

# EKREG

## Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August, 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 26<sup>th</sup> July)

- 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

- Notification had been received from SSEN Transmission that two public consultation events were scheduled in connection with Earraghail and Tangy IV Connection Projects. Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug. 2-7 pm Campbeltown Town Hall; Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2-7 pm Whitehouse Village Hall or online [via the SSEN project webpage] Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> 5-7 pm

### 5. ESB – West Torrisdale (WT)

- It was agreed that RL would seek acknowledgement of receipt of MoU draft from ESB [Action: RL].

### 6. Clachaig Glen (CG)

- A draft NDA had been received from RWE, and a CARES grant application submitted to LES seeking grant support to cover the engagement of legal advisors for this first stage of the CG project [Action: JB/RL].

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

- LCW Annual General Meeting had been convened as scheduled and a number of quorate decisions made, enabling the submission of annual accounts to be made by the Chair to the FCA
- East Kintyre Community Fund (EKCF) was open for applications for eligible projects – with a closing date for applications for first-round funds of September 9<sup>th</sup>. Applications to the fund will be promoted at an Open Day scheduled in Carradale Village Hall Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> August and will also be advertised in the Courier. Application information: [www.kintyrewind.com/east-kintyre-community-fund](http://www.kintyrewind.com/east-kintyre-community-fund) or contact the fund secretary at [info.ekcf@gmail.com](mailto:info.ekcf@gmail.com)

### 8. Cnoc Buidhe (Belltown Power)

- Belltown Power had reiterated their original position on CSO with no consideration/feedback on proposals made to extend community ownership.

## 9. Communications & Marketing

### - Marketing

Discussions focused mainly on preparation for the Open Day at Carradale Village Hall. JB agreed to prepare the material agreed for the EKREG stand [Action: JB].

It was agreed that EKCF should be equally accessible from both kintyrewind.com and eastkintyre.org websites, with the majority of the information sitting on the latter site [Action: RE]

### - Engagement Strategy

Nothing further to update/report with regard the retabled petition with the Scottish Governments' Citizen Participation and Public Petition Committee. The latest hearing at which the petition entitled 'Share the Wind' (PE1885/C) promoting mandatory community shared ownership in Scottish windfarms via land tax reform applicable to developers 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). A date for the next hearing is awaited at which the Minister is tasked with providing answers to some searching questions raised by committee members.

## 10. Governance

- No matters outstanding.

## 11. AOB

- AB had been in communication with a BBC Scotland correspondent and serviced information supporting an article about windfarm development in Kintyre/Argyll.

**DONM:** Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2022, 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]