

EKREG Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday 10th May, 2021

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

Venue: Remote working: conference via Zoom

1. Apologies for Absence

- None applicable

2. Minutes and actions agreed/outstanding at previous meeting (Tuesday 27th April)

- No matters outstanding

3. Treasurers' Report

- Management accounts were approved. There was one interim transaction: £300 accountants' annual fee. JB agreed to chase the accountant for a receipt [**Action: JB**]

4. Correspondence with wind farm operators/developers

- ESB had received planning permission for their survey mast associated with their planned development at West Torrisdale. There were no updates to report with regard the dialogue with Duncan Farms over their proposed development at Cnoc Breacam. Responses were awaited from EK (Arnicle, Narachan and Kilberry) and RWE (Clachaig Glen) to the EKREG correspondence dispatched to further CSO interests.
- It was agreed that AB should engage with the newly-elected MSP representing the region: Jenni Minto, and also the incoming Minister for Environment and Climate Change, with a view to the Scottish Government making the offer of CSO a mandatory requirement for windfarm developers across Scotland [**Action: AB**]

5. CSO

- **Funding Streams**

No updates to report

6. BaT3

- **SPR/Iberdrola**

NDAs signed on behalf of EKREG and Lussa CW had been serviced for counter-signature by authorised SPR/Iberdrola personnel. The return of the signed-off documentation plus termsheet was awaited.

- **Community Investment Vehicle: Lussa Community Wind Ltd**

Zofia Sloan had been confirmed as the WKCC Director on the Board of Lussa Community Wind Limited.

The set-up of a bank account at Clydesdale/Virgin bank was being progressed. The fourteen received pioneer share payments received to establish the Ben Comm (each of £25) would be credited as soon as the bank account was open [**Action: JB**].

RE had led the submission of an application to Fern Community Funds for consideration at last months' closing date for Cour Community Funding. If successful the funding would meet the marketing costs associated with the launch of the Community Share Offer (video, crowdfunding via Ethex, mailshots and advertising). Feedback was awaited.

- **LES/CARES Grant/Tender documentation**

Monthly report submissions were up-to-date. No other updates to report

7. CC Charitable Bodies

Minutes of the inaugural board meeting had been received and would be posted on the Kintyre Wind website – when the site is launched.

8. Communications & Marketing

- **Marketing**

Work on the Kintyre Wind website frame and text was ongoing [**Action: RE/JB**].

- **Engagement Strategy**

No updates to report.

- **Briefings/CC MoUs**

No updates to report

9. Governance

A quote to cover accountancy services to Lussa CW had been requested from Laverick Walton (EKREG Accountant). As soon as a termsheet is received from SPR/Iberdrola aka BaT3 a quote for the required insurance cover for Lussa CW and its Directors will be advanced via EKREG's current insurer, and others.

Signed-off policy documents/agreements governing the handling of confidential information had been received from all Board participants and added to the company's central records

10. AOB

Correspondence from Fergus Murray (A&B Planning Section) had been received via the Chair of EK Community Council following a prompt to the Council Executive. As part of the LDP2 engagement process a number of objections had been received regarding the zones of 'significant protection' from wind turbines. As a result the matter was being looked at by the Independent Reporters appointed by the Scottish Governments Planning and Environmental Appeals Division.

- No other matters were tabled at the meeting

DONM: Tuesday 25th May 2021, 09.00 via Zoom