

# EKREG Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2023

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 (Tues 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2023)

- Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

## 3. Treasurers' Report

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

## 4. Correspondence with wind farm operators/developers

- No updates to report

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

- Lussa Community Wind.  
This year's (virtual) AGM was on-track as scheduled for August 2<sup>nd</sup>@18.00.

A response was still awaited from SPR following the requested clarification (sent) with regard a few specific donations made by the Anchor Charities from their 2022-23 budgets.

Bank approval had been received for the extension of BACS payment terms, and £82,387.67 had been donated to each of the three anchor charities and receipts filed.

- East Kintyre Community Fund (EKCF).  
The next call for applications is open, as advertised in the Campbeltown Courier – this funding round will close 8<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2023. Applications are invited from projects meeting the funding criteria, See <https://www.eastkintyre.org/east-kintyre-community-fund/> for further information.

## 6. ESB – West Torrisdale (WT)

- One of the planning submissions relating to this development had been withdrawn. It was agreed that the Chair will re-establish contact to clarify the situation and gauge progress with ESB's planned Section 36 application (originally scheduled for end-June) [**Action: AB**]

## 7. Clachaig Glen (CG)

- A final text had been agreed with RWE's legal team and a signed-off copy was expected to be received from them for counter-signing – hopefully before the next EKREG meeting.

## 8. High Constellation

- A response from BayWa with regard the Chair's approach to progress CBF discussions was still awaited.

## 9. Cnoc Buidhe (Belltown Power)

- No updates to report

## 10. Earraghail

- No updates to report. The development is subject to appeal.

## 11. Communications & Marketing

### - Marketing

Regular updates to the Kintyre Wind website had been completed.

### - Engagement Strategy

There were no updates to report with regard the 'Share the Wind' petition (PE1885/C) promoting mandatory community shared ownership in Scottish windfarms via land tax reform – currently being discussed by the Scottish Governments' Citizen Participation and Public Petition Committee. The petitioner awaits a response from the new Energy Minister, Gillian Martin, who – having seemingly accepted that this matter is worthy of further exploration – seeks to discuss the proposals. The petition will be retabled once actions outstanding have been addressed.

### - Communications

The Chair had recompleted and resubmitted the forms to register EKREG interest in SSENs' CBF initiative and was liaising with IB (Chair, EKCC) to ascertain the *status quo* with SSEN's development of Carradale sub-station.

## 12. Governance

- No updates to report

## 13. AOB

JB was scheduled to meet Jenni Minto (local MSP) and Ken Mackintosh (former MSP and Presiding Officer at the Scottish Government). Updates on EKREG experiences/interactions with developers was on the agenda.

No other items were tabled for discussion

**DONM:** Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Aug, 2023, 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]