

EKREG Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 11th Oct, 2022

Present: Alasdair Bennett ('Chair'), Jerry Barnes and Rhona Elder
Invited Participants: Sarah Moorcroft

Venue: Remote working: conference via Zoom

1. Apologies for Absence

- Received from Rob Lee

2. Minutes and actions outstanding at previous meeting (Tues 20th Sept.)

- 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

- No updates to report

5. ESB – West Torrisdale (WT)

- No updates to report

6. Clachaig Glen (CG)

- The Chair had prompted RWE for a response to the slightly amended version of NDA which had been returned to them, but as yet no response had been received. In the meantime, Ward Hadaway had invoiced their costs for turning the NDA around - this will be paid once RWE confirm the changes made, paving the way to draw-down the CARES grant awarded to meet the costs.

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

- Lussa Community Wind.

No updates to report.

- East Kintyre Community Fund (EKCF).

The first call for applications for funding had attracted a significant number of applications. Application information for the second round of funding:
www.kintyrewind.com/east-kintyre-community-fund or contact the fund secretary at info.ekcf@gmail.com

8. Cnoc Buidhe (Belltown Power)

- Public consultation events/presentations have been scheduled by Belltown Power to introduce their plans for Cnoc Buidhe (West of Lussa Loch) windfarm@ Glenbarr Hall 22 Nov. 13.00-9.00 and Campbeltown Town Hall 23rd Nov 09.00-12.00.

9. Earraghail

- A meeting had been scheduled by SPR to discuss CSO opportunities in Earraghail with EKREG (to be represented by the Chair) and the impacted Community Councils

10. Communications & Marketing

- Marketing

Regular website updates had been instigated

- Engagement Strategy

A response was still awaited from the Minister following the upload of additional information addressing the Ministers responses to the petition currently being debated by 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. A date for the next hearing is awaited

- Communications

The Chair had contacted all the CCs with whom EKREG have an MoU with regard to a proposed meeting at Campbeltown Town Hall Thurs 24th Nov. An outline of the presentation to be delivered was approved and JB agreed to evolve the population of the slides for the event upon receipt of a ppt template from RE [**Action: AB/JB/RE**].

The Chair had been involved in further discussions with James Shaw (BBC reporter/correspondent) with regard the development of a piece on windfarms for the BBC.

11. Governance

- No updates to report.

12. AOB

- SMs interest in the windfarm agenda and prospective engagement with EKREG moving forward, was discussed. It was agreed appropriate that SM should be invited to participate in regular EKREG board meetings moving forward and it was agreed that it would be prudent for her to produce a one-page summary outlining the CSO agenda [**Action: SM**]

DONM: Tues 25th October, 2022, 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]