

# EKREG

## Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022

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

Venue: Remote working: conference via Zoom

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### 1. Apologies for Absence

- None

### 2. Minutes and actions outstanding at previous meeting (Tues 21<sup>st</sup> December)

- No matters outstanding

### 3. Treasurers' Report

- No transactions to report. Management accounts were approved. An up-to-date bank statement was tabled in advance of the meeting.

### 4. Correspondence with wind farm operators/developers

- It was agreed that Muirden and RWE should be recontacted with windfarm plans at Cnoc Breacam and Clachaig Glen, respectively [**Action: AB**].
- EnergieKontor were undertaking their public consultation exercise online aka their extraordinary planned developments at Rowan and Narachan. Their plans for the development at Arnicle have been put on 'hold' for the time being.

### 5. SPR- BaT3

- **SPR/Iberdrola**  
SPR had been in contact with EKREG to indicate that the Community Benefit Fund Agreement would be extended so as to be guaranteed by them for the lifetime of the windfarm. An updated CBF agreement reflecting this revised position (guaranteeing payments for an extra 15-years+; amounting to an extra £3.35m incoming for equal division to the three local communities impacted) was awaited from SPR.
- **Community Investment Vehicle: Lussa Community Wind [LCW] Ltd**  
It was agreed by the three communities concerned that Lussa Community Wind Ltd should be used to provide the Community's vehicle required for the dissemination of incoming BaT3 Community Benefit Payments to the Anchor charities named as Lussa beneficiaries.
- **LES/CARES Grant/Tender documentation**  
No updates to report

### 6. ESB – West Torrisdale

A virtual meeting with ESB had been scheduled to advance the dialogue with them over their pledge to the community to honour Scottish Government guidelines with regard community benefit payments (i.e. £5k/MW/p.a.) *sensu* 2019 Scottish Government Guidelines for developers, and to advance Community Shared ownership discussions/MoU wording.

## 7. CC Charitable Bodies

- The online application form for the first round of EKCF-disseminated funding was under evolution and would be finalized in the coming weeks

## 8. Communications & Marketing

### - Marketing

Routine updates had been made to the eastkintyre.org website, and the all-new Kintyre Wind website was under construction.

### - Engagement Strategy

A community petition entitled 'Share the Wind' (PE1885/C) promoting community shared ownership in local windfarms had received significant support when tabled by the Scottish Governments' Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021. The opportunity to upload comments was now closed. A date was awaited for the next hearing at which the petition would be retabled – where the support of our elected political representatives had been pledged – to gain a fair and just financial outcome for communities impacted by renewable energy developments. The discussion can be viewed live @ <https://www.scottishparliament.tv/>.

### - Briefings/CC MoUs

JB was still to follow-up with both Donald Cameron, and Calum MacDonald (following an article published in the Herald where it was clear the community he was engaged with shared many of EKREG's views on the need to make CSO mandatory for all Scottish renewable energy developments)

## 9. Governance

The company's accountant had received approval from HMRC that EKREG's annual tax return to HMRC could be realigned with other Companies House returns due 15<sup>th</sup> March.

## 10. AOB

No other matters were tabled at the meeting

**DONM:** Tues 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2022, 09.30 [virtual meeting: Zoom]