

EKREG

Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 12th September, 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 29th Aug, 2023)

- Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. Treasurers' Report

- The second of two Ward Hadaway invoices had been paid (aka NDA negotiation with RWE over Clachaig Glen investment) and receipts obtained for all payments. An up-to-date bank statement was reviewed and approved at the meeting.
- A claim for the reimbursement of these legal costs from the awarded LES-CARES grant had been submitted by RL.

4. Correspondence with wind farm operators/developers

- Notification had been received of RES' Section 36 planning application for a wind-farm on the Killean Estate (nr Tayinloan) (ECU00004927)– a development bordering that recently submitted at Coalashee and previously refused planning permission by A&BC and the Scottish Government. The revised application comprises permission for 12 x 180m turbines plus battery storage (max capacity 72MW)

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

- Lussa Community Wind.
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.
- East Kintyre Community Fund (EKCF).
The latest call for applications closed 8th Sept. 2023. Two projects have subsequently been approved for grant funding. The next call for applications will open February 2024. 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)

- A response from ESB remains outstanding in connection with the Chairs communique to clarify the situation over planning submissions and gauge progress with ESB's planned Section 36 application (originally scheduled for end-June).

7. Clachaig Glen (CG)

- The outstanding NDA has been signed off with RWE and it was agreed that the Chair should chase RWE's stakeholder manager for RWE's assumption books underpinning the development in order for EKREG to begin to assess the opportunity.

8. High Constellation

- A date had been agreed to meet with BayWa to progress CBF/CSO discussions.

9. Cnoc Buidhe (Belltown Power)

- No updates to report

10. Earraghail

- The Chair had requested sight of the agreement between FLS and SPR upon which this development is based. The response received indicated that there were two drafts of the agreement – one was confidential (and subject to an NDA between the parties involved). The other was a document that was in the public domain. The Chair had thus requested sight of the public domain document, but to date this had not yet been received.
- The Chair had received no response from SPR aka meeting schedules. This was assumed to be because 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

No updates to report

12. Governance

- Notification had been received from the company's accountant that the required update of the company's confirmation statement had been filed in advance of the due filing date.
- It was agreed that RL would obtain the required application forms from East and West Kintyre Windfarm Trusts and then submit applications, on behalf of EKREG, for funds to enable the Company's administrative costs to be met for the next 3 years.

13. AOB

A meeting had been arranged with Jenni Minto MSP to discuss windfarm issues

No other items were tabled for discussion

DONM: Wed 11th Oct, 2023, 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]