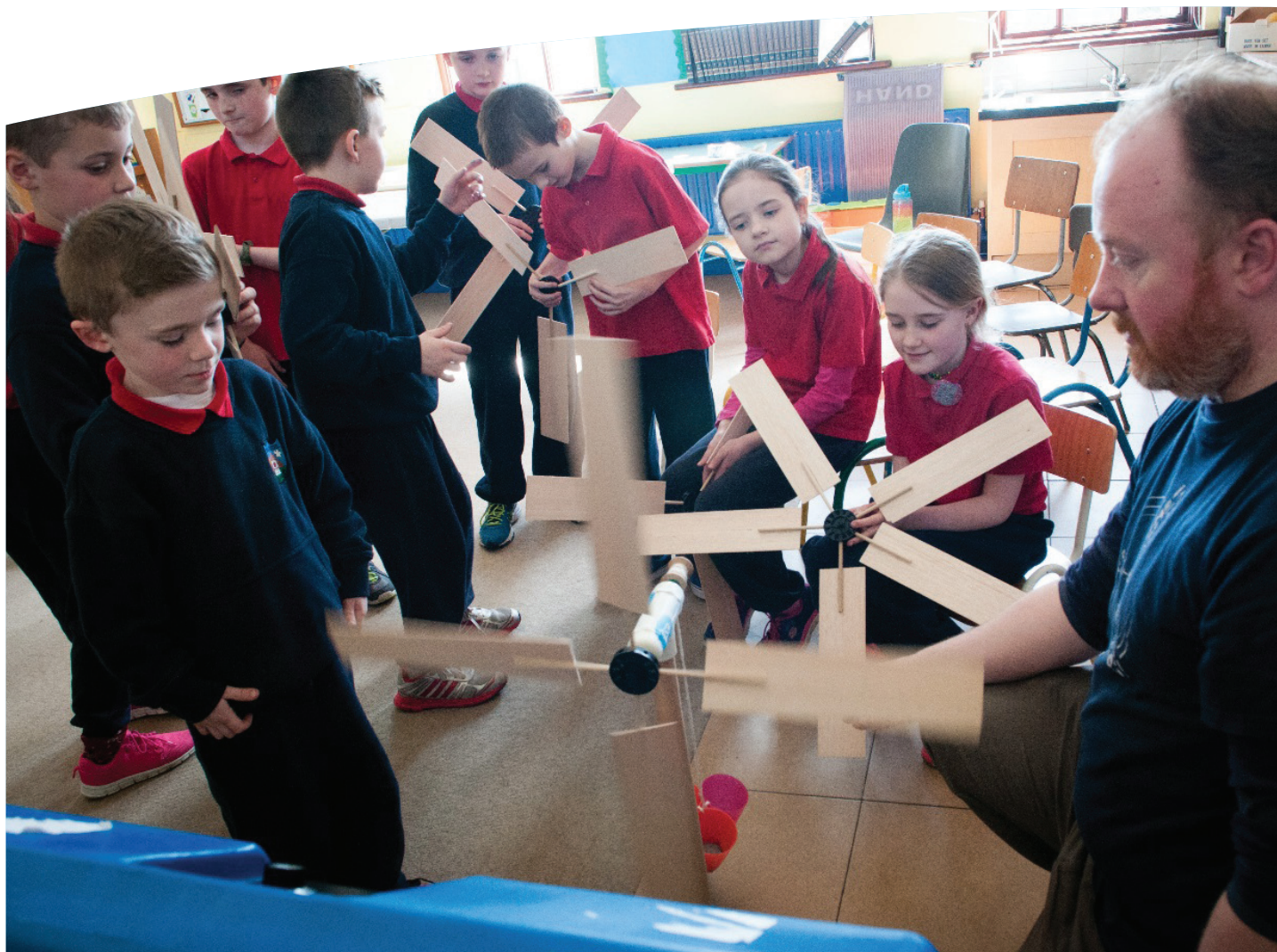
In addition, Sliabh Bawn Wind Farm operates a community fund which will be made available every year for the 25 year operational lifetime of the wind farm. The first community fund, which opened in 2015, generated interest from a range of local community groups from sports clubs to outdoor recreation facilities for children. Notification to all applicants has now been issued and it is expected that there will be much activity in the coming months as project ideas become a reality.

The community fund process was administered and overseen by our grant making organisation SECAD. The 2016 round of funding will open to accept applications on Friday September 16th next and SECAD are available to provide guidance to all groups intending to submit an application to the fund.

For more information please see our website www.sliabhawnwindfarm.ie

SLIABH BAWN RECREATION MAP





Informing the Next Generation

The construction team visited local national schools in June and students had the opportunity to learn about the construction of Sliabh Bawn Wind Farm, the benefits of renewable energy and wind turbines.

Pieta  House
West

A walk in aid of Pieta House took place on Sliabh Bawn on Sunday June 5th. The walk was a great success with over a hundred people taking part.



About Sliabh Bawn Wind Farm

Sliabh Bawn Wind Farm is a 50:50 joint venture project between Coillte and Bord na Móna, located approximately five kilometres south east of Strokestown, Co. Roscommon, in Doughill Forest on Sliabh Bawn mountain.

Sliabh Bawn Wind Farm will:

- produce clean electricity for homes, farms, hospitals, schools and businesses in Ireland;
- comprise 20 wind turbines and a substation;
- have an export capacity of 58 Megawatts (MW) which will supply the equivalent of approximately 37,700 households;

- include a Community Benefit Scheme to deliver improved local amenities and recreational facilities and support for local projects; and
- contribute to the local economy by supporting local businesses.

The project is located on Coillte land and was originated and developed by Coillte as part of its commitment to renewable energy and utilising its estate to deliver on Ireland's renewable energy objectives.

Located in an area where Bord na Móna has a longstanding operational footprint and community relationship, the Sliabh Bawn project forms part of the company's development of renewable energy assets across Ireland.



Sliabh Bawn Wind Farm Community Funding 2015

Groups awarded funding through the Sliabh Bawn Community Fund 2015 include:

St Mary's Primary School,
Curraghroe Ballagh Defibrillator,
The Hub Community Café,
Sliabh Bán Athletics Club,
MS Society (Roscommon),
Strokestown United Football Club,
Cloontuskert Tidy Towns Association,
Strokestown GAA,
Parents Association of Scoil Mhuire Strokestown,
Ballagh National School,
Strokestown Agricultural & Industrial Show,
Clooncagh National School Board of Management,
St Faithleach's GAA Club,
Ballyfeeny National School,

Irish Heritage Trust,
Cloontuskert National School,
Strokestown Foróige Club,
Strokestown Tidy Towns,
Strokestown Poetry & Tourism Company,
Strokestown Community Playschool Ltd,
Lanesboro Triathlon Club,
Strokestown Golf Club,
Kilgefin Parish Community Text Alert Scheme,
12th Roscommon Scouts,
Strokestown Community Development Association,
Lisonuffy Cemetery Committee,
Lough Ree North Angling Club,
Ballyleague Village Renewal.

Sliabh Bawn 2016 Community Benefit Fund will be launched on

Friday 16th September, 2016.

Please see our website on this date to download and complete our on -line application form.
www.sliabhbawnwindfarm.ie

For more information on the community benefit fund please contact

SECAD on 021 - 461 3432



Keep In Touch

The Sliabh Bawn project team are committed to keeping you up to date with the construction of Sliabh Bawn Wind Farm. Members of our project team are available locally and will continue to provide regular project updates through newsletters and the project website.

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