

EKREG Meeting Minutes

Date: Wed. 29th January, 2024

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 (Tuesday 7th January, 2024)

- Minutes of the previous meeting were not yet available due the aftermath of storm 'Eowyn', but action points outcoming from the last meeting were reviewed and minutes of the meeting held 07.01.25 would be circulated for approval shortly [Action: JB]. There were no actions outstanding.

3. Treasurers' Report

- A payment in lieu of website costs plus routine bank charges were incurred past month. An up-to-date bank statement was reviewed and approved at the meeting.

4. Correspondence with wind farm operators/developers

- Notification had been received that a public consultation exercise will be hosted in Glenbarr Mission Hall by the developer of Allt Domhain windfarm, EnergieKontor. This public exhibition/consultation exercise will take place Wednesday 5th February between 14.30 and 19.30. The planned development is located 6km East of Glenbarr.

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

- Lussa Community Wind.

The account balance was reviewed and a decision made to enable the secretary and treasurer to disburse funds remaining prior to the year-end [Action: JB/AB].

- Community Funds (EKCF/CCWF/WKCF).

Jennifer Conley has joined the board of Trustees of the EKCF

The next funding round for the East Kintyre Community Fund will open for applications on 24th January. Applications for the 'spring' funding round must be received before 7th March. The fund is now in a position to support bursaries for East Kintyre residents' professional development, in addition to its core remit. For further information see www.eastkintyre.org

For up to date information on/application details/contact points for WKCF and CCWF see www.kintyrewind.com

6. West Torrisdale

Notification of ESB's section 36 application (6th Jan) to construct a windfarm at West Torrisdale (above Torrisdale Castle) had been received ref. ECU 00002224. The

windfarm will comprise 9 turbines upto 150m in height positioned on the East side of the Kintyre ridge (making it an unprecedented development) that will be highly visible/impactful from Carradale point/fort/Torrisdale Bay. Photomontages and impact portfolios are available for consultation in Carradale Village Hall and via the energy consents unit website (www.energyconsents.scot using the ref ECU 00002224). Concerns/Objections should be lodged without delay by emailing your statement to Econsents_admin@gov.scot.

7. Clachaig Glen

No updates to report

8. Killean and Tangy IV

- Killean [RES] – an update meeting had taken place as scheduled. This development is still at the ‘scoping’ stage. A grid connection date is anticipated for mid-2030s.
- It was agreed that AB should respond to a ‘holding mail’ received from SSEN allied to their Tangy IV development [**Action: AB**]

9. Cnoc Buidhe (Belltown Power)

No updates to report.

10. Earraghail (SPR) and High Constellation

No updates to report.

11. Communications & Marketing

- **Marketing**

Routine website updates had been completed, and correspondence responded to.

- **Engagement Strategy**

There were no updates to report on the ‘Share the Wind’ petition (PE1885/C) promoting mandatory community shared ownership in Scottish windfarms via land tax reform. The latest hearing of the petition by the Scottish Governments’ Citizen Participation and Public Petition Committee can be viewed at: [Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee | Scottish Parliament TV](#). It was agreed that the petitioner should be encouraged to chase the committee as to their progress.

- **Communications**

A response was still awaited from the civil servants with whom EKREG were liaising with regard an update meeting in connection with ongoing behind-the-scenes activity allied to changing government policy on community ownership. It was agreed that JB would again chase those involved [**Action: JB**]

12. Governance

No matters outstanding

13. AOB

Participation in the Local Development Plan ‘Open Day’ at Carradale Village Hall on Sat. 1st March was discussed. JB agreed to review the presentation info available with a view to updating in the needed timescales [**Action: JB**]

DONM: Wed 26th Feb, 2025. 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]