



Minutes of OGA Board meeting on 16th July 2021
09:00-14:00
Marcliffe Hotel, Aberdeen

Directors	In attendance
Tim Eggar Chairman	John Seabourn Head of Digital (item 8)
Frances Morris-Jones Non-executive Director	Eva Zuckschwerdt Head of Corporate Services (item 8)
Sarah Deasley Non-executive Director	Jane de Lozey (items 9 & 10) Acting Director of Regulation
Mary Hardy Non-executive Director	Ian Knott Head of Licensee Finance (item 9)
Emily Bourne Shareholder Representative Director	Joanne Edgeler Senior Investment Manager (item 9)
Iain Lanaghan Non-executive Director	Simon Churchfield Acting Head of Disputes and Sanctions (item 10)
Andy Samuel Chief Executive	Russell Richardson Company Secretary
Nic Granger Chief Financial Officer	Fiona Gruber Head of Governance and Board Secretary

1. Welcome and introductions

The Chairman welcomed Directors to the meeting.

2. Minutes and matters arising

Directors approved the minutes of the June meeting. There were no outstanding actions.

3. Conflicts of interest

No conflict of interest with any agenda item, nor as a result of new appointments, was declared by any Director.

Tim Eggar reported that he had recently stepped down as Chairman of Mycelx Technologies.

4. Safety and environment report

The Board discussed the Chief Executive's update on safety and environment performance.

5. Chief Executive report

The Chief Executive highlighted significant recent progress on decommissioning - on cost, well P&A and the re-launch of Pathfinder, as Energy Pathfinder. The Board fully endorsed the very welcome progress.

On CCS, work with BEIS on implementing and funding the OGA's enhanced roles and responsibilities is progressing well.

The Board discussed the increased scrutiny of UKCS oil and gas developments and agreed it was vital that the OGA continues to ensure all licensing and development decisions are made objectively and in accordance with its statutory obligations. The Board further agreed that the OGA should do more to ensure that the energy security and energy transition benefits of the basin are effectively communicated.

6. CFO update

The CFO confirmed that the majority of levy income had been collected. She updated Directors on plans to secure new office space in Aberdeen and London.

7. Shareholder update

Attending her final Board meeting, Emily Bourne confirmed that Helena Charlton would be appointed as Shareholder Representative Director until a permanent successor had been selected.

She updated Directors on recent North Sea Transition Deal Delivery Group and Government and Regulators Electrification Group meetings.

The Board thanks Emily for her service and wished her well in her new BEIS role.

8. Corporate Directorate: highlights and challenges

The Director of Corporate, Head of Digital and Head of Corporate Services updated the Board on the directorate's work to support OGA and industry decision-making with high quality data and digital services.

Significant highlights this year are completing the new National Data Repository in less than five months, the launch of Energy Pathfinder, the GIS virtual map directory and the Digital Excellence academy for staff.

The Corporate Services team has worked hard to keep on top of evolving pandemic restrictions and to negotiate new office space in Aberdeen and London.

The Board thanked the team for a very impressive performance and its comprehensive plans for further enhancements to the Digital Energy Platform and Energy Portal applications.

9. OGA corporate governance guidance

The Investor Finance team presented the draft corporate governance guidance, prepared in support of the OGA Strategy's Governance Supporting Obligation and anchored in existing UK corporate governance codes. The guidance will be published for consultation in early September, for eight weeks.

The Board thanked the team for preparing clear and concise guidance and supported the approach taken. After a discussion of a number of points, the Board approved the draft guidance, subject to minor amendments, for publication and consultation.

10. Sanction notice update

The Disputes and Sanctions team presented its recommendation to issue a sanction notice

The Board discussed the recommendation and the amount of the proposed sanction before approving the sanction notice and the associated draft press notice.

11. Agenda planning

The Board considered the long-term Board meeting calendar and agreed to let the Board Secretary know if any date was inconvenient.

The Chairman hopes to announce the appointment of the new Non-Executive Directors in early September and will invite them both to the strategy day in September.

There was no other business.



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Chairman
23rd September 2021