

EKREG Meeting Minutes

Date: Tues. 13th May, 2025

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 (Mon 22nd April, 2025)

- Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. There were no significant actions outstanding.

3. Treasurers' Report

- There had been only one transaction since the last meeting – an invoice received from the company's insurance agent.. An up-to-date bank statement was reviewed and approved at the meeting.

4. Correspondence with wind farm operators/developers

Energie Kontor held a public consultation event at Carradale Village Hall to present their planned windfarm development at Allt Domhain Thursday May 7th, which is soon to be submitted as a Section 36 application. AB attended on behalf of EKREG. Grid connection for this development is not expected much before 2032. It was confirmed that the developer will pay CBFs to impacted communities and that this will be disseminated to the charities nominated by the CCs invited to participate in the offer via Lussa Community Wind. Payment will be in line with government expectations (£5K/MW), but the developer is still refusing to discuss or entertain any form of CSO at this or any of their other developments in Kintyre.

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

- Lussa Community Wind.

The Chair had received anchor charity reports from EKCF and CCWF employing the onerous new SPR reporting templates. WKCF are due to submit theirs before the 1 June deadline for receipt by the Chair.

The Secretary agreed to chase the Society's accountant, once again, for the end of year accounts/reports for submission to Companies House/FCA, respectively.

Actions pertaining to the AGM were discussed. A provisional date of 7th August @18.30 is proposed for the AGM.

- Community Funds (EKCF/CCWF/WKCF).

No updates to report. For the latest news from the anchor charities and application forms/eligibility For EKCF see www.eastkintyre.org. For WKCF and CCWF see www.kintyrewind.com

6. West Torrisdale

No updates to report – S36 application under consideration by A&BC.

7. Clachaig Glen

No updates to report – ‘on hold’ following consent for the development by the Scottish Government.

8. Killean and Tangy IV

No updates to report

9. Cnoc Buidhe (Belltown Power)

No updates to report – S36 application under consideration by A&BC.

10. High Constellation

Still no response received from the developer to the Chairs’ recent correspondence.

11. Communications & Marketing

- **Marketing**

Routine website updates had been completed, and correspondence responded to.

Engagement Strategy

The petition (PE1885) submitted by a local resident to the Scottish Governments Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee, (and supported by EKREG) received its Ninth hearing on 2nd April. The Committee once again supported the proposals and the matter was, once again, referred to the Scottish Government for feedback/action. The minutes of the meeting can be accessed here:

<https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/committees/current-and-previous-committees/session-6-citizen-participation-and-public-petitions-committee/meetings/2025/citizen-participation-and-public-petitions-committee-02-april-2025> and a video of recording of the session is available to watch [here](#). The Official Report (a reliable written record of what is said in public meetings) is available on the petition’s webpage at: [Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee | Scottish Parliament TV](#).

- **Communications**

Discussion focused on the development of an agenda for the scheduled ‘meeting with the civil servants with whom EKREG have been liaising with regard an update on behind-the-scenes activity allied to changing government policy on community ownership. It was agreed that the Secretary would invite Community Energy Scotland and/or DTAS, who are lobbying the government alongside EKREG to change government policy on CSO, to join the meeting

12. Governance

The company’s insurance cover had been renewed and the annual premium paid.

The company’s accounts must be filed prior to 15th December, 2025. It was agreed that the Secretary would liaise with the company’s accountant over the preparation of the annual accounts when the timing was appropriate – following receipt of the Lussa accounts and FCA reports.

13. AOB

JB flagged a new support package offered by LES to communities which amounts to significant pro bono legal support for renewable projects

DONM: Tues 27th May, 2025. 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]