

# EKREG Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2024

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 (Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2024)

- Minutes of the previous meeting were approved

## 3. Treasurers' Report

- The only transaction was routine monthly bank charges. An up-to-date bank statement was reviewed and approved at the meeting.

## 4. Correspondence with wind farm operators/developers

- SSE have submitted a planning application to construct a meteorological mast to gather data to support their scheduled extension repowering of Tangy IV (due to become operational in 2029). It was noted that the new plans tabled indicate that 4 turbines will be situated on FLS land. It was agreed that The Chair should recontact the developer, and FLS, with regard benefits payable and conditions surrounding [Action: AB].

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

- Lussa Community Wind.  
It was agreed that the Secretary would share a reminder and zoom link with the membership to enable the AGM to be convened on Aug 1<sup>st</sup> @ 18.00 [Action: JB]
- East Kintyre Community Fund (EKCF).

The next call for applications to the EKCF is now open. The closing date for this next round of applications will be 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2024. The call will be advertised. The decision-making meeting for this tranche of donations will be 26<sup>th</sup> Sept.

## 6. ESB – West Torrisdale (WT)

No updates to report

## 7. Clachaig Glen (CG)

Received met data had been analysed and discussed

The dialogue was ongoing with legal and financial advisors to position CARES support to facilitate Clachaig Glen buy-in.

## 8. High Constellation

No updates to report

## 9. Cnoc Buidhe (Belltown Power)

The first draft of an NDA remains overdue review by the developer

## 10. Earraghail (SPR)

No updates to report.

## 11. Communications & Marketing

- **Marketing**

Regular updates to the Kintyre Wind website had been completed. JB working with ER to accomplish amendments required to the text of the website to align with the recent amendment/approval of the refreshed model rules – progress made. Action ongoing.

### **Engagement Strategy**

The 'Share the Wind' petition (PE1885/C) promoting mandatory community shared ownership in Scottish windfarms via land tax reform was briefly tabled at the latest meeting of the Scottish Governments' Citizen Participation and Public Petition Committee. Feedback received from the SNIB and the Environment Minister was tabled. There was significant support for the proposals in the petition with one of the outcomes to consult with the new UK government over how the objectives proposed might be achieved as the committee – wrongly – considered this to be a matter reserved for the Westminster government. The latest hearing of the petition can be viewed at: [Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee | Scottish Parliament TV](#)

- **Communications**

No updates to report

## 12. Governance

It was agreed that JB should advance the transfer of legal support to the selected supplier [**Action: JB**].

Confirmation had been received from the accountant that Lussa tax returns had been filed and a receipt for payment had been received.

## 13. AOB

The Chair reported on his participation in a productive workshop hosted by Foundation Scotland allied to the management of funds payable to communities by local windfarms

It was agreed that JB would represent the Groups' interests at a workshop to be hosted by ACT in connection with windfarm developments around Oban, and means to facilitate/assist communities to take up shared ownership [**Action: JB**]

No other matters were tabled for discussion

**DONM:** Tues 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2024. 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]