

EKREG Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 9th May, 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 (Tues 25th April 2023)

- Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. Treasurers' Report

- The only transaction to report was the payment of routine monthly bank charges. 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.

Minutes of a Directors Board Meeting held 25th April had been circulated to all Directors for approval with a view to posting in due course on the Kintyre Wind website. The Chair/Secretary had circulated a news update, and provided advanced notice of the date set for this year's AGM (August 2nd@18.00), to the membership.

The Chair had assembled the financial reports received from the three anchor charities and, having added a Report on behalf of LCW, had submitted the documents to SPR - thereby fulfilling LCW reporting requirements allied to monies incoming to the communities from BaT3. Funding reports will be made accessible on each of the anchor charities websites (as well as accessible via the Kintyre Wind website) so as to provide transparency on all funds allocated by the anchor charities.

The Secretary was liaising with the company's accountant over the filing of end of year tax returns and financial reports for board approval prior to submission to the FCA.

- East Kintyre Community Fund (EKCF).

Margaret Richardson had agreed to become the Chair and this year's AGM had been scheduled.

6. ESB – West Torrisdale (WT)

- A prompt response had been received from ESB following a prompt from the Chair, with slow but steady progress reported internally to enable CSO to be negotiated, as agreed.

7. Clachaig Glen (CG)

- The company's legal team had been chased and it was agreed that the Chair should, in parallel, enquire whether the RWE legal team were now in contact with the EKREG legal team and progress being made with the wording of the NDA to meet with needs [**Action: AB/JB**].

8. High Constellation

- No updates to report

9. Cnoc Buidhe (Belltown Power)

- No updates to report

10. Earraghail

- The Chair had represented EKCC and WKCC at a meeting with SPR and FLS to advance the dialogue over community benefit funding allied to this development, if it materializes given the concerns raised against it by multiple CCs, and supported by A&B Council. Further meetings are anticipated once SPR have engaged with the communities invited to participate in the CBF offer. A separate meeting with EKREG to discuss CSO in the development is to be scheduled.

11. Communications & Marketing

- Marketing

Hand-over of the administration of the Kintyre Wind website to Emma Roberts was ongoing with timescales subject to the outcomes of training to be delivered w/c May 29th.

- Engagement Strategy

Another disappointing response had been received from the Energy Minister in response to the questions raised by the Committee considering the 'Share the Wind' petition (PE1885/C) promoting mandatory community shared ownership in Scottish wind-farms via land tax reform was discussed by the Scottish Governments' Citizen Participation and Public Petition Committee when it was last tabled – on Feb. 8th. A proposal to explore the introduction of straightforward land tax legislation through direct discussion with the petitioner was welcomed, but the logistics to make this possible were required. Responses to other points raised by the petitioner and the Committee had again failed to address the key questions raised – hopefully this situation will be reversed by the incoming Energy Minister in Hamza Yousef's reconstituted government: Gillian Martin. The petition will be retabled once all responses have been received.

- Communications

No updates to report

12. Governance

- The company's accounts made up to 15th March 23 are due for filing prior to 15th December 23, and a revised confirmation statement is due for filing before 29th Sept. 23. It was agreed that JB should service the accountant with information needed to prepare the company's annual returns mid-May.
- It was agreed that the company's Directors' insurance cover should be renewed, as tabled by the company's insurance agent [**Action: JB**].

13. AOB

Energie Kontor had scheduled a public consultation event with regard a highly-visible development South of Campbeltown at Breakerie@ June 6th.

No other items were tabled for discussion

DONM: Tues 30th May, 2023, 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]