

East Kintyre Renewable Energy Group (EKREG) Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, November 28th, 2019

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

Venue: Rubha Darach, Argyll PA28 6QT

1. Apologies for Absence

- None

2. Minutes and actions agreed at previous meeting (11th November)

Actions outstanding/carried-over:

- Draw down of additional insurance quotes – to be in place preMarch 2020 (JB)
- Liase with Eric Tough (ET) once Mems and Arts merged [JB]

New Actions resulting:

- rebase LES for response aka grant outline preapp [RL]
- revise d.o.b for RL entered at Companies House [JB]

3. Correspondence with Wind Farm Operators/Developers

- Chase BaT3 response to underpin meet dates - separately discuss CBF & CSO [AB]
- Chase SSE – generic CSO – Tangy [AB]
- EK Narachan information session update Carradale Village Hall 4th and Tayinloan 3rd. Event publicized through previous channels and MP informed aka event in Tayinloan Dominic to be approached with regard potential Antler/Courier article [AB]
- Narachan – chase MD over CSO response if nothing received within the week [RL]
- SPR - Sheirdrim – 19 turbines 114MW (16 x 150' to tip) plus 38 MW battery plus 20 MW solar – full details of planning application submission received by EKREG. No immediate action to be taken. On hold subject to decision on timing to follow up

4. EKREG Ltd

NDA update

- Two dialogues covered by NDAs were presently being progressed

Bank/Financials

- Current account: positive balance of £12,504 which represents sum total of EKWFT and WKWFT grant and loan income plus members' fees

Director's Legal & Indemnity Insurance Quotes

- Action outstanding from previous meeting – see above [JB]

5. MoUs with Kintyre community groups

- Meeting Campbeltown CC Tues 3rd Dec [AB/JB/RL]

6. Communications & Marketing – Website

- Layouts/news updates discussed [RE]

7. High Constellation/Cour - Blue Energy/Octopus Investments

Octopus

- A new opportunity was flagged to discuss concerns over Cour CBF situation – address correspondence to targeted partners (email and recorded hard copy). [RL/JB 1st draft to be sent by AB] In parallel chase Harrison Brook for feedback [AB]

High Constellation

- Neal Reid - Chase [AB]

8. BaT3 – Update

- Chase for separate meet dates aka CBF and CSO discussions

9. Community Asset Transfers - FLS - Hydro/Wind

- 4 x local EOIs submitted – further information awaited from FLS
nb. guide for hydro financials: 100 KW hydro produces 393,000 kw/h. ≈40 houses.

10. Sheirdrim/Blary Hill/Killean - Discussion with WKCC

- Sheirdrim/Killean/Narachan/HC - consultation with WKCC provided a green light to pursue CSO discussions on behalf of joint CCs. With the caveat that strong objections to Sheirdrim and Narachan likely to be lodged by communities impacted
- RES - Meeting aka Killean CSO scheduled Mon Dec 2nd Waterfoot [Apologies RE] have announced that they intend to pay no CBFs associated with their (relatively small) Blary Hill development (now at build stage). A one-off 30k payment will, however, be made when the site is operational.

13. CBS Model Rules

- Various model options were tabled and discussed
- There was unanimous agreement on the option choices made and it was agreed that Somerset model rules should be explored further [RL]

14. AOCB

- Grant available - £750 to pay for travel/accommodation to learn/share knowledge with other community groups. Flagged by Moray-based windfarm team keen to learn from EKREG experiences
- Need to consider involvement Southend CC in CSO for Tangy as have long got CBF monies from Tangy
- The potential benefits of a meeting with local MSP Michael Russell to flag the activities of EKREG was agreed [AB to make contact post-election aka meet in New Year]
- It was also agreed that when the timing 'was right downstream' a meeting with Head EIF investment bank/Paul Wheelhouse and ? might assist EKREG cause and development of generic CSO model
- Contact information for newly-appointed Head A&B Planning Dept to be researched with a view to establishing a downstream 'positioning' meeting/briefing [JB]

15. DONM

- Dec 5th Thurs 08:30 Erinvore, Torisdale PA28 6QT