

EKREG Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 25th Oct, 2022

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

Venue: Remote working: conference via Zoom

1. Apologies for Absence

- None

2. Minutes and actions outstanding at previous meeting (Tues 11th Oct.)

- 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

- EnergieKontor's planning applications for windfarm developments at Narachan and Rowan (involving 200m+ tip height turbines) have been rejected by A&B Council due to concerns raised by several parties. EK have appealed to the Scottish Government, and as is the norm in such circumstances, the cases will be subject to public hearings likely to be scheduled late 1Q23 with the outcome made public 3Q23.

5. ESB – West Torrisdale (WT)

- No updates to report

6. Clachaig Glen (CG)

- Despite the most recent prompt from the Chairman no response (or even acknowledgement of receipt) had yet been received from RWE with regard the slightly amended version of NDA which had been returned to them more than 2 months ago. It was agreed appropriate that the Chairman should recontact RWE ccing his transmission to FLS [**Action: AB**]
- It was agreed that the invoice received from Ward Hadaway relating to their advisory work on the NDA should be paid immediately and LES approached with regard the reimbursement of costs from the CARES grant awarded [**Action: JB/AB/RL**].

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

- Lussa Community Wind.

JB was liaising with the company's insurance agent to provide cover for the Directors – there were no other updates to report.

- East Kintyre Community Fund (EKCF).

Applicants selected for funding in the first call were being notified. Application information for the second round of funding: <https://www.eastkintyre.org/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. 13.00-19.00 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. In addition, EKREG will represent EKCC interests with regard community benefit funding paid by SPR in relation to the development.

10. Communications & Marketing

- Marketing

It was agreed that a glossary of terms and acronyms widely-used on the Kintyre Wind website would be a useful addition to the site [**Action: RE**]

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

A positive response had been received from the CCs with whom EKREG have an MoU with regard to a proposed meeting at the Red Cross Hall in Campbeltown on Thurs 24th Nov. An outline of the presentation to be delivered was approved, a ppt template received from RE and JB agreed to progress the population of the slides for the event [**Action: JB**].

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 further discussed.

DONM: Tues 15th November, 2022, 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]