

EKREG Meeting Minutes

Date: Mon. 16th February, 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 (Tues 6th Jan, 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

- EnergieKontor are considering reapplying to develop Narachan wind farm utilizing 150m tip-height turbines rather than the originally-proposed 180m turbines (refused). A public exhibition at Carradale Village Hall is to be scheduled (prospectively 1st April).

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

- Lussa Community Wind.

The treasurer was authorized to donate the remaining balance of funds to the anchor charities. The sum to be paid is £903 to each of the three charities. The secretary agreed to chase receipts post-payment (**Action: AB/JB**)

- 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 opened 23rd January and will close on March 6th. Applications from eligible parties/organisations are encouraged.

An advertisement was being drafted to recruit a Fund Administration Assistant.

6. West Torrisdale

Argyll and Bute Planning Department's response to the Section 36 application is overdue. For further info see: www.esbenergy.co.uk/west-torrisdale-wind-farm

7. Clachaig Glen

No updates to report

8. Killean

A&B Council have filed their objection 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 planning to host several public meetings/exhibitions to present their revised proposals to the impacted communities. For further information see: www.sse-renewables.com/onshore-wind/in-development/tangy-repower/

10. Cnoc Buidhe (Belltown Power)

Argyll & Bute Council have filed their objection to Cnoc Buidhe Wind Energy hub, comprising 29 turbines up to 200m tip-height situated 10 km NW of Campbeltown near Ballochantay, subject to the receipt of additional information addressing concerns raised about ornithology and peat landslide risks, in particular.

11. High Constellation

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

12. Deucheran Hill 2 (repowering and extension)

RWE plan to dismantle DH1 this year and as a consequence ongoing CBF payments to the Windfarm Trust will cease when the process is complete.

No updates with regard the development of DH2

13. Meall Mor

No updates to report

14. Communications & Marketing

- **Marketing**

Routine website updates had been completed, and correspondence responded to.

- **Engagement Strategy**

The petition (PE1885) submitted by a local resident to the Scottish Government's Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee (and supported by EKREG) received its tenth (and final) hearing on 11th Feb. The, incorrect and disappointing, conclusion drawn by the committee was that decision-making on the matters raised rests with Westminster and not the Scottish Government. The Official Report (a reliable written record of what is said in public meetings) is available on the petition's webpage at: [Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee | Scottish Parliament TV](#).

- **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 agreed to make 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 agreed to respond to an enquiry allied to repowering initiatives from Equitable Energy Research.

AB agreed to draw EK and WK Community Councils attention to the funding opportunities available through the Energy Redress Scheme.

13. Governance

The accountant had qualified that HMRCs 'making tax digital' changes will not affect limited companies or mutual benefit societies.

14. AOB

GB Energy are entering a consultation phase with regard to making CSO mandatory

EK and WK community councils' need to draft a list of 'special landscape qualities' for their respective protected Local Landscape Areas (Previously called 'Areas of Panoramic Quality') and arrange for this to be logged asap by A&BC. This is important for planning consideration matters.

No other matters were tabled

DONM: Wed 18th March, 2026. 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]