

EKREG

Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 19th April, 2022

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

Venue: Remote working: conference via Zoom

1. Apologies for Absence

- None

2. Minutes and actions outstanding at previous meeting (Tues 5th April)

- No matters outstanding

3. Treasurers' Report

- There were no transactions to report other than routine bank charges. An up-to-date bank statement was tabled and approved at the meeting.

4. Correspondence with wind farm operators/developers

- Responses were still awaited from (i) RWE with regard their revised plans for a windfarm at Clachaig Glen (on land contracted from FLS and subject to FLS contractual obligations pertaining to CSO) and (ii) BayWa r.e. with regard their progression of High Constellation windfarm.
- Given concerns raised, a second public consultation (publicized via various channels, not least, via www.eastkintyre.org) will be conducted at Carradale Village Hall on Thursday 21st April by Intelligent Land Investment Group (ILI) with regard their proposed energy storage extension of Auchnasavil (Carradale) sub-station.

5. SPR- BaT3

- **SPR/Iberdrola**
Lussa Community Wind had donated 100% of the first CBF payment received (£224,775) equally to the three nominated community charities: EKCF, WKCF and CCWF. And these funds would now be dispersed to worthy causes via these charities.
- **Community Investment Vehicle: Lussa Community Wind [LCW] Ltd**
Board meeting scheduled April 19th.
- **LES/CARES Grant/Tender documentation**
No updates to be reported

6. ESB – West Torrisdale (WT)

- No response had yet been received from ESB with regard a meet date to discuss progress with the agreed 'road map' allied to their development at West Torrisdale

7. Belltown Power - Cnoc Buidhe

- No updates to report – scoping studies and environmental work underway

8. CC Charitable Bodies

Application dates and procedures for those interested in accessing funds will be advertised via the local press and the Kintyre wind website: <https://www.kintyrewind.com>

9. Communications & Marketing

- Marketing

An EKREG press release had resulted in a front page article in the Courier on Friday 8th April publicizing the payment of community benefit funds for the lifespan of SPRs' BaT3 windfarm, and the following week a letter was published by the Kintyre Community Councils lending support to the EKREG view that immediate action is required by the Scottish Government to ensure that the offer of Community Shared Ownership is mandatory for renewable energy developments across Scotland (see: www.kintyrewind.com).

- Engagement Strategy

A date was still awaited for the re-tabling of the community petition entitled 'Share the Wind' (PE1885/C) promoting mandatory community shared ownership in Scottish windfarms via tax reform applicable to developers.

- Briefings/CC MoUs

No updates to report

10. Governance

- The company's annual accounts and corporation tax returns had been prepared by the accountant with a view to their approval and submission at or before a brief Annual General Meeting scheduled to follow the next EKREG board meeting, on Tuesday May 3rd.

11. AOB

RL reported on an article he had discovered that showed clearly that the 150m turbine tip-height threshold was highly unlikely to be allowed to be exceeded by developers across England

DONM: Tues 3rd May 2022, 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]