EKREG Meeting Minutes

Date: Tues. 15th July, 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 (Tues 1st July, 2025)

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

3. Treasurers' Report

• There had been no transactions levied against the account 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.

The accountant's invoice had been paid and a receipt received.

Accounts and tax returns require formal approval at the virtual AGM on August 7^{th} prior to submission to HMRC and the FCA.

Community Funds (EKCF/CCWF/WKCF).

EKCF is open for the next round of applications 25th July. For the latest news from the anchor charities and application forms/eligibility For EKCF see www.eastkintyre.org. For WKCF and CCWF see www.kintyrewind.com

Work is currently underway to progress the job description for a fund administrators' post

6. West Torrisdale

The deadline for representation by A&BC with regard ESBs' S36 application has been extended – representation can now be lodged until 21st Aug. 2025

7. Clachaig Glen

The project remains 'on hold' following consent for the development by the Scottish Government, pending negotiations internally and with SSEN regarding grid connection. An update meeting is anticipated.

8. Killean

No updates to report

9. Tangy IV

On hold – pending reapplication to increase turbine size

10. Cnoc Buidhe (Belltown Power)

No updates to report – S36 application under consideration by A&BC.

11. High Constellation

Still no response received from the developer to the Chairs' correspondence.

12. Deucheran Hill 2 (repowering and extension)

Viewpoints for the visual assessment exercise had been reviewed and agreed.

13. Meall Mor

It would appear that local community councils have not yet been notified about this proposed development by the Scottish Energy Consents Unit. For further in formation see https://www.energyconsents.scot application ref ECU00006205.

14. Communications & Marketing

Marketing

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

Engagement Strategy

The petition (PE1885) submitted by a local resident to the Scottish Governments Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee, (and supported by EKREG) received its Ninth hearing on 2nd April. The Committee once again supported the proposals and the matter was, once again, referred to the Scottish Government for feedback/action. The minutes of the meeting can be accessed here: <a href="https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/committees/current-and-previous-committees/session-6-citizen-participation-and-public-petitions-committee/meetings/2025/citizen-participation-and-public-petitions-committee-02-april-2025 and a video of recording of the session is available to watch here. The Official Report (a reliable written record of what is said in public meetings) is a available on the petition's webpage at: Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee Scottish Parliament TV.

Communications

The Chair, as agreed, had taken the lead on the completion of a UK Government Consultation document probing community benefit funding and community shared ownership. Submission had been made in advance of the 16th July deadline and confirmation of receipt received

An invitation had been received from Community Energy Scotland to participate in a virtual roundtable discussion that will inform Scottish Government policy actions allied to community benefit funding and community shared ownership. The event is to be scheduled July $31^{\rm st}$

13. Governance

The Secretary had serviced the company's accountant with the required documentation to enable him to prepare the company's accounts and tax return due $\,$ prior to 15^{th} December, 2025.

14. AOB

No other matters were tabled

DONM: Tues 5th August, 2025. 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]