

# EKREG Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2021

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

Venue: Remote working: conference via Zoom

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## 1. Apologies for Absence

- None

## 2. Minutes and actions agreed/outstanding at previous meeting (Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September)

- No matters outstanding

## 3. Treasurers' Report

- No transactions to report. Management accounts were approved.

## 4. Correspondence with wind farm operators/developers

- Details were still awaited from South Knapdale CC regarding EDF contact re Airigh (Nr. Kilberry) windfarm in order to introduce EKREG and begin CSO dialogue.
- AB had written to Intelligent Land Investment (ILI) with regard CBF/CSO opportunities in their planned battery storage expansion at Carradale's sub-station. SSEN will be holding a public consultation event in relation to the expansion of Carradale sub-station at Carradale Village Hall Nov. 4/5th
- ESB had been corresponding with EKCC with regard their planned wind farm at West Torrisdale and a public consultation event in connection with this highly impactful development has been scheduled by the developer Dec. 10/11<sup>th</sup> at Carradale Village Hall.
- There were no updates to report in connection with early-stage CSO correspondence allied to the ongoing dialogue with EnergieKontor, Muirden and ESB over multiple developments.

## 5. BaT3

- **SPR/Iberdrola**

Discussions were progressing over the payment of Community Benefit Funds, and legal agreements underpinning.

- **Community Investment Vehicle: Lussa Community Wind Ltd**

It was agreed that JB should service all pioneer shareholders with their requisite share certification [**Action: JB**].

- **LES/CARES Grant/Tender documentation**

Plans for the payment of the invoice received from the commissioned FCA-approved financial advisor had been agreed with LES, with a view to full reimbursement of costs via the LES/CARES grant awarded to EKREG to service BaT3 negotiations over CSO.

## 6. CC Charitable Bodies

No updates to report.

## 7. Communications & Marketing

### - Marketing

Routine updates had been made to the eastkintyre.org website

### - Engagement Strategy

A multi-community-led petition entitled 'Share the Wind' (PE1885) promoting community shared ownership in local windfarms had received significant support when tabled by the Scottish Governments' Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021, and the debate will be revisited and continued at some, yet to be confirmed, date before Xmas. The discussion can be viewed live @ <https://www.scottishparliament.tv/>.

### - Briefings/CC MoUs

It was agreed that JB would prompt Donald Cameron for his support for the petition and AB would service Brendan O'Hara and Paul Sweeney with the latest version of the CSO briefing document which provided a land tax solution to ensure mandatory CSO payments by all developers across Scotland and thus yield parity with similar arrangements in several Scandinavian countries [**Action: AB/JB**].

## 9. Governance

QMPF's invoice had been received and transferred to the Treasurer for payment.

## 10. AOB

No other matters were tabled at the meeting

**DONM:** Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021, 09.30 [virtual meeting: Zoom]