

EKREG

Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 25th June, 2024

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 (Tuesday 11th June, 2024)

- Minutes of the previous meeting were approved

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

- SPR had responded to the Chairs' question over CBF arrangements allied to their application for an extension to the lifetime of BAT1, and confirmed that payments would be continued on the same basis as the originally established CBF payment plan – which is disappointing and means CBF payments will not meet present-day Scottish Government Expectations/Guidelines.
- Notification had been received of SSE's intent to apply for planning to locate a meteorological mast to gather data for their planned windfarm at High Dalrioch (10 turbines up to 180m tip height), SW of Campbeltown - adjacent to the B642. For further information: <https://www.sserenewables.com/onshore-wind-development/high-dalrioch/>

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

- Lussa Community Wind.
Updated year end accounts/reports had been approved by the Board and circulated to the anchor charities and membership along with instructions to enable the AGM to be convened on Aug 1st @ 18.00.
- East Kintyre Community Fund (EKCF).

The opening date for next call for applications to the EKCF will be 26th July, 2024.
The closing date for this next round of applications will be 6th September, 2024. The call will be advertised in July.

6. ESB – West Torrisdale (WT)

No updates to report

7. Clachaig Glen (CG)

Overdue data was still awaited from RWE

A meeting had been scheduled with QMPF/LES to position CARES support for legal and financial advice allied to Clachaig Glen buy-in

8. High Constellation

No updates to report

9. Cnoc Buidhe (Belltown Power)

The first draft of an NDA remains overdue review by the developer

10. Earraghail (SPR)

No updates to report.

11. Communications & Marketing

• Marketing

Regular updates to the Kintyre Wind website had been completed. JB indicated that significant amendments were required to the text of the website to align with the recent amendment/approval of the refreshed model rules. It was agreed that he would liaise with ER to achieve the required updates over the coming weeks [**Action: JB**].

Engagement Strategy

The 'Share the Wind' petition (PE1885/C) promoting mandatory community shared ownership in Scottish windfarms via land tax reform was briefly tabled at the latest meeting of the Scottish Governments' Citizen Participation and Public Petition Committee. Feedback received from the SNIB and the Environment Minister was tabled. There was significant support for the proposals in the petition with one of the outcomes to consult with the Scottish Government over how the objectives proposed might be achieved. The latest hearing of the petition can be viewed at: [Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee | Scottish Parliament TV](#)

• Communications

A positive response had been received from Scottish Government representatives in relation to discussions as to how CSO could be incentivized or legislated, and an introduction made to the recently-appointed government lead on shared ownership policy. A follow-up meeting is to be tabled downstream.

EKREG representation had been made at exhibition/public consultation events held (i) June 13th in Campbeltown Town Hall regarding a proposed offshore windfarm project in the Malin Sea, in Scottish waters, 23km South of Islay and (ii) June 11th at Carradale Village Hall in relation to RWE's plans for a significant new windfarm development in Carradale Forest further information see: www.rwe.com/deucheranhill2

12. Governance

It was agreed that JB should make contact with another law firm with a view to actioning a change of supplier for legal advice [**Action; JB**]

13. AOB

No other matters were tabled for discussion

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