

EKREG

Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 21st September, 2021

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

Venue: Remote working: conference via Zoom

1. Apologies for Absence

- None

2. Minutes and actions agreed/outstanding at previous meeting (Tuesday 7th September)

- No matters outstanding

3. Treasurers' Report

- No transactions to report. Management accounts were approved.

4. Correspondence with wind farm operators/developers

- AB had contacted South Knapdale CC to get details of their EDF contact re Airigh (Nr. Kilberry) windfarm in order to introduce EKREG and begin CSO dialogue. Details of contact still awaited.
- There were no updates to report in connection with early-stage CSO correspondence allied to the ongoing dialogue with EnergieKontor, Muirden, ESB and SSEN over multiple developments.
- It was agreed that AB should contact Intelligent Land Investment, a company in alliance with SSE, planning the installation of 50MW battery storage at Carradale substation with regard compensatory CBF/CSO arrangements [**Action: AB**]

5. BaT3

- **SPR/Iberdrola**

The LES-sponsored report received from the community's FCA-approved financial advisor confirmed the EKREG view that the termsheet proposals received from SPR were unacceptable and not compliant with Scottish Government Guidelines on Community Shared ownership. SPR had been informed their proposals were not acceptable and a meeting scheduled to brief the Community Councils involved before furthering the dialogue with SPR over both CSO and CBF.

- **Community Investment Vehicle: Lussa Community Wind Ltd**

No updates to report.

- **LES/CARES Grant/Tender documentation**

Dialogue with LES was ongoing with regard the CSO negotiations with SPR.

6. CC Charitable Bodies

No updates to report.

7. Communications & Marketing

- Marketing

Routine updates had been made to the eastkintyre.org website

- Engagement Strategy

A multi-community-led petition entitled 'Share the Wind' (PE1885) promoting community shared ownership in local windfarms had received significant support. The petition will be tabled by the Scottish Governments' Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee on 6th October 2021. The discussion can be viewed live @ <https://www.scottishparliament.tv/>

- Briefings/CC MoUs

Responses had been received from all MSPs prompted with especially supportive cross-party responses received from several of those approached. The dialogue with elected members of the Scottish Government over a change in legislation to make at least 10% CSO a mandatory requirement by windfarm developers across Scotland, to yield parity with similar arrangements in several Scandinavian countries, was ongoing.

9. Governance

The Company's Annual Confirmation Statement had been posted at Companies House

10. AOB

No other matters were tabled at the meeting

DONM: Friday 8th October 2021, 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]