

EKREG Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 24th August, 2021

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

Venue: Remote working: conference via Zoom

1. Apologies for Absence

- None

2. Minutes and actions agreed/outstanding at previous meeting (Tuesday 10th August)

- No matters outstanding

3. Treasurers' Report

- No transactions to report. Management accounts were approved.

4. Correspondence with wind farm operators/developers

- Notification had been received that PI Renewables had applied to extend their options over their Eascairt windfarm development.
- The latest correspondence received from Energiekontor highlighted their desire to advance their proposed developments at Narachan and Kilberry, while Arnicle advancement had been put 'on hold', at least for the time being. It was agreed that AB should establish another meeting to advance the dialogue with EK over community shared ownership (CSO) ambitions at the two developments being progressed in the region [**Action: AB**]
- No updates to report in connection with early-stage CSO correspondence allied to the ongoing dialogue with Muirden, ESB and SSEN over multiple developments.

5. BaT3

- **SPR/Iberdrola**
Meetings were ongoing to evolve the dialogue with SPR over CSO [**Action: RL/JB**].
- **Community Investment Vehicle: Lussa Community Wind Ltd**
No updates to report.
- **LES/CARES Grant/Tender documentation**
Dialogue with LES was ongoing with regard the CSO negotiations with SPR and the national implications thereof.

6. CC Charitable Bodies

EKCF had convened their annual general meeting

7. Communications & Marketing

- Marketing

It was agreed that EKCF pages should be added to the eastkintyre.org website, until such time as the Kintyre Wind website was 'live' [Action: RE/AB]

- Engagement Strategy

It was noted that a multi-community-led petition entitled 'Share the Wind' promoting community shared ownership in local windfarms had gone 'live' and was attracting attention sufficient to yield a Scottish Government hearing (date to be confirmed).

- Briefings/CC MoUs

A communique lending support to EKREG's goal to have CSO made a mandatory requirement for all new windfarm developments across Scotland had been received from Brendon O'Hara MSP. It was agreed that the EKREG briefing document allied to CSO and the problems experienced therewith should be updated and recirculated to previous recipient MSPs for them to action (incl Jenni Minto and Donald Cameron) and also to Green Party MSPs (incl Arianne Burgess, Lorna Slater and Mark Ruskell) - with a view to gaining cross-party support [Action: AB/JB to follow up]

9. Governance

No updates to report

10. AOB

No other matters were tabled at the meeting

DONM: Tuesday 7th September 2021, 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]