

EKREG

Meeting Minutes

Date: Wed. 18th March, 2026

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

Venue: Remote working: conference via Zoom

1. Apologies for Absence

- None

2. Minutes and actions outstanding at previous meeting (Mon. 16th Feb, 2026)

- Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. There were no significant actions outstanding.

3. Treasurers' Report

- Only routine monthly bank charges had been incurred since the last meeting. An up-to-date bank statement was reviewed and approved at the meeting.

4. Correspondence with wind farm operators/developers

- Scottish Government guidelines relating to Community benefit funding are to be refreshed, subject to the outcomes of ongoing consultation. It is likely that developments coming online in the future will be expected to pay at least £6K p.a./per MW installed capacity.

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

- Lussa Community Wind.

The remaining balance of funds 2025-26 funds has been donated to the anchor charities, and receipts received from all three recipient charities.

It was agreed that the secretary should submit the required records to the accountant before the end of April to facilitate production of annual tax return and FCA reports for approval by the board.

- Community Funds (EKCF/CCWF/WKCF).

Applications are encouraged from eligible parties/organisations. For the latest news from the anchor charities and application forms/eligibility For EKCF see www.eastkintyre.org. For WKCF and CCWF see www.kintyrewind.com.

The latest call for applications to the EKCF that closed on March 6th had received nine bids from eligible parties/organisations. Applications are under consideration and applicants will be informed of the committee's decisions before the end of April.

A part-time post as Fund Administration Assistant was in the process of being advertised.

6. West Torrisdale

A strong objection to this development had been logged by Nature Scotland. It was agreed that JB should contact EKCC to prompt Argyll and Bute Planning Department's response to the Section 36 application submitted by ESB which is now grossly overdue. For further info see: www.esbenergy.co.uk/west-torrisdale-wind-farm

7. Clachaig Glen

No updates to report – 'approved' by planning. 'On hold' with developer pending connection approvals.

8. Killean

Following objections to this development. The developer is expected to appeal against the decision and as a consequence the case will be subject to a Scottish Government hearing, at which the Scottish Ministers will have the final say.

9. Tangy IV

In advance of their submission of a Section 36c variation to planning consent, SSE are hosting public meetings/exhibitions to present their revised proposals at Machrihanish Village Hall Wed March 25th 4-7pm and at Campbeltown Town Hall Thurs March 26th 4-7 p.m. For further information see: www.sserenewables.com/onshore-wind/in-development/tangy-repower/

10. Cnoc Buidhe (Belltown Power)

Following Argyll & Bute Council's objection to this major development situated 10 km NW of Campbeltown near Ballochintuy, additional information addressing concerns raised about ornithology had been submitted by the developer.

11. High Constellation

A response to the Chair's request for clarification on CBF payments from the developer was still awaited.

12. Deucheran Hill 2 (repowering and extension)

No updates to report.

13. Meall Mor

No updates to report

14. Narachan

EnergieKontor are considering resubmitting their proposal to develop Narachan wind farm – addressing the major objections raised by using 150m tip-height turbines rather than the 180m+ turbines originally proposed.

15. Communications & Marketing

- **Marketing**
Routine website updates had been completed, and correspondence responded to.
- **Communications**

The Chair had continued to represent EKREG at a DTAS-led CSO 'shared experience' group drawing together communities from across Scotland to knowledge-share.

EKREG were participating in a GB Energy/LES/DTAS-led project aiming to deliver template legals/support packs to assist communities interested in furthering CSO in renewable energy developments.

RL had made a presentation on Feb 27th, on behalf of EKREG, to the assembled parties furthering their ambitions of taking CSO in High Brenfield wind farm (near Ardrishaig).

AB had responded to an enquiry from InspirAlba allied to repowering initiatives from Equitable Energy Research.

16. Governance

Companies House have introduced a requirement for all Company Directors to undergo a one-time biometric ID verification. This procedure will need completion by all Directors prior to the filing of the Company's Annual Confirmation Statement in September. The secretary agreed to circulate the guidelines to complete this procedure.

17. AOB

No other matters were tabled

DONM: Tues 14th April, 2026. 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]