

# EKREG

## Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2023

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

Venue: Remote working: conference via Zoom

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### 1. Apologies for Absence

- None

### 2. Minutes and actions outstanding at previous meeting (Tues 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2023)

- Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

### 3. Treasurers' Report

- There were no bank transactions to report. An up-to-date bank statement was reviewed and approved at the meeting.

### 4. Correspondence with wind farm operators/developers

- No updates to report

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

- Lussa Community Wind.  
This year's AGM was on-track as scheduled for August 2<sup>nd</sup>@18.00. An agenda and instructions to be circulated in advance of the next EKREG meeting.

Nothing had been received from SPR following the requested clarification (sent) with regard a few specific donations made by the Anchor Charities from their 2022-23 budgets.

A meeting of the Directors had been convened, as planned, on 11<sup>th</sup> July and at the meeting it was agreed that following the retention of £5K from the 2023-24 CBF payment received (£252.163.67) the balance should be split equally and donated to the charities as soon as bank approval received for an extension to the company's BACS transfer limit had been agreed with the bank.

- East Kintyre Community Fund (EKCF).  
The next call for applications will open on July 28<sup>th</sup> and close 8<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2023. Applications are invited from projects meeting the funding criteria, See <https://www.eastkintyre.org/east-kintyre-community-fund/> for further information. The call for applications will be advertised in the Campbeltown Courier.

### 6. ESB – West Torrisdale (WT)

- No updates to report

### 7. Clachaig Glen (CG)

- The company's legal team were in the final stages of agreeing the rewording of the outstanding NDA with Gavin Williams@RWE. It is anticipated that a final text agreeable to all parties concerned will be ratified before the next EKREG meeting.

- Local Energy Scotland had approved an increase in the CARES grant to cover legal costs given the invoices already received from the company's legal team.

## 8. High Constellation

- The Chair had recontacted BayWa with regard the establishment of a meeting to progress CBF discussions, but as yet no response had been received.

## 9. Cnoc Buidhe (Belltown Power)

- No updates to report

## 10. Earraghail

- No updates to report; The chair had prompted SPR over arrangements with regard (i) a follow-up meeting to discuss CBF arrangements with impacted CCs and/or their representatives. (ii) a separate meeting with EKREG to discuss the CSO offer to be tabled.

## 11. Communications & Marketing

### - Marketing

Emma Roberts had completed the updating of the Kintyre Wind website.

### - Engagement Strategy

There were no updates to report with regard 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. The petitioner awaits a response from the new Energy Minister, Gillian Martin, who – having seemingly accepted that this matter is worthy of further exploration – seeks to discuss the proposals. The petition will be retabled once actions outstanding have been addressed.

### - Communications

No updates to report

## 12. Governance

- As agreed, the company debit card held in Rhona Elder's name had been destroyed.

## 13. AOB

It was agreed that the Chair should complete the forms required to register interest in SSENs' community benefit funding that they have introduced, following pressure from impacted communities across Scotland [**Action: AB**].

The Chair had approached EK & WK Windfarm Trusts for £3k contributions to meet EKREG administrative costs projected for the next 3 years.

Questions were raised about the planned SSEN extension for Carradale sub-station. The Chair agreed to liaise with IB (Chair, EKCC) to ascertain the *status quo* [**Action: AB**].

No other items were tabled for discussion

**DONM:** Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Aug, 2023, 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]