

# EKREG

## Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2022

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

Venue: Remote working: conference via Zoom

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### 1. Apologies for Absence

- None

### 2. Minutes and actions outstanding at previous meeting (Tues 21<sup>st</sup> June)

- No matters outstanding. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

### 3. Treasurers' Report

- There were no transactions to report other than routine bank charges. An up-to-date bank statement was reviewed and approved at the meeting.

### 4. Correspondence with wind farm operators/developers

- The Chairman had written to EnergieKontor and SSE with regard their proposed developments at Breackerie and High Dalrioch, respectively, to (re)express the communities' interests in exploring CSO in these developments, if consented. Meaningful discussions in relation to such were awaited.
- The ongoing dialogue with FLS with regard Clachaig Glen had revealed the RWE had also won the tender for a development in Carradale Forest that would likely be advanced on a timescale parallel with the repowering of Deucheran Hill, and will facilitate the opportunity for significant co-ownership by the community.

### 5. ESB – West Torrisdale (WT)

- A positive meeting had taken place as scheduled with ESB and progress with the agreed 'CSO road map' discussed in relation to their development at West Torrisdale. During the course of discussions ESB reiterated that under no circumstances would they reapply for planning consent for masts taller than those originally proposed, other than possibly in a couple of cases. RL had forwarded a draft MoU for processing/amendment by ESB, the return of which was awaited for sign off following ESB Exec Board approval.

### 6. Clachaig Glen (CG)

- Following a positive meeting with RWE where it was agreed that EKREG would pursue the offer tabled of up to 49% equity stake at Financial Investment Decision Date (FID) and/or min 10% equity stake at Commissioning Date point (CD), AB had corresponded with the six communities invited to participate in the offer; RL had submitted CARES grant paperwork to LES and this had been followed-up with a meeting with LES to discuss assistance with financials and legals. An NDA was awaited from RWE to facilitate progress and advance the technical information exchange required to enable a robust business plan to be built to facilitate a dialogue with regard raising the significant capital required.

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

- Receipts for the latest donations to the three charities associated with the dissemination of CBF payments from BaT3 had been received and filed. An agenda and information had been disseminated to all founder members and anchor charity members in advance of the LCW AGM (2<sup>nd</sup> August@ 18.00).
- EKCF funding for eligible projects would be advertised during August and promoted at an Open Day scheduled in Carradale Village Hall Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> August.

## 8. Communications & Marketing

### - Marketing

RE had completed routine updates to websites.

### - Engagement Strategy

The community petition entitled 'Share the Wind' (PE1885/C) promoting mandatory community shared ownership in Scottish windfarms via land tax reform applicable to developers had been quickly re-tabled by the Scottish Governments' Citizen Participation and Public Petition Committee. The latest hearing at which the petition was tabled can be viewed at: [https://www.scottishparliament.tv/meeting/citizen-participation-and-public-petitions-committee-june-29-2022?clip\\_start=10:05:10&clip\\_end=10:12:09](https://www.scottishparliament.tv/meeting/citizen-participation-and-public-petitions-committee-june-29-2022?clip_start=10:05:10&clip_end=10:12:09). On this occasion the outcomes were positive and the question of using land tax reform to provide the necessary legislative powers was reiterated, and the Minister subject to prudent questioning on the subject from Paul Sweeney and Fergus Ewing, in particular. The Minister was tasked to chase answers to some questions and report back to the committee when it next convenes to retable the motion.

### - Briefings/CC MoUs

There was a brief discussion relating to the potential agenda for a cross-Kintyre Community Council meet likely to be scheduled 3Q22.

## 9. Governance

- JB agreed to check if a receipt had been received in lieu of the recent payment of the annual insurance premium.

## 10. AOB

- A positive meeting had taken place with Tim Bailey (recently-appointed Project Manager at MACC) at which various projects at MACC that are currently in their scoping stages were discussed.

**DONM:** Tues 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022, 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]