

EKREG Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 17th September, 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 (Tuesday 3rd Sept, 2024)

- Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. Treasurers' Report

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

4. Correspondence with wind farm operators/developers

- A meeting had been scheduled with RES aka an update with regard their plans for an electricity discount scheme, benefit funding and shared ownership opportunity should their planned development on Killean Estate be consented downstream.
- A meeting had been scheduled with SSEN with regard benefit funding and shared ownership in their planned extension and repowering of Tangy IV should consents be granted.

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

- Lussa Community Wind.

No updates to report – all actions had been completed.

- East Kintyre Community Fund (EKCF).

All EKCF Trustees had participated in a 'Trustee Training Event'.

The latest call for applications to the EKCF closed on 6th September, 2024. The decision-making meeting where all the latest applications will be considered will be convened 26th Sept.

6. ESB – West Torrisdale (WT)

No updates to report

7. Clachaig Glen (CG)

The Scottish Government Decision with regard this development is overdue (news expected August).

An extraordinary CARES grant to fund legal and financial advice has been submitted to Local Energy Scotland (LES) and awaits Scottish Government approval.

8. High Constellation

No updates to report

9. Cnoc Buidhe (Belltown Power)

A constructive meeting had taken place with the executive team @ Belltown to discuss terms available to extend CSO beyond the 1+4% terms tabled (if this development was to be eventually granted consent by A&BC/Scottish Government). An NDA was signed-off between the parties and an MoU agreed between the parties that will require consultation with the Community Councils invited by the developer to participate in their offer of shared ownership.

An application for CARES support to advance negotiations with Belltown had been uploaded to the CARES portal.

10. Earraghail (SPR)

No updates to report.

11. Communications & Marketing

- **Marketing**

Regular updates to the Kintyre Wind website had been completed. Additional amendments to align with the recent amendment/approval of the refreshed model rules were 80% complete. Action ongoing.

Engagement Strategy

Following the latest tabling of The 'Share the Wind' petition (PE1885/C) promoting mandatory community shared ownership in Scottish windfarms via land tax reform by the Scottish Governments' Citizen Participation and Public Petition Committee, the petitioner had responded to the Committee's feedback by the SNIB and Environment Minister. The latest hearing of the petition can be viewed at: [Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee | Scottish Parliament TV](#)

- **Communications**

JB had chased the civil servants with whom EKREG were liaising with a view to receiving an update on their progress with changing government policy on community ownership. As yet no response had been received.

A date for the next ACT-led Working Group meeting had been received. It was agreed that AB would participate (given JB is unavailable on the date set) to represent Kintyre Wind interests - the main item on the agenda will be the establishment of the working Group's remit, role and objectives.

12. Governance

The confirmation statement needs filed/updated at Companies House for EKREG. This is due before 25th September. JB was liaising with the accountant to ensure the filing was filed prior to the deadline [**Action: JB**]

13. AOB

Given residents' concerns raised about several local windfarm developments impacting West Kintyre and questions over EKREG/Lussa activities in relation to community

shared ownership, AB proposed that he contacts the convenor with a view to participating in the next WKCC meeting, and RL indicated he would prepare a handout for this (and other similar occasions) outlining the principles of community shared ownership [**Action: RL and AB**]

DONM: Tues 8th Oct., 2024. 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]