

EKREG Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 15th Nov, 2022

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

Venue: Remote working: conference via Zoom

1. Apologies for Absence

- None

2. Minutes and actions outstanding at previous meeting (Tues 25th Oct.)

- Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. Treasurers' Report

- Ward Hadaway legal costs had been paid in connection with first stage in RWE dialogue over Clachaig Glen CSO and this had been reimbursed via CARES grant awarded by LES. There were no other transactions to report other than routine 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. ESB – West Torrisdale (WT)

- Correspondence had been sent by Ramboll consultants (on behalf of ESB) to ~50 homes impacted within 3km of the proposed WT windfarm with regard access to properties to conduct a Residential Visual Amenity Assessment.

6. Clachaig Glen (CG)

- Disappointingly, a marked-up version of the EKREG-amended NDA had been received from RWE's legal team. The Chairman had responded with a re-marked-up copy for their legal team to digest.

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

- Lussa Community Wind.

JB had liaised with the company's insurance agent to provide cover for the Directors and a Professional Indemnity policy had been identified and approved for sign-off – there were no other updates to report.

- East Kintyre Community Fund (EKCF).

Application information for the second round of funding will be launched in spring 2023: <https://www.eastkintyre.org/east-kintyre-community-fund/> for further information contact the fund secretary at info.ekcf@gmail.com

8. Cnoc Buidhe (Belltown Power)

- The Belltown project management team delivered an update to EKREG in advance of their consultation events. This facilitated time for constructive discussions related to CSO.
- Public consultation events/presentations have been scheduled by Belltown Power to introduce their plans for Cnoc Buidhe (West of Lussa Loch) windfarm@ Glenbarr Hall 22 Nov. 13.00-19.00 and Campbeltown Town Hall 23rd Nov 09.00-12.00.

9. Earraghail

- No updates to report

10. Communications & Marketing

- Marketing

A glossary of terms and acronyms widely-used on the Kintyre Wind website had been added to the site

Regular website updates had been instigated

- Engagement Strategy

A response was still awaited from the Minister following the upload of additional information addressing the Ministers responses to the petition currently being debated by the Scottish Governments' Citizen Participation and Public Petition Committee. The latest hearing at which the petition entitled 'Share the Wind' (PE1885/C) promoting mandatory community shared ownership in Scottish windfarms via land tax reform applicable to developers can be viewed at: https://www.scottishparliament.tv/meeting/citizen-participation-and-public-petitions-committee-june-29-2022?clip_start=10:05:10&clip_end=10:12:09. A date for the next hearing is awaited

- Communications

A single-item agenda meeting was scheduled to process and agree the next iteration of the presentation to be delivered to the CCs, with whom EKREG have an MoU, at the Red Cross Hall in Campbeltown on Thurs 24th Nov.

11. Governance

- No updates to report

12. AOB

- No other items were tabled

DONM: Tues 29th November, 2022, 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]