

EKREG Meeting Minutes

Date: Mon. 24th March, 2025

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 (Mon 10th March, 2025)

- Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. There were no significant actions outstanding.

3. Treasurers' Report

- There had been no transactions since the last meeting. 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.

Receipts had been received from all anchor charities in connection with the latest disbursement of funds agreed prior to the financial year-end.

The Secretary had serviced the Society's accountant with the necessary financial information to prepare end of year accounts/reports for submission to Companies House/FCA respectively.

Actions pertaining to the AGM were discussed. And a meeting date of 7th August @18.30 provisionally agreed for the AGM.

- Community Funds (EKCF/CCWF/WKCF).

The most recent funding round for the East Kintyre Community Fund had now closed and the latest applications were under consideration. For further information see www.eastkintyre.org

For up to date information on/application details/contact points for WKCF and CCWF see www.kintyrewind.com

6. West Torrisdale

No updates to report

7. Clachaig Glen

No updates to report

8. Killean and Tangy IV

No updates to report

9. Cnoc Buidhe (Belltown Power)

No updates to report.

10. High Constellation

No updates to report.

11. Communications & Marketing

- **Marketing**

Routine website updates had been completed, and correspondence responded to.

Engagement Strategy

The petitioner had been notified that the 'Share the Wind' petition (PE1885/C) promoting mandatory community shared ownership in Scottish windfarms via land tax reform would be tabled (once again) at the 2nd April meeting of the Scottish Governments' Citizen Participation and Public Petition Committee. The hearing can be viewed at: [Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee | Scottish Parliament TV.](#)

- **Communications**

A response was still awaited from the civil servants with whom EKREG were liaising with regard an update meeting in connection with ongoing behind-the-scenes activity allied to changing government policy on community ownership.

The Chair had responded to an invitation to participate in a LES-organised Workshop on Community Shared Ownership.

12. Governance

The company's accounts must be filed prior to 15th December, 2025. It was agreed that the Secretary would liaise with the company's accountant over the preparation of the annual accounts when the timing was appropriate.

13. AOB

Discussion focused on the adverse media resulting from FLS' decision not to allow a Cowal community-owned company to develop Cruach Mor as a windfarm, in preference to leasing the land to a mainstream developer – a situation replicating EKs' position in relation to Carradale Forest.

DONM: Tues 22nd March, 2025. 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]