

ABRA

Second meeting of the Argyll and Bute Renewable Alliance (ABRA) held on the 26 September.

ABRA gave approval to promotional material and ABRA “mark” developed to promote the area in regard to renewables.

Working with ABRA and in particular the Crown Estate to scope out a piece of work to look at the issue of strategic grid to service the off shore renewables industry in Argyll Bute.

Under the banner of ABRA attended the Wave and Tidal conference in Inverness on 18 and 19 Sept to represent the area. Number of local businesses represented on the stand as well as SPR to represent the Islay Tidal Array project.

Assisted with funding support towards the European Small Islands network conference on Mull held on the 21 Sept and which had a focus on renewables.

- Tiree Onshore Scenario Mapping:

Final document presented to the community at an event on the island on the 21 September. Steering Group now signed off the report and this part of the project. Agreement from ABRA and Steering Group to come back and review the scenarios in 6 months' time.

Follow up interviews have now been undertaken which will further shape the key areas of focus of the Community Renewable Opportunity Plan. This is being progressed through the third sector and communities' community planning partnership group

Working with both SPR and SSE looking at the existing concordat. The community benefit frameworks have been drafted as regards on shore and off shore wind and are being further developed through engagement with ABRA.