

# EKREG

## Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2021

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

Venue: Remote working: conference via Zoom

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### 1. Apologies for Absence

- None applicable

### 2. Minutes and actions agreed/outstanding at previous meeting (Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June)

- No matters outstanding

### 3. Treasurers' Report

- Management accounts were approved. Approved insurance fees had been paid since the last meeting. An up-to-date bank statement was tabled at the meeting that corresponded with the accounts.

### 4. Correspondence with wind farm operators/developers

- 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.
- A dialogue was ongoing with the Scottish Government to make the offer of CSO a mandatory requirement for windfarm developers across Scotland. This may require direct action by Central Government at Westminster

### 5. CSO

- **Funding Streams**

No updates to report

### 6. BaT3

- **SPR/Iberdrola**

Counter-signed NDAs had been received along with a termsheet that could be shared with the three Community Councils party to the BaT3 CSO. When the offer received was analysed a number of queries required clarification. A meeting with Local Energy Scotland ratified EKREG concerns and they recommended (i) a meeting with SPR, and (ii) engagement of independent financial advice, with cost capitalized against the awarded LES-CARES grant. Meetings to advance both objectives have been scheduled.

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

Advances with marketing elements funded by the recently-awarded Cour Community Fund (administered by Fern Community Funds) have been put 'on hold' pending the outcome of discussions with SPR over the offer associated with BaT3.

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

Monthly report submissions were up-to-date. No other updates to report

## **7. CC Charitable Bodies**

No updates to report

## **8. Communications & Marketing**

- **Marketing**

Work on the Kintyre Wind website frame and text was ongoing in the background

- **Engagement Strategy**

Discussions were ongoing with the CCs as to the need by impacted Scottish communities to have CSO made mandatory.

- **Briefings/CC MoUs**

A meeting had been scheduled to brief two representatives of each of the three community councils involved with the CSO proposal for BaT3 on the offer received from SPR.

## **9. Governance**

The company's new insurance cover, approved by the board at the previous meeting was now in place and associated documentation received & disseminated to all board members.

An identification code had been received from HMRC and transferred, as per request, to the company's accountant

## **10. AOB**

No other matters were tabled at the meeting

**DONM:** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021, 09.00 via Zoom