

# EKREG

## Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2022

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

Venue: Remote working: conference via Zoom

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### 1. Apologies for Absence

- Received in advance from Rhona Elder.

### 2. Minutes and actions outstanding at previous meeting (Tues 12<sup>th</sup> July)

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

### 3. Treasurers' Report

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

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

- Responses promoting further dialogue had been received following the Chairman's correspondence with EnergieKontor and SSE in relation to the exploration of CSO in their proposed developments at Breackerie and High Dalrioch, respectively. Meaningful discussions in relation to such were awaited.
- Confirmation had been received from RWE that they had won the tender for a development in Carradale Forest that would likely be advanced on a timescale parallel with the repowering of Deucheran Hill. Discussions will be advanced in due course with regard the opportunity for significant co-ownership by the community.
- EnergieKontor have scheduled public exhibition events to highlight their plans at Breackerie. For further info: [www.energiekontor.co.uk/our-projects/breackerie](http://www.energiekontor.co.uk/our-projects/breackerie) or via the newlink at [www.kintyrewind.com](http://www.kintyrewind.com)
- An approach had been received from Shearwater with regard the development of private wire networks and/or land for development. The approach had been passed onto MACC to pursue.

### 5. ESB – West Torrisdale (WT)

- It was agreed that the Chairman would chase ESB for a progress report following the timely dispatch of a draft MoU for processing/amendment by ESB [**Action: AB**].

### 6. Clachaig Glen (CG)

- It was agreed that the Chairman should chase RWE for the outstanding NDA in order to progress CARES grant funding and advance the technical information exchange required to enable a robust business plan to be built and allow a dialogue with potential lenders with regard raising the significant capital required [**Action: AB**].

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

- LCW Annual General Meeting, requiring participation by all founder members and anchor charities, will be convened Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> August@ (18.00).
- East Kintyre Community Fund (EKCF) will open for applications for eligible projects on July 29<sup>th</sup> – 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 be advertised in the Courier. Application information: [www.kintyrewind.com](http://www.kintyrewind.com)

## 8. Cnoc Buidhe (Belltown Power)

- It was agreed that the Chairman should prompt Belltown for a progress update and seek feedback on CSO outstandings discussed previously [**Action: AB**]

## 9. Communications & Marketing

### - Marketing

RE had completed routine updates to websites.

### - Engagement Strategy

The community petition had been quickly re-tabled 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](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

- No additional items were tabled

**DONM:** Tues 9<sup>th</sup> August 2022, 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]