

East Kintyre Renewable Energy Group (EKREG) Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday September 30th, 2019

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

Venue: Rubha Darach, Torrisdale, Argyll PA28 6QT

1. Apologies for Absence

- All members present

2. Minutes of previous meeting (19th September) and review of actions

- It was noted that no actions remain outstanding

3. Correspondence with wind farm operators/developers

- EKREG had followed up previous communiques with 6 developers (plus Narachan – reported further below) but as yet only one response (a 'holding note' had been received despite a fortnight having elapsed since the letters were posted). Further follow-ups maybe required if the situation persists. **Action:** to be reviewed at next meeting

4. EKREG Ltd

- EKREG Ltd had been incorporated at Companies House 16th September as a not-for-profit private company limited by guarantee. Registered number: SC641698.
- The Company had already signed MoUs with EKCC and WKCC whereby EKREG Ltd. would lead on, and represent, both regions' interests in shared ownership schemes in wind farm developments affecting the communities, and discussions had been instigated with SKDT to mirror the existing agreements.
- A quote for Directors & Officers liability and Indemnity Insurance had been sought
- A Campbeltown-based bank a/c to furnish the companies' business activities was in the process of being established – the process would be completed w/c Sept 30th.
- EKREG Ltd will service proposals for matching start-up funding and grant assistance to both WKWFT and EKWFT
- Estimates of in-kind community support provided by the EKREG members to date amounted to >450h *in toto*

5. CBS – Update

- A meeting with Isla McCulloch had been organized to discuss ways in which she might assist EKREG Ltd achieve its goals (30th Sept, 2019)

6. Response to LES

- An updated 'application' was to be returned to LES to gather their guidance in advance of a 'real' submission. **Action: RL**

7. Cour/High Constellation and ECU issues

- ECU objection was still not visible and no response whatsoever had been received to correspondence despatched. **Action: AB** to chase ECU and bring matters to the attention of community councilors via IB with a view to further action

8. Narachan wind farm – public information day

- Feedback received from EnergieKontor was positive in that the event had been well attended and productive discussions had taken place.
- CSO discussions had been instigated

9. A brief EKREG Ltd. board meeting was convened and special resolutions agreed, including the adoption of a revised memorandum to the Articles. **Action: JB** to upload documentation to Companies House, and once done the same would be posted on EK.org website for public consumption as an addendum to the Articles.

10. Communications and marketing

- Antler/press article was put 'on hold' for the time being to await the outcome of discussions ongoing. **Action:** review downstream
- EK.org website. Text to be reviewed and a new entry for EKREG Ltd to be added. **Action: RE/JB**
- EKREG table at Local Development plan open day (9th Nov) was briefly discussed. All parties considered it a good idea. Visual display to be discussed next meeting. **Action: all**

11. AOB

- No other business was tabled

12. DONM

- Agreed: Thursday Oct 10th @10.00 Rubha Darach