EKREG Meeting Minutes

Date: Tues. 1st 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 17th June, 2025)

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

3. Treasurers' Report

• There had been only routine monthly bank charges 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.

Payment of the accountant for the received accounts and FCA reports was authorized, and the Secretary tasked with chasing a receipt for the payment.

Accounts and tax returns require formal approval at the virtual AGM on August 7th prior to submission to HMRC, Companies House 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

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' recent correspondence.

12. Deucheran Hill 2 (repowering and extension)

The latest update from RWE indicates that DH1 will be dismantled in 2026. The site is planned for redevelopment and extension with a grid connection target proposed in 2034. The current plan is for 14 turbines up to 220m tip height.

13. 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 agreed to take the lead on the completion of a UK Government Consultation document probing community benefit funding and community shared ownership. The deadline for completion is 16th July.

13. Governance

The Secretary was tasked with submitting the required documentation to the accountant 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

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