

# EKREG Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2023

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

Venue: Remote working: conference via Zoom

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## 1. Apologies for Absence

- None

## 2. Minutes and actions outstanding at previous meeting (Tues 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023)

- Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

## 3. Treasurers' Report

- The only transactions to report were the payment of the company's annual insurance premium and routine monthly 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. Lussa Community Wind [LCW]/CC Charitable Bodies (EKCF, WKCF & CCWF)

- Lussa Community Wind.

Minutes of a Directors Board Meeting held 25<sup>th</sup> April had been approved and will be added in due course on the Kintyre Wind website. The Secretary had provided advanced notice of the date set for this year's AGM (August 2<sup>nd</sup>@18.00), to the membership.

The Secretary had liaised with the company's accountant with the result that end of year tax returns had been filed with HMRC and financial reports for board/membership approval generated (prior to submission by the Chair to the FCA).

- East Kintyre Community Fund (EKCF).

The Annual General Meeting of the Charity had been convened as scheduled.

Discussion focused on the potential to establish a 'ring-fenced' education/training fund – for consideration by the EKCF Board.

## 6. ESB – West Torrisdale (WT)

- A prompt response had been received from ESB following a prompt from the Chair, with slow but steady progress reported internally to enable CSO to be negotiated, as agreed.

## 7. Clachaig Glen (CG)

- The company's legal team to be chased over the outstanding NDA [**Action: JB**]

## 8. High Constellation

- No updates to report

## 9. Cnoc Buidhe (Belltown Power)

- No updates to report

## 10. Earraghail

- Dates are awaited from SPR with regard (i) a follow-up meeting to discuss CBF arrangements with impacted CCs and/or their representatives. (ii) a separate meeting with EKREG to discuss the CSO offer to be tabled.

## 11. Communications & Marketing

### - Marketing

Hand-over of the administration of the Kintyre Wind website to Emma Roberts was now complete. Regular website postings had been completed and JB had scheduled a meeting to discuss updates required to the website.

### - Engagement Strategy

Another disappointing response had been received from the Energy Minister in response to the questions raised by the Committee considering the 'Share the Wind' petition (PE1885/C) promoting mandatory community shared ownership in Scottish wind-farms via land tax reform was discussed by the Scottish Governments' Citizen Participation and Public Petition Committee when it was last tabled – on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>. A proposal to explore the introduction of straightforward land tax legislation through direct discussion with the petitioner was welcomed, but the logistics to make this possible were required. Responses to other points raised by the petitioner and the Committee had again failed to address the key questions raised – hopefully this situation will be reversed by the incoming Energy Minister in Hamza Yousef's reconstituted government: Gillian Martin. The petition will be retabled once all responses have been received.

### - Communications

No updates to report

## 12. Governance

- JB was liaising with the company's accountant to whom all financial records had been transferred in order to service the company's end of year (15<sup>th</sup> March 23) due for filing prior to 15<sup>th</sup> December 23, along with a revised confirmation statement due for filing before 29<sup>th</sup> Sept. 23.
- The company's Directors' insurance cover was approved and had been renewed by the company's insurance agent [**Action: JB**].

## 13. AOB

Energie Kontor had scheduled a public consultation event with regard a highly-visible development South of Campbeltown at Breakerie@ June 6<sup>th</sup>.

No other items were tabled for discussion

**DONM:** Tues 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2023, 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]