

EKREG Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 15th August, 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 1st Aug, 2023)

- Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. Treasurers' Report

- There were no bank 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.
This year's (virtual) well-attended AGM had taken place as scheduled Aug 2nd. Minutes of the meeting are posted on www.kintyrewind.com

A response was still awaited from SPR following the requested clarification (sent) with regard a few specific donations made by the Anchor Charities from their 2022-23 budgets.

The Chair had submitted the approved annual financial reports to the FCA

- East Kintyre Community Fund (EKCF).
The next call for applications is open, as advertised in the Campbeltown Courier – this funding round will close 8th Sept. 2023. 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)

- The Chair had contacted contacts at ESB to clarify the situation over planning submissions and gauge progress with ESB's planned Section 36 application (originally scheduled for end-June). As yet no response had been received.

7. Clachaig Glen (CG)

- A final text had ben agreed with RWE's legal team. But the signed-off copy expected to be received from them for counter-signing had not yet materialised. It was agreed that JB would chase the legal team while AB would push the RWE commercial team for sight of the NDA [Action: AB/JB].

8. High Constellation

- A response from BayWa with regard the Chair's approach to progress CBF discussions was now overdue.

9. Cnoc Buidhe (Belltown Power)

- No updates to report

10. Earraghail

- No updates to report. The development is subject to appeal.

11. Communications & Marketing

- Marketing

Regular updates to the Kintyre Wind website had been completed. ER's first quarterly invoice for services rendered was expected before end-Aug.

It was agreed that the Chair would discuss invoicing arrangements for websites with the managers involved [**Action: AB**].

- Engagement Strategy

There were no updates to report with regard 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. The petitioner awaits a response from the new Energy Minister, Gillian Martin, who – having seemingly accepted that this matter is worthy of further exploration – seeks to discuss the proposals. The petition will be retabled once actions outstanding have been addressed. It was agreed that JB should try to establish a follow-up meeting with Jenni Minto MSP as part of her regular consultancy programme [**Action: JB**]

- Communications

JB reported on his supportive windfarm-related discussions with Jenni Minto (local MSP) and Ken Mackintosh (former local MSP and Presiding Officer at the Scottish Government).

12. Governance

- The company's refreshed confirmation statement is due for filing prior to 15th Sept. JB agreed to chase the company's accountant [**Action: JB**].

13. AOB

There followed a brief discussion about Deucheran Hill windfarm and the potential repowering thereof.

No other items were tabled for discussion

DONM: Tues 29th Aug, 2023, 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]