

EKREG

Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 29th August, 2023

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 15th Aug, 2023)

- Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. Treasurers' Report

- The first of two Ward Hadaway invoices had been paid (aka NDA negotiation with RWE over Clachaig Glen investment) and receipt obtained to enable reimbursement via CARES grant in due course, plus routine monthly bank charges. 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.
A response was still awaited from SPR following the requested clarification (sent) with regard a few specific donations made by the Anchor Charities from their 2022-23 budgets.
- East Kintyre Community Fund (EKCF).
The next call for applications is open, as advertised in the Campbeltown Courier – this funding round will close 8th Sept. 2023. Applications are invited from projects meeting the funding criteria, See <https://www.eastkintyre.org/east-kintyre-community-fund/> for further information.

6. ESB – West Torrisdale (WT)

- A response from ESB remains outstanding in connection with the Chairs communique to clarify the situation over planning submissions and gauge progress with ESB's planned Section 36 application (originally scheduled for end-June).

7. Clachaig Glen (CG)

- A final text had been agreed with RWE's legal team. But the signed-off copy expected to be received from them for counter-signing had not yet materialised. JB had chased the legal team while AB had pushed the RWE commercial team for sight of the NDA.

8. High Constellation

- A response from BayWa with regard the Chair's approach to progress CBF discussions was overdue.

9. Cnoc Buidhe (Belltown Power)

- No updates to report

10. Earraghail

- The Chair had written to SPR aka meeting schedules, but there had been no response and thus no updates to report. The development is subject to appeal.

11. Communications & Marketing

- Marketing

Regular updates to the Kintyre Wind website had been completed.

Invoicing arrangements for websites with the managers involved had been discussed and matters outstanding resolved

- Engagement Strategy

There were no updates to report with regard the 'Share the Wind' petition (PE1885/C) promoting mandatory community shared ownership in Scottish windfarms via land tax reform – currently being discussed by the Scottish Governments' Citizen Participation and Public Petition Committee. The petitioner awaits a response from the new Energy Minister, Gillian Martin, who – having seemingly accepted that this matter is worthy of further exploration – seeks to discuss the proposals. The petition will be retabled once actions outstanding have been addressed.

- Communications

No updates to report

12. Governance

- The company's refreshed confirmation statement is due for filing prior to 15th Sept. JB had chased the company's accountant.

13. AOB

The timing of applications to East (November) and West Kintyre (September) wind farm Trusts was discussed with regard the meeting of costs moving forward

No other items were tabled for discussion

DONM: Tues 12th Sept, 2023, 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]