

EKREG Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 17th Jan, 2023

Present: Alasdair Bennett ('Chair'), Rhona Elder, 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 20th Dec. 2022)

- Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. Treasurers' Report

- There were no transactions to report other than routine 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. ESB – West Torrisdale (WT)

- No updates to report

6. Clachaig Glen (CG)

- No response whatsoever had been received from RWE, so it was agreed that the Chair would push them once again for a response.

7. Lussa Community Wind [LCW]/CC Charitable Bodies (EKCF, WKCF & CCWF)

- Lussa Community Wind.

No updates to report

- East Kintyre Community Fund (EKCF).

Preparations were being made for the second call for applications to the Fund that will be launched in the spring.

8. Cnoc Buidhe (Belltown Power)

- No updates to report

9. Earraghail

- No updates to report

10. Communications & Marketing

- Marketing

Regular website updates had been instigated

- **Engagement Strategy**

A response was still awaited from the Minister following the upload of additional information addressing the Ministers responses to the petition currently being debated by the Scottish Governments' Citizen Participation and Public Petition Committee. The latest hearing at which the petition entitled 'Share the Wind' (PE1885/C) promoting mandatory community shared ownership in Scottish windfarms via land tax reform applicable to developers can be viewed at: https://www.scottishparliament.tv/meeting/citizen-participation-and-public-petitions-committee-june-29-2022?clip_start=10:05:10&clip_end=10:12:09.

The petition will next be discussed by the Committee on Wed. February 8th.

- **Communications**

JB agreed to contact Valerie Nimmo with regard to representing Kintyre Wind at a climate-oriented 'winter gathering' scheduled for SKDT Hall on 7th Feb.

RL had organized an 'update' meeting with Morven Lyon, Community Shares Scotland

11. Governance

- No updates to report

12. AOB

Management of RE's exodus was discussed with regard website and marketing responsibilities/cover

The implications of the newly-published Scottish Government National Planning Framework (NPF4) were discussed at some length. The document is a cause for considerable concern for communities faced with impactful green energy development.

DONM: Thurs 16th Feb, 2023, 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]