

EKREG

Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 21st May, 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 7th May, 2024)

- Minutes of the previous meeting were approved

3. Treasurers' Report

- The company's annual insurance premium had been paid, other than that there were no other payments to report. An up-to-date bank statement was reviewed and approved at the meeting.

4. Correspondence with wind farm operators/developers

- The Chair had corresponded with ESB over their contact in relation to an offshore project in the Malin Sea, in Scottish waters, 23km South of Islay.

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

- Lussa Community Wind.
It was agreed that JB would chase the accountant over the production of year end Companies House reporting requirements plus reports for board and membership approval in advance of submission to the FCA, so that a date for the AGM could be set [**Action: JB**].

Anchor charity treasurers had promptly returned their end of year reports to the Chair, who had expeditiously returned the completed annual report 'pack' to SPR aka BAT3 CBFs.

A remittance advice note had been received from SPR with regard incoming community benefit payment allied to the operation of BaT3 2023-24 financial year.

- East Kintyre Community Fund (EKCF).

The EKCF AGM had been convened. Trish Collins was appointed to the vacant position as Chair.

The opening date for next call for applications to the EKCF will be advertised in early Autumn.

The **Cour Community Fund** (now managed by Foundation Scotland) will meet in Carradale Village hall on 21 May to consider a large number of applications. Details of the fund can be found at <https://eastkintyre.org/cour-community-fund/>

6. ESB – West Torrisdale (WT)

No updates to report

7. Clachaig Glen (CG)

Meeting minutes had been amended as per RWE's request and returned for their approval.

The Chair had responded to RWE over the sharing of micro met data.

It was agreed that JB would revisit the unreceived Fhroach investment template with the legal team [**Action: JB**].

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.

- **Engagement Strategy**

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 – was last tabled by the committee Wed Oct 25th. On this occasion there was agreement that the pursuit of this petition was worthwhile and in the best interests of the rural communities impacted by many windfarms. The committee agreed to chase SNIB, LES and the Environment Minister for their support/input. The Energy Minister's response had already been received but it was inadequate and the petitioner had responded accordingly to the committee. The latest hearing of the petition can be viewed (and is minuted) at: [Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee 15th Meeting, 2023 | Scottish Parliament Website](#).

- **Communications**

JB to chase Scottish Government representatives for an update on discussions as to how CSO could be incentivized or legislated, with a view to establishing a follow-up meeting downstream [**Action: JB**].

12. Governance

It was agreed that JB would chase the accountant for the end of year financials [**Action: JB**].

The company's insurance cover had been renewed.

13. AOB

The discussion focused on the viability of a community-owned/Joint venture PV installation. It was concluded that a local PV operation did not provide a viable option in the present financial climate for the community.

DONM: Tues 28th May, 2024. 13.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]