

EKREG

Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 7th November, 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 24th Oct, 2023)

- Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. Treasurers' Report

- The only transaction to report was monthly bank charges. An up-to-date bank statement was reviewed and approved at the meeting.

4. Correspondence with wind farm operators/developers

- Killlean: A meeting had been held with RES. CBFs will be paid if the development receives planning permission, and CSO at FID will be open for discussion
- Colashee: A meeting had been held with EPower. CBFs will be paid if the development receives planning permission, and CSO open for discussion

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

- Lussa Community Wind.
The Directors had agreed the renewal of the ongoing PI policy. The premium had been paid, receipt received and the annual cover instigated
- East Kintyre Community Fund (EKCF).
The next call for applications will open February 2024. 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)

- It was agreed that a reminder should be dispatched to the RWE team aka overdue documentation to be exchanged under NDA to further confidential discussions.

8. High Constellation

- No response had been received from Bay Wa aka the Chairs' enquiry with regard their plans for CBFs, following-up previous discussions where the community's preferences to utilize the structures already established within Kintyre Wind to disseminate funds incoming were clearly iterated.

9. Cnoc Buidhe (Belltown Power)

- A positive meeting involving open discussions had been held with the developer involving all stakeholders

10. Earraghail

- The public domain agreement between FLS and SPR had eventually been received. The lengthy document contained little reference to communities impacted by wind-farm developments in terms of guarantees to CSO and/or CBFs

11. Communications & Marketing

- Marketing

Regular updates to the Kintyre Wind website had been completed.

- Engagement Strategy

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 – was tabled at the latest meeting of the committee Wed Oct 25th. The committee agreed that the Scottish Government did have the power to instigate the proposed legislation and there was agreement that the pursuit of this petition was worthwhile and in the best interests of the rural communities impacted by many windfarms. The committee proposed various views on how the petitioners' requests could be realized. The committee agreed to chase SNIB, LES and the Environment Minister for their support/input. The discussion is minuted at: [Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee 15th Meeting, 2023 | Scottish Parliament Website.](#)

- Communications

A meeting date had been established to update Jenni Minto MSP on Kintyre windfarm activities and advance her support for the 'share the wind' petition.

12. Governance

The Directors were unanimous in thanking East Kintyre Windfarm Trust for their approval of a £3K grant to support EKREG administrative costs for the next 4 years.

13. AOB

The 'Ripple Energy' model for windfarm investment was flagged as worthy of further exploration.

DONM: Tues 21st November, 2023, 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]