

# EKREG Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2024

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 (Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2024)

- Minutes of the previous meeting were approved

## 3. Treasurers' Report

- The only transaction to report was a payment made to the Company's accountant in lieu of year-end filings, for which a receipt had been received. An up-to-date bank statement was reviewed and approved at the meeting.

## 4. Correspondence with wind farm operators/developers

- Notification had been received that SPR intended to apply for an extension to the lifetime of BAT1. It was agreed that the Chair should make contact with them to discuss CBF arrangements associated [Action: AB]

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

- Lussa Community Wind.  
The Secretary reported that the updated year end accounts/reports had been received and would be circulated to the board immediately following the meeting. Once approved, it was agreed that JB would circulate to the anchor charities and membership along with instructions to enable the AGM to be convened on Aug 1<sup>st</sup> @ 18.00.

SPR's Community Benefit Payment allied to the operation of BaT3 over the past financial year had been received. Donations of £85,061.14 had been made expeditiously to the three anchor charities, and receipts obtained from all charities pertaining to the donations made.

- East Kintyre Community Fund (EKCF).

The opening date for next call for applications to the EKCF will be 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2024. The closing date for this next round of applications will be 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2024. The call will be advertised in July.

## 6. ESB – West Torrisdale (WT)

No updates to report

## 7. Clachaig Glen (CG)

Data was awaited from RWE

## 8. High Constellation

No updates to report

## 9. Cnoc Buidhe (Belltown Power)

The first draft of an NDA remains overdue review by the developer

## 10. Earraghail (SPR)

No updates to report.

## 11. Communications & Marketing

- **Marketing**

Regular updates to the Kintyre Wind website had been completed. JB indicated that significant amendments were required to the text of the website to align with the recent amendment/approval of the refreshed model rules. It was agreed that he would liaise with ER to achieve the required updates over the coming weeks [**Action: JB**].

- **Engagement Strategy**

The next hearing of 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 – will be tabled by the committee Wed June 26<sup>th</sup>. This will highlight outcomes the committee chasing SNIB, LES and the Environment Minister for their support/input. The previous hearing of the petition can be viewed (and is minuted) at: [Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee 15th Meeting, 2023 | Scottish Parliament Website.](#)

- **Communications**

A positive response had been received from Scottish Government representatives in relation to discussions as to how CSO could be incentivized or legislated, and an introduction made to the recently-appointed government lead on shared ownership policy. A follow-up meeting is to be tabled downstream.

It was agreed that EKREG representation would be made at exhibition/public consultation events scheduled for (i) June 13<sup>th</sup> in Campbeltown Town Hall regarding a proposed offshore windfarm project in the Malin Sea, in Scottish waters, 23km South of Islay and (ii) June 11<sup>th</sup> at Carradale Village Hall in relation to RWE's plans for a significant new windfarm development in Carradale Forest further information at: [www.rwe.com/deucheranhill2](http://www.rwe.com/deucheranhill2)

## 12. Governance

Confirmation had been received from the accountant that the Company's end of year accounts and tax returns had been filed with HMRC and Companies House accordingly.

## 13. AOB

No other business was discussed

**DONM:** Tues 25th June, 2024. 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]