

EKREG

Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 23rd August, 2022

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

Venue: Remote working: conference via Zoom

1. Apologies for Absence

- None

2. Minutes and actions outstanding at previous meeting (Tues 9th August)

- 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 matters to report

5. ESB – West Torrisdale (WT)

- No response had been received to the prompt serviced by RL.

6. Clachaig Glen (CG)

- A CARES/grant had been awarded by LES to enable the engagement of Ward Hada-way (well known to JB) to service as EKREG's legal advisor for this project., and to cover the quote serviced to review the draft NDA received from RWE. A meeting had been scheduled with the Senior Partner handling with a view to quickly turning the NDA around and getting it back to RWE for sign off [**Action: JB/RL**].
- RL had scheduled a meeting with a potential lender to begin the dialogue with re-gard the financing of the project [**Action: RL**]

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

- LCW annual accounts had been submitted to the FCA by the Chair, and confirmation received from the accountant that CT600s had been submitted to HMRC. Annual General Meeting minutes had been circulated and made publically available via the www.kintyrewind.com website.
- East Kintyre Community Fund (EKCF) had been promoted at an Open Day held in Carradale Village Hall on Saturday 13th August, enabling face-to-face engagement with several parties interested in applying to the fund for worthy local projects. The fund is now open for applications for eligible projects – with a closing date for appli-cations for first-round funds of September 9th. Application information: www.kintyrewind.com/east-kintyre-community-fund or contact the fund secretary at info.ekcf@gmail.com

8. Cnoc Buidhe (Belltown Power)

- No updates to report

9. Communications & Marketing

- Marketing

EKREG activities/interests were promoted at a stand at the Open Day at Carradale Village Hall Sat 13th Aug.

The Chair had been in contact with James Shaw, a BBC Scotland correspondent, with regard the scheduling of an interview connected with a Radio 4 article about windfarm development in Kintyre/Argyll

It was agreed that RE would approach EK Windfarm Trust to cover the annual costs of website licence/software renewals, and would take the lead in formulating an application to EKCF on behalf of the community for display materials (to support events such as Open Days etc) [**Action: RE**]

- Engagement Strategy

Additional information had been submitted following an upload containing the Ministers responses to the petition 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 .

10. Governance

- No matters outstanding.

11. AOB

- No additional business matters were tabled for discussion

DONM: Tues 6th September, 2022, 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]