



LIVE WIRES: members of the new energy project which will explore the possibility of developing a system for supplying electricity from renewable sources straight to local consumers in rural areas of Mull

Island live wires look to spark power project into rural areas

AN INNOVATIVE energy project that will explore the possibility of developing a system for supplying electricity from renewable sources straight to local consumers in rural areas is under consideration for Mull.

Assisting Communities to Connect to Electrical Sustainable Sources (Project ACCESS) is a cost-effective project which will enable the real time matching of local renewable electricity generation to local electricity demand in off-gas-grid properties.

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Challenge Fund and valued at just over £2 million, Project ACCESS aims to drive the development of financially viable grid connections for small scale generators in transmission constrained areas of the Scottish networks.

Project ACCESS will be delivered by a group made up of SSE, Community Energy Scotland, Element Energy, VCharge and Mull and Iona community trust.

It is one of six projects being trialled by the Local Energy Challenge Fund throughout Scotland.

Felix Wight, of Community Energy Scotland said: 'Community Energy

Scotland is delighted to be working with SSE and the other partners in the delivery of this ground-breaking project.

'There is a huge appetite amongst Scottish communities to generate their own clean energy and supply it to local homes and businesses, where possible.

'We are hopeful ACCESS will give communities the tools to open that door to a more sustainable and resilient energy future.'

Project ACCESS is looking to recruit up to 100 householders and two small businesses to participate in the field trial on Mull.

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