

EKREG

Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 30th March, 2021

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

Venue: Remote working: conference via Zoom

1. Apologies for Absence

- None applicable

2. Minutes and actions agreed/outstanding at previous meeting (Tuesday 16th March)

- No actions outstanding

3. Treasurers' Report

- Management accounts were approved. No interim transactions to report.

4. Correspondence with wind farm operators/developers

- A constructive meeting had been held with ESB with regard CSO arrangements for a proposed (scoping-study ongoing) operational wind farm, involving the construction of 12-turbines (149m tip height ~60MW installed capacity) at West Torrisdale (principally on private land bridging the western ridge above Torrisdale Castle).
- A follow-up meeting will be scheduled with Cnoc Breacam Renewables LLP (Duncan Farms; an Aberdeenshire-based private developer) with regard CSO and CBF opportunities allied to a proposed windfarm development near Crossaig involving turbines of 149m height – visible from the areas around Carradale.
- Following the reinitiation of contact with EnergieKontor regarding their reapplication for Narachan windfarm, plus new proposed developments at Arnicle (adjacent to BaT3/Blary Hill) and Kilberry proposing to use turbines of an unprecedented height in the region (upto 230m tip height) a meeting date was awaited to position CBF and CSO opportunities as well as to discuss concerns pertaining [**Action: AB**]

5. CSO

- **Funding Streams**

No updates to report

- **Local SSEN grid network**

At an interim meeting, RL had reported on his detailed analysis of the local SSEN grid network with a view to understanding the local operational transmission capacity present and immediate future, and assessing how the potential developments in the pipeline might be accommodated via the present, and future planned, infrastructure. In effect, this exercise constitutes an element of the due diligence pertaining to the community's consideration of CSO in a variety of developments.

6. BaT3

- **SPR/Iberdola**

Discussions were ongoing and moving in the right direction, with the assistance of a sector-experienced lawyer (via Gillespie MacAndrew), over the outstanding NDA so as to facilitate the CSO opportunity in BaT3 [**Action: RL/JB**]

- **Community Investment Vehicles**

Following of confirmation from the FCA that Lussa Community Wind Limited was approved and registered, West Kintyre and Campbeltown Community Councils had been contacted and nominations received to act as Directors to represent WKCC and CCC.

JB reported that a months' grace following establishment was required by Clydesdale/Virgin bank to enable the establishment of a bank account for the new co., so this would be advanced at the end of April (given the preliminary requirements had already been serviced).

An inaugural board meeting required to be scheduled for Lussa Community Wind Ltd. to formally appoint the Founder-Directors and elect a Chairman, so as to enable banking arrangements to be actioned [**Action: JB**]

Pioneer share applications from twelve local subscribers would be advanced prior to the next meeting (each@£25/share) in order to meet formal FCA requirements for the establishment of this Community Benefit Society [**Action: JB/RL**].

Aspects relating to the marketing of the Lussa Community Share Offer had been discussed extensively at an interim meeting where it was unanimously agreed that a professionally-delivered video could/would be a major asset for marketing purposes. RE had agreed to draw down costs from two targeted parties familiar with Kintyre/the local communities. [**Action: RE**]

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

The appetite from those needed was being gauged for the SPR NDA template and/or qualification received as to whether existing agreements between 3rd parties and SPR already in place could be reutilised [**Action: RL & JB**].

- **CC Charitable Bodies**

Russ Baum had agreed to represent Peninver interests on the board of East Kintyre Community Fund and to act as a trustee thereof. AB to schedule the inaugural meeting of the trustees [**Action: AB**]

7. Clachaig Glen

No response had been received from RWE with regard to re-engagement and positioning of CBF and CSO opportunities. Meeting date to be chased [**Action: AB**]

8. Cour

No updates to report

9. Communications & Marketing

- **Marketing**

Agreement had been reached over a letterhead and branding for Lussa Community Wind Ltd. and RL had drafted a to-be-evolved grant application to CSS to draw down funds to assist the development of the CSO documentation.

- **Engagement Strategy**

No updates to report.

- **Briefings/CC MoUs**

A signed-off MoU had been received from SKCC facilitating EKREG representation of their interests in CSO negotiations with developers, and delivering parity with all other local communities represented by EKREG in such discussions. A follow-up meeting/presentation would be scheduled at Ormsary Village Hall once the lockdown is lifted, enabling face-to-face meeting.

- **Website**

Updates had been posted

10. **Governance**

JB had serviced the company's accountant with the information required to prepare the annual accounts that will cover the accounting period 16/9/19 – 15/3/21 which need to be filed before mid-June.

11. **AOB**

No feedback had been received from A&BC over the approach made by EKREG to qualify positioning/relevance of identified zones of protection in their RDPs [**Action: AB to chase**]

- No other matters were tabled at the meeting

12. **DONM:** Tuesday 13th April 2021, 09.00 via Zoom