

EKREG Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 22nd October, 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 8th October, 2024)

- Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. There were no actions outstanding.

3. Treasurers' Report

- There were no 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.

No updates to report.

- East Kintyre Community Fund (EKCF).

The introduction of a bursary scheme for EK residents was underway, to support professional development activities.

Discussions are ongoing with Foundation Scotland to devolve the disbursement of Cour Community Benefit Funds to the three community council areas involved. If agreed, a third will go to each area for a trial period of one year, with EKCF managing the funds for East Kintyre.

- Campbeltown Community Windfarm Fund

CCWF is presently welcoming applications for capital or revenue funding from charities, community groups and halls within the Campbeltown, Laggan and Southend Community Council areas see: [Autumn Disbursement of Funds 2024 - applications open - Campbeltown Community Council](#)

- West Kintyre Community Fund

The WKCF is currently considering applications received for its autumn disbursement of funds to eligible charities and community groups. The closing date for the latest round of applications was November 6th. For further information see: [West Kintyre Community Fund – WEST KINTYRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL](#)

6. West Torrisdale and High Constellation

No updates to report

7. Clachaig Glen

No updates to report

8. Killean and Tangy IV

- No updates to report

9. Cnoc Buidhe (Belltown Power)

Following consultation with the Community Councils invited to participate in this shared ownership opportunity an MoU agreed between the parties was signed-off with the developer.

10. Earraghail (SPR)

No updates to report.

11. Communications & Marketing

- **Marketing**

All website updates had been completed and an annual analytical report received.

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](#)

- **Communications**

JB had contacted 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.

12. Governance

Lussa Community Wind insurance cover was approaching its renewal date. No other matters were outstanding.

13. AOB

Highland Council's introduction of mandatory community benefit payments of £12.5K/MW for all windfarm developments was again briefly discussed as a potential measure for consideration by A&BC.

DONM: Tues 5th Nov, 2024. 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]