

EKREG Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 25th April, 2023

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 11th April 2023)

- Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. Treasurers' Report

- The only transaction to report was the payment of 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 Directors Board Meeting had taken place as scheduled, the minutes of which will be published in due course on the Kintyre Wind website. The Chair/Secretary had been tasked with providing the membership with a news update and advanced notification of the date set for the AGM (August 2nd@18.00)

Reports meeting with SPR guidelines had been received from the anchor charities in receipt of LCW-distributed funds. It was agreed that these would be unified, a report added for LCW, and then dispatched to SPR by the Chair thereby fulfilling reporting requirements. It was agreed that funding reports should be accessible on each of the anchor charities websites (as well as accessible via the Kintyre Wind website) so as to provide transparency on all funds allocated by the anchor charities.

- East Kintyre Community Fund (EKCF).

The Charity's end of year financial report showed that during 2022 the Charity had received £150,100.67 from Lussa Community Wind, and that 84% of the funds received had either already been donated to projects meeting the funds' criteria, or had been allocated/committed in principle (subject to additional criteria being satisfied).

6. ESB – West Torrisdale (WT)

- No updates to report. It was agreed the Chair should prompt ESB for an update on progress [**Action: AB**].

7. Clachaig Glen (CG)

- No updates to report. It was agreed that the company's legal team should be chased to see if contact with RWE had been established and a dialogue over the outstanding NDA initiated – as expected [**Action: JB**]

8. High Constellation

- No updates to report

9. Cnoc Buidhe (Belltown Power)

- No updates to report

10. Earraghail

- The Chair was to represent EKCC and WKCC at a meeting with SPR and FLS to advance the dialogue over community benefit funding allied to this development, if it materializes given the concerns raised against it by multiple CCs, and supported by A&B Council. A separate meeting with EKREG to discuss CSO in the development was anticipated to be scheduled [**Action: AB**].

11. Communications & Marketing

- Marketing

RE's hand-over of the administration of the East Kintyre website was now completed and Russ Baum has now taken the reins. Hand-over of the administration of the Kintyre Wind website to Emma Roberts was scheduled.

- Engagement Strategy

The 'Share the Wind' petition (PE1885/C) promoting mandatory community shared ownership in Scottish windfarms via land tax reform was discussed by the Scottish Governments' Citizen Participation and Public Petition Committee at their latest meeting: Feb. 8th. The petition again received strong support from the former Energy Minister, Fergus Ewing MSP, amongst other members of the panel. The Chair agreed to reiterate the questions posed by the petitioner, and added to by the committee, to the appropriate Ministers since they had so far failed to address the key questions raised. The petition will be retabled once the Minister(s) approached by the Committee Chair have responded.

- Communications

EKREG had been requested to act on behalf of WKCC (as well as EKCC) in all future CBF negotiations with developers. An MoU was to be drafted by the Chair for sign off by WKCC [**Action: AB**].

12. Governance

- The company's accounts made up to 15th March 23 are due for filing prior to 15th December 23, and a revised confirmation statement is due for filing before 29th Sept. 23. It was agreed that JB should service the accountant with information needed to prepare the company's annual returns mid-May.
- The company's Directors' insurance cover is due for renewal in June. It was agreed that JB should pursue renewal arrangements with the company's insurance agent.

13. AOB

No other items were tabled for discussion

DONM: Tues 9th May, 2023, 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]