

East Kintyre Renewable Energy Group (EKREG) Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, November 11th, 2019

Present: Alasdair Bennett ('Chair'), Jerry Barnes and Rob Lee

Venue: Brudhearg, Waterfoot, Argyll PA28 6QX

1. Apologies for Absence

- Apologies received in advance from Rhona Elder

2. Minutes of previous meeting (10th October) and review of actions

- Actions outstanding: Draw down of additional insurance quotes (JB)
- New Actions resulting: Chase LES for response aka grant outline preapp [RL]
Liase with Eric Tough (ET) once Mems and Arts merged [JB]

3. Correspondence with wind farm operators/developers

- Current position was reviewed and actions agreed:
RES to be recontacted aka potential interest in sale of Blary Hill and/or Killean [AB]
RES to be recontacted and an NDA template forwarded aka CSO in Killean [AB/JB]
PI Renewables ownership of Eascairt to be explored [RL]

4. EKREG Ltd.

- (i) Bank account
 - Current balance £4.
 - Cheque received for £6250 from WKWFT and loan element (£4K) acknowledged by RL - to be credited before next meeting [AB]
 - Cheque awaited from EKWFT for £6250 and this too will be formally acknowledged on receipt [JB] and credited soon as received [AB]
- (ii) NDAs
 - Confidential dialogue discussed that had taken place since last meeting
- (iii) Directors L&I Insurance
 - Actioned – point 2 above
- (iv) Applications to EK and WK WFTs for grant/loan assistance
 - EKCCWFT application for funds to match those received from WKCCWFT was successful and a cheque would be issued without delay

5. Cour - Octopus Investments update

- EKREG await response from Harrison Brook aka Cour wind farm
- AB to participate in Cour Wind Farm meeting evening Mon 11th Nov.

6. MoUs with Kintyre Communities

- SKDT MoU received/signed off – matching the agreement for EKREG to represent SKDT as well as EK and WK CCs
- T&S Renewables – dialogue had been initiated resulting in a meet on 3rd Dec
- Campbeltown CC – dialogue had been initiated with a meet date tbc [AB]

7. Communications & Marketing:

- a. Antler Article
 - Published in advance of open day
- b. EKREG table at Local Development Plan Open Day (9 November) 12 - 6
 - JB/AB/RL manned the EKREG display from 12- 6 in what proved to be a most productive and well organised event that was well attended by local residents throughout the day

8. Bat3 – recent developments

- Amazon PPA contract to buy all power outcoming from Bat3 was discussed
- Correspondence received makes it clear that Arran will be included in CBF discussions (this sets a precedent in terms of geography/catchment aka current Scottish Government Best Practice expectations). CBF meeting to be arranged at Waterfoot for March [AB to lead correspondence]
- SPR to be recontacted aka BaT3 and an NDA template forwarded with a view to furthering Technical and Corporate due diligence prior to any downstream CSO discussions with SPR [RL to draft and AB to dispatch]

9. Community Asset Transfers from FLS

- EoIs had been registered by RL with FLS aka 4 local sites in EK. Feedback awaited.
- Financials associated with small community-owned hydro developments were discussed. The conclusion was that unless subsidies are reintroduced in the New Year such developments do not presently stack up from a break-even/profitability point of view. Need to decide if EKREG wishes to be proactive in raising this at Govt level

10. Sheirdrim

- The timing of initiation of CSO discussions with SPR over their Sheirdrim development was discussed and the sensitivities recognised. It was agreed that EKREG should gauge WKCCWFTs views [AB to liase with MP]

11. Any Other Business

- Paragraph to be drafted for IB to present at upcoming area council meets [JB]
- RL to chase SSE over transmission maps
- RL to explore CBS constitutional max investment ceiling (and if necessary discuss with Isla)

12. DONM

Agreed: Monday, 25th November (Brudhearg, Waterfoot)@ 10.00