

EKREG

Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 9th Jan, 2024

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 19th Dec, 2023)

- Minutes of the previous meeting were approved

3. Treasurers' Report

- There were no transactions to report other than routine monthly bank charges. 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.
A board meeting has been scheduled at 10.00 Jan 23rd to discuss the proposed extension of LCW to develop an 'umbrella' that can service all locally-impacted communities invited by developers to participate in offers of CBF and/or CSO plus the incorporation of the first, of what might become several, special purpose vehicle(s)
- Representatives acting as first-points-of contact (and potential Directors, downstream) of the to-be-expanded LCW had been agreed with Tarbert & Skipness Community Trust/Renewables Ltd, Gigha Community Council and South Knapdale Community Council.
- East Kintyre Community Fund (EKCF).
The next call for applications will open 26th January, 2024. Applications are invited from projects meeting the funding criteria, See <https://www.eastkintyre.org/east-kintyre-community-fund/> for further information. The call for applications will be advertised in the local press.

6. ESB – West Torrisdale (WT)

- An update had been received from the ESB project team and a meeting scheduled.

7. Clachaig Glen (CG)

- A meeting date had been agreed with the RWE Project team.
- Early-stage discussions continue to be advanced with several lenders and NDAs advanced - with some signed-off already.

- Responses were awaited from legal and financial advisors in relation to the approaches made to service quotes for works discussed with LES, which are required to manage CARES grant applications pending.

8. High Constellation

- Still no response received from Bay Wa aka the Chairs' enquiry with regard their plans for CBFs, following-up previous discussions where the community's preferences to utilize the structures already established within Kintyre Wind to disseminate funds incoming were clearly iterated.

9. Cnoc Buidhe (Belltown Power)

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

10. Earraghail

- Discussions were ongoing between Tarbert & Skipness community representatives regarding the Earraghail development, plus other CCs to be potentially invited to participate in CBF discussions.

11. Communications & Marketing

- Marketing

Regular updates to the Kintyre Wind website had been completed. JB reported the the news section had been bought up-to-date on the Kintyre wind website as actioned at the last meeting. It was agreed that day-to-day kintyrewind mailbox management should be handed over to ER **[Action: JB]**.

- Engagement Strategy

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 – was tabled at the latest meeting of the committee Wed Oct 25th. On this occasion there was agreement that the pursuit of this petition was worthwhile and in the best interests of the rural communities impacted by many windfarms. The committee proposed various views on how the petitioners' requests could be realized. The committee agreed to chase SNIB, LES and the Environment Minister for their support/input. The Energy Minister's response had already been received but it was inadequate and the petitioner had responded accordingly to the committee. The latest 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 meeting with nominated representatives of the six communities invited to participate in the Clachaig Glen CSO had been arranged with a view to updating them on progress made by EKREG and the planned expansion of LCW.

A positive meeting had been held with nominated representatives of (reconstituted) South Knapdale Community Council to introduce EKREG/Kintyre Wind, resulting in an invitation for EKREG to submit an MoU to represent SKCC interests in all CBF and CSO negotiations with developers.

Acknowledgements of receipt had been received with regard letters dispatched to Gillian Martin (The Energy Minister) requesting a face-to-face meeting to discuss the proposals outlined in petition PE1885/C and actions outcoming from JB's meeting with Jenni Minto MSP.

12. Governance

- JB was liaising with ER over the production of a corporate information 'folder' to assist routine governance within the likely-to-grow Kintyre Wind Group of companies. Documents such as this will constitute a cornerstone for succession planning as well as the servicing of due diligence requirements anticipated moving forward in relation to CSO negotiations.

13. AOB

Post-meeting discussions focused on the drawdown of capital to fund Clachaig Glen CSO and several press articles relating to windfarm-related issues across Scotland.

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