ITEM 9

Sharron G. Jones

From: Steve Shaw <steve.shaw@powerforpeople.org.uk>
Sent: 15 October 2019 17:12
To: mail@hawardencommunitycouncil.gov.uk
Subject: Council motion request re national community energy campaign

Dear Mrs Jones

I am contacting you to ask you to help our campaign for more local, clean energy generation that would benefit local communities.

We are a not-for-profit organisation campaigning for the Local Electricity Bill – that we authored – to become law. The Bill is currently supported by a cross-party group of 115 MPs.

The Bill aims to solve the current problem whereby local renewable energy generators, such as community energy groups, are unable to sell energy that they generate to local people. This is because of the huge setup and running costs involved in doing so.

The Bill would fix this problem by establishing a Right to Local Supply that would make the costs of selling locally generated clean energy proportionate to the scale of the operation. This would benefit the existing community energy groups across the country and, even more excitingly, create the opportunity for huge growth in such groups and other local clean energy providers.

If the Bill became law it would be excellent news for Parish and Town Councils that wished to set up their own energy companies to sell locally generated renewable energy to local people, as the set up and running costs involved would be proportionate and thus a fraction of what they are now. The revenues received by such councils could be ploughed back into local emissions reduction schemes and other local services and facilities.

Could you please help by doing the following?

1. Ask Hawarden Community Council to pass a motion in support of the Local Electricity Bill. A model resolution is below.

2. Sign up to the campaign which you can do here: **www.powerforpeople.org.uk/sign-up**

Please reply if you would like to ask anything about our campaign.

Yours sincerely
Steve Shaw
Director
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Council Draft Resolution

That [*insert council's name*]

(i) acknowledges the efforts that this council has made to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote renewable energy;

(ii) recognises that councils can play a central role in creating sustainable communities, particularly through the provision of locally generated renewable electricity;

(iii) further recognises

- that very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers result in it being impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so,

- that making these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier's operation would create significant opportunities for councils to be providers of locally generated renewable electricity directly to local people, businesses and organisations, and

- that revenues received by councils that became local renewable electricity providers could be used to help fund local greenhouse gas emissions reduction measures and to help improve local services and facilities;

(iv) accordingly resolves to support the Local Electricity Bill, currently supported by a cross-party group of 115 MPs, and which, if made law, would make the setup and running costs of selling renewable electricity to local customers proportionate by establishing a Right to Local Supply; and

(v) further resolves to

- inform the local media of this decision,

- write to local MPs, asking them to support the Bill, and

- write to the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, Power for People, (at 8 Delancey Passage, Camden, London NW1 7NN or info@powerforpeole.org.uk) expressing its support.