

EKREG Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 17th April, 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 (Tues 2nd April, 2024)

- Minutes of the previous meeting were approved

3. Treasurers' Report

- There were no transactions to report other than routine monthly bank charges. An up-to-date bank statement was reviewed and approved at the meeting.

4. Correspondence with wind farm operators/developers

- No updates to report

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

- Lussa Community Wind.
FCA approval had been received for the modified Society's model rules to accommodate the proposed extension of LCW so that it can service all locally-impacted communities invited by developers to participate in future offers of CBF and/or CSO.

It was agreed that JB would liaise with the accountant over the production of end of year financial reports and tax returns, and also remind the anchor charity treasurers that end of year reports would soon fall due for submission to SPR aka BAT3 CBFs
[Action: JB]

- East Kintyre Community Fund (EKCF).

The latest call for applications had closed and had been well-subscribed to. The opening date for next call for applications will be advertised in due course – meantime interested parties should contact info.ekcf@gmail.com. For further information and application details see [East Kintyre Community Fund \(kintyrewind.com\)](http://kintyrewind.com).

- Applications for funding from community groups and charities are currently sought by the **Cour Fund** (now managed by Foundation Scotland) see: www.ti-nyurl.com/courfund and/or contact Rachel@foundationscotland.co.uk and by **East Kintyre Windfarm Trust** for further information and application details for this fund see East Kintyre Windfarm Trust or contact ekccwft@hotmail.com

6. ESB – West Torrisdale (WT)

- It was agreed that the Chair would follow up correspondence received in connection with an offshore development [Action: AB].

7. Clachaig Glen (CG)

- A response had been received from the RWE Project Team. I was agreed that JB would liaise with AB over comments received on last meeting minutes [Action: JB/AB].
- It was agreed that RL would chase QMPF/LES over outstanding financial model access/costs and availability of pricing forecasts [Action: RL]

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.

A poster had been produced and was now being disseminated for display in targeted spots across East Kintyre.

- 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

As yet no further correspondence had been received from Scottish Government representatives who had engaged in open discussions as to how CSO could be incentivized or legislated. A further meeting is anticipated/promised downstream.

12. Governance

- JB was tasked with submitting the required information to allow the accountant to prepare and file (as required) end of year financial accounting information for EKREG and Lussa Community Wind [Action: JB].

13. AOB

No other matters were discussed

DONM: Tues 7th May, 2024. 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]