

# EKREG Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020

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 applicable

## 2. Minutes and actions agreed/outstanding at previous meeting (Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> Sept.)

- No actions remain outstanding

## 3. Treasurers' Report

- Management accounts were approved. No interim transactions to report.

## 4. Correspondence with wind farm operators/developers

- No updates to report

## 5. CSO

### - Model Rules - FCA Update

Feedback on the dispensing charity constitution, guidance notes and associated documentation had been received from Campbeltown and East Kintyre CCs. West Kintyres' still to be received.

### - Funding Streams

No communication had been received from A&BC with regard their potentially positive dialogue with LES/CARES regarding financial support had been followed-up. JB agreed to follow up [**Action: JB**].

A formal acknowledgement of receipt had been received but detailed response to RL's communication to Scottish Ministers over community access to funds to support their buy-in to renewable energy developments via access to PWLB funds and other government vehicles was still awaited.

### - FLS/MCS Update

- No updates to report

## 6. BaT3

The ongoing focus is on the evolution of documentation received from SPR aimed at facilitating discussions between SPR, EKREG and the CCs involved, with a view to sight of HoTs 4Q20. Feedback currently awaited from SPR.

### - LES/CARES Grant/Tender documentation

- No updates to report

### - CC Charitable Bodies

OSCR had declined the opportunity to review the governance documentation underpinning the EK Charity prior to the registration of the charity as this was outwith their usual modus operandi.

- **C-19 and other concerns**

No updates to report.

#### 7. **Clachaig Glen (RWE/Abundance)**

- No updates to report

#### 8. **Tangy IV**

- No updates to report

#### 9. **NDA Update**

- No updates to report

#### 10. **Communications & Marketing**

##### - **Marketing**

Endeavours to gain national press coverage to highlight EKREG activity and the approval of the multi-community Benefit Society 'Rules' plus the benefits associated had spurned minimal interest, so local press coverage would be advanced in parallel with other means of disseminating the information to communities via LES/CARES and CSS [Action: RE/JB].

- Approval had been received from the FCA and from Companies House for the adoption of 'East Kintyre Community Fund' as the title for the charity to be established to disseminate East Kintyre funds.

##### - **Engagement Strategy**

RE had identified suitable software to facilitate online form development and submission in a secure manner online.

##### - **Briefings/CC MoUs**

An MoU enabling EKREG to formally represent Gigha CC interests in windfarm negotiations had been reportedly signed off and should be received soon. No further updates to report

##### - **Website**

No updates outstanding

#### 11. **Governance**

Insurance documentation had been received and circulated to all members of EKREG.

The company's statutory annual confirmation statement was due to be e-filed at Companies House prior to Oct 9<sup>th</sup> [Action: JB].

#### 12. **AOB**

No other matters were tabled at this meeting

#### 12. **DONM:** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 09.00 via Zoom [AB to host]