

# EKREG

## Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2024

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

Venue: Remote working: conference via Zoom

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### 1. Apologies for Absence

- None

### 2. Minutes and actions outstanding at previous meeting (Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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

- Consent has been granted for EnergieKontor Ltd to progress their Section 36 proposal to build Rowan windfarm 4.5km northwest of Tarbert (Nr. Kilberry) (see: [Scottish Government - Energy Consents Unit - Application Details](#)). The windfarm will provide an installed capacity of 85MW and comprise 13 turbines with tip heights up to 200m, plus 5MW battery storage and associated infrastructure.

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

- Lussa Community Wind.  
JB had submitted the required end of year financial data to the accountant and was liaising over the production of year end Companies House reporting requirements plus reports for board and membership approval in advance of submission to the FCA.

Anchor charity treasurers had been prompted for their end of year reports with a view to The Chair submitting the completed annual report 'pack' to SPR aka BAT3 CBFs before the end of the month [**Action: RL/JB**].

- East Kintyre Community Fund (EKCF).

A date for the EKCF AGM had been agreed, and a Chair was expected to be appointed at that meeting. Several nominations had been received.

A tranche meeting was held on 22 March when 11 grants totalling £89,484 were awarded. A further grant of £30,000 will be confirmed if the applicant meets the conditions imposed. Full details of the awards can be found at [East Kintyre Community Fund \(kintyrewind.com\)](#).

The opening date for next call for applications will be advertised in due course.

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)

The Chair had followed up correspondence received in connection with an offshore development.

## 7. Clachaig Glen (CG)

QMPF/LES had made little progress with sourcing access to financial model/costs and pricing forecasts

It was agreed the Chair would respond to RWE over the sharing of micro met data [Action: AB]

## 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 marketing funds available to community groups/projects in, or benefitting, East Kintyre had been disseminated for display in targeted spots across the district

- **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 25<sup>th</sup>. 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**

It was agreed that JB should 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

The required information had been submitted to the accountant to prepare and file end of year financial accounting information for EKREG.

Annual renewal of the companies' insurance was approaching. JB agreed to chase and circulate updated information once received [**Action: JB**]

**13. AOB**

No other matters were discussed

**DONM:** Tues 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2024. 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]