# EKREG Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 19th November, 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 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2024)

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

#### 3. Treasurers' Report

• The 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

No updates to report

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

• Lussa Community Wind.

The Society's insurance cover had been renewed. The Secretary was tasked with obtaining a receipt for payment from the agent handling [Action: JB].

East Kintyre Community Fund (EKCF).

No updates to report.

• Campbeltown Community Windfarm Fund

At a recent meeting of Campbeltown Community Council a total of £41,198 in grant awards had been agreed shared between multiple organisations, with a further £18K in grant awards under consideration.

See: CCC Minutes 12th Nov 2024 - Campbeltown Community Council

West Kintyre Community Fund

No updates to report

## 6. West Torrisdale and High Constellation

No updates to report

#### 7. Clachaig Glen

A meeting with the project management team at RWE had been scheduled for  $12^{th}$  December, with a view to discussing timings for the receipt of termsheet and other equity-associated matters.

Local Energy Scotland had reported Scottish Government approval for an extraordinary grant to meet legal and financial costs to underpin early-stage discussions/documentation associated with the assessment of the offer forthcoming.

Professional advisors and potential lenders had been informed that this development had been consented following the outcome of a Scottish Government Hearing

## 8. Killean and Tangy IV

No updates to report

#### 9. Cnoc Buidhe (Belltown Power)

No updates to report.

### 10. Earraghail (SPR)

No updates to report.

#### 11. Communications & Marketing

#### Marketing

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

## **Engagement Strategy**

There were no updates to report on the 'Share the Wind' petition (PE1885/C) promoting mandatory community shared ownership in Scottish windfarms via land tax reform. The latest hearing of the petition by the Scottish Governments' Citizen Participation and Public Petition Committee can be viewed at: <a href="Citizen Participation and Public Petitions">Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee</a> | Scottish Parliament TV

#### Communications

AB had, as agreed with WKCC, participated in the latest meeting of WKCC on  $18^{\rm th}$  Nov. to answer questions about EKREG/LCW activities and community shared ownership opportunities (CSO). It was agreed that AB would follow-up be sending a one page document outlining the principles of CSO for WKCC to circulate to interested parties [Action: AB]

JB had still not received a response from the civil servants with whom EKREG were liaising with regard an update meeting in connection with ongoing behind-thescenes activity allied to changing government policy on community ownership.

#### 12. Governance

No matters outstanding

#### 13. AOB

It was agreed that the Chair would re-establish contact with the developer@ High Constellation Windfarm with a view to CBF discussions and fathoming updated timelines [Action: AB].

**DONM:** Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2024. 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]