



## NOTE OF MEETING

<b>Client:</b>	<b>CONSTANT ENERGY</b>	<b>Date:</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
		<b>Time:</b> 10.30
<b>Project:</b>	Tyrawley Windfarm	
<b>Location:</b>	Meeting held remotely	
<b>In Attendance:</b>	B. Munnely SEP MCC <b>BM</b> N. Gannon ASCFO MCC <b>NG</b> I. Douglas Constant Energy <b>ID</b>	
ITEM		ACTION
<b>Introduction.</b>	<p><b>ID</b> outlined that the purpose of the meeting was to brief MCC on the proposed windfarm, an SID application to ABP, and that ABP had requested Constant Energy to elicit the views of MCC on the proposal.</p> <p>The proposed development consists of the construction of the following :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 16 no. wind turbines, Vestas 117 (4.3mw)</li><li>• a permanent 110kV substation,</li><li>• battery energy storage system (BESS)</li><li>• 2 no. temporary construction compounds and a Permanent Operations Building.</li><li>• meteorological mast</li><li>• 110kv underground cable and grid connection.</li><li>• One permanent on-site 110kV Gas Insulated Substation,</li><li>• 1 no. on-site site office.</li><li>• 1 no. Spoil Deposition Area / Habitat Enhancement Area</li></ul> <p>MCC had been provided with a powerpoint presentation on the proposal.</p>	
<b>Matters Discussed</b>		
<b>BESS</b>	<p><b>NG</b> explained that Fire Safety concerns with BESS is a developing field and that while there are no national guidelines MCC Fire Services had some experience with BESS developments.</p>	

<p><b>BESS</b></p>	<p>Any buildings in a BESS require a fire safety certificate. 2 no. access points are required.</p> <p>Minimum 6m spacing between units is required. Some operational guidelines are available for US, NI &amp; UK US require 500m exclusion zone.</p> <p>Current thinking is to let them burn out in the event of thermal runaway.</p> <p>Risk of toxins consult EPA &amp; HAS.</p>
<p><b>Mayo County Development Plan 2022- 2028</b></p>	<p><b>ID</b> indicated that he had read the council's submission of 30/10/2025 to ACP on the previous proposal for 16 no. turbines on this site and as the current proposal was identical the council's comments were unlikely to change.</p> <p><b>BM</b> indicated that the review of the council's Renewable Energy Strategy would likely be published before ACP made a decision on any application and that lands once considered acceptable for wind energy, as identified in the Renewable Energy Strategy 2011-2022, may now not be suitable for such development owing to the significant heights of modern turbines and scale of development being proposed.</p> <p>It was agreed that generally the comments in the report are applicable to this discussion.</p>
<p><i>Visual Impact</i></p>	<p>In principle, only the turbines located within <i>Tier 1 Preferred</i> lands are considered acceptable in principle i.e. turbines AT02-AT04 incl.</p> <p>The principal consideration on the acceptability of those turbines in <i>Tier 2</i> lands ie - <i>Open for Consideration</i>, turbines AT06, AT 09-AT 11 incl. and AT 13-AT16 incl. will depend on their visual impact on sensitive or vulnerable landscapes, listed highly scenic routes, scenic routes, scenic viewing points and scenic routes (as defined in the Landscape Appraisal for Co. Mayo).</p> <p>It was noted that there are now 5 turbines AT01, AT05-AT07 incl. and AT 12 located outside either Tier 1 or Tier 2 lands, as opposed to 3 in the previous iteration of the scheme.</p> <p>The site layout is in the form of dispersed turbines throughout the landscape and does not conform to the layouts identified in</p>

	<p>the Draft Revised Wind Energy Development Guidelines of 2019.</p> <p>In the context of the visual sensitivity of the area and the, coastal landscapes MCC does not consider the proposal suitable at this location.</p>
<i>Wild Atlantic Way</i>	The location of the proposed site is highly visible from several designated Discovery Points along the Wild Atlantic Way touring route. The large scale and highly visible nature of the proposed development has the potential to negatively impact the unique coastal landscape and sensitive natural environment in this area.
<i>Archaeology</i>	<p>Correct mapping is the legally printed RMP maps. Historic Environment Viewer (HEV) used but not accurate transcription of RMP.</p> <p>Need to show wind farm site, the grid connection route (GCR) and the Turbine Delivery Route (TDR) superimposed on the relevant RMP maps.</p>
<i>Roads</i>	The scale of proposed development impacting on the locality, including a wider issue relating to exceptional abnormal loads and effect on wider infrastructure and activities along delivery routes is significant. Management of the scale and issues arising is considered difficult and warrants high level consideration as a whole.
<i>Tourism</i>	The exceptional scenic, archaeological, and cultural significance of Ballycastle, the Céide Coast, and Downpatrick Head renders the area unsuitable for industrial scale windfarms.

**Conclusion.**

The view of Mayo County Council toward this proposed development is expressed fully in its submission to ACP Ref.: PAX16. 323778 and the applicant is advised to address the issues raised in that report

Mayo County Council is not in favour of the proposed development at this location.

Signed




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**Tyrawley**

2 messages

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**Iain Douglas** <iaindouglas129@gmail.com>

10 March 2026 at 12:11

To: bmunnelly@mayococo.ie

Brendan,

minutes of yesterday.

I've paraphrased the main points from the report.

I've left out the details of Gerry's report but referred Constant to the report to resolve all the issues.

See what you think.

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**Brendan Munnely** <bmunnelly@mayococo.ie>

12 March 2026 at 15:30

To: Iain Douglas &lt;iaindouglas129@gmail.com&gt;

Hi Iain,

I approve the minutes.

Regards,

Brendan

**From:** Iain Douglas <[iaindouglas129@gmail.com](mailto:iaindouglas129@gmail.com)>  
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