

EKREG

Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 19th Dec, 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 5th Dec, 2023)

- Minutes of the previous meeting were approved subject to a minor amendment pre-release.

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.
It was agreed that a board meeting should be scheduled at 10.00 Jan 23rd to discuss the proposed extension of LCW to develop an 'umbrella' that can service all locally-impacted communities invited by developers to participate in offers of CBF and/or CSO plus the incorporation of the first, of what might become several, special purpose vehicle(s) [**Action: JB**]
- East Kintyre Community Fund (EKCF).
The next call for applications will open February 2024. Applications are invited from projects meeting the funding criteria, See <https://www.eastkintyre.org/east-kintyre-community-fund/> for further information.

6. ESB – West Torrisdale (WT)

- It was believed that outstanding land owner agreements were now in place. It was agreed that unless a response is received from the ESB project team before the next meeting, then the Chair should endeavor to re-establish contact.

7. Clachaig Glen (CG)

- The Chair had written to FLS and a response (other than acknowledgement of receipt) was expected, and a meet date was under discussion with the RWE Project team. It was agreed that the Chair should also write to the UK-CEO with regard outstanding documentation [**Action: AB**].
- Positive early-stage discussions had been advanced with several lenders and NDAs advanced with some.

- Legal and financial advisors had been contacted to service quotes for works discussed with LES, which are required to manage CARES grant applications pending.

8. High Constellation

- Still no response received from Bay Wa aka the Chairs' enquiry with regard their plans for CBFs, following-up previous discussions where the community's preferences to utilize the structures already established within Kintyre Wind to disseminate funds incoming were clearly iterated.

9. Cnoc Buidhe (Belltown Power)

- The virtual exhibition relating to this development is available for access until 19th Dec @ www.cnocbuidhewindenergyhub.com
- The first draft of an NDA was overdue review by the developer

10. Earraghail

- Discussions were ongoing between Tarbert & Skipness community representatives re Earraghail development

11. Communications & Marketing

- Marketing

Regular updates to the Kintyre Wind website had been completed. ER's latest quarterly invoice had been received and paid. It was agreed that JB should work with ER to bring the news section up-to-date on the Kintyre wind website.

- Engagement Strategy

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 – was tabled at the latest meeting of the committee Wed Oct 25th. On this occasion there was agreement that the pursuit of this petition was worthwhile and in the best interests of the rural communities impacted by many windfarms. The committee proposed various views on how the petitioners' requests could be realized. The committee agreed to chase SNIB, LES and the Environment Minister for their support/input. The Energy Minister's response had already been received but it was inadequate and the petitioner had responded accordingly to the committee. The latest hearing of the petition can be viewed (and is minuted) at: [Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee 15th Meeting, 2023 | Scottish Parliament Website.](#)

- Communications

It was agreed that the Chair should organize a meeting with the six community councils invited to participate in the Clachaig Glen CSO with a view to updating them on progress made by EKREG and the planned expansion of LCW.

A meeting had been scheduled with the reconstituted South Knapdale Community Council to introduce EKREG/Kintyre Wind

A letter drafted FAO of Gillian Martin (The Energy Minister) requesting a face-to-face meeting to discuss the proposals outlined in petition PE1885/C had been dispatched and actions outcoming from JB's meeting with Jennni Minto MSP were on-track for completion.

12. Governance

- It was agreed that JB would liaise with ER over the production of a corporate information 'folder' to assist routine governance within the likely-to-grow Kintyre Wind Group of companies. Documents such as this will constitute a cornerstone for succession planning.

13. AOB

There followed much discussion about capital investment and ways/means to achieve potential gap-filling requirements.

Succession planning was also briefly discussed

DONM: Tues 9th Jan, 2024. 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]