

EKREG Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 24th October, 2023

Present: Alasdair Bennett ('Chair'), Rob Lee and Jerry Barnes

Venue: Remote working: conference via Zoom

1. Apologies for Absence

- None

2. Minutes and actions outstanding at previous meeting (Wed 11th Oct, 2023)

- Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. Treasurers' Report

- No further transactions to report. An up-to-date bank statement was reviewed and approved at the meeting.

4. Correspondence with wind farm operators/developers

- Notification had been received of the latest Section 36 planning application – this time relating to Energie Kontor's plans for the development of a windfarm comprising 13 x 200m tip-height turbines at Breackerie (8km SW of Campbeltown). Further details are available at the ECU website: ECU00004507
- Meetings were scheduled with RES and E Power to discuss CSO and CBFs associated with their planned developments at Killean and Coalashee (near Tayinloan)

5. Lussa Community Wind [LCW]/CC Charitable Bodies (EKCF, WKCF & CCWF)

- Lussa Community Wind.
No updates to report.
- East Kintyre Community Fund (EKCF).
The next call for applications will open February 2024. Applications are invited from projects meeting the funding criteria, See <https://www.eastkintyre.org/east-kintyre-community-fund/> for further information.

6. ESB – West Torrisdale (WT)

- A response from ESB remains outstanding in connection with the Chairs communique to clarify the situation over planning submissions and gauge progress with ESB's planned Section 36 application (originally scheduled for end-June).

7. Clachaig Glen (CG)

- Confidential discussions have been instigated aka RWE's planned development at Clachaig Glen.

8. High Constellation

- The Chair had written to BayWa with regard their plans for CBFs, following-up previous discussions where the community's preferences to utilize the structures already established within Kintyre Wind to disseminate funds incoming were clearly iterated.

9. Cnoc Buidhe (Belltown Power)

- A meeting has been scheduled with the developer to update all stakeholders

10. Earraghail

- A date for the transfer of the public domain agreement between FLS and SPR upon which this development is based had been proposed. Receipt was awaited.

11. Communications & Marketing

- Marketing

Regular updates to the Kintyre Wind website had been completed.

- Engagement Strategy

The 'Share the Wind' petition (PE1885/C) promoting mandatory community shared ownership in Scottish windfarms via land tax reform – currently being discussed by the Scottish Governments' Citizen Participation and Public Petition Committee – was tabled at the latest meeting of the committee Wed Oct 25th. The committee agreed that the Scottish Government did have the power to instigate the proposed legislation and there was agreement that the pursuit of this petition was worthwhile and in the best interests of the rural communities impacted by many windfarms. The committee proposed various views on how the petitioners' requests could be realized. The committee agreed to chase LES and the Environment Minister for their support/input. The discussion is minuted at: [Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee 15th Meeting, 2023 | Scottish Parliament Website.](#)

- Communications

A meeting date had been established to update Jenni Minto MSP on Kintyre windfarm activities and advance her support for the 'share the wind' petition.

12. Governance

The Directors were unanimous in thanking West Kintyre Windfarm Trust for their approval of a £3K grant to support EKREG administrative costs for the next 4 years. RL had submitted a parallel application to East Kintyre Windfarm Trust, on behalf of EKREG, for a mirror grant to ensure EKREG administrative costs can be met moving forward.

13. AOB

No other items were tabled for discussion

DONM: Tues 7th November, 2023, 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]