

# EKREG Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2023

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

Venue: Remote working: conference via Zoom

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## 1. Apologies for Absence

- None

## 2. Minutes and actions outstanding at previous meeting (Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2023)

- Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

## 3. Treasurers' Report

- Grant income from East and West Kintyre Windfarm Trusts had been received. An up-to-date bank statement was reviewed and approved at the meeting.

## 4. Correspondence with wind farm operators/developers

- Breackerie: The Chair had written to the developer (EK) to revisit interests in CSO if the development receives planning permission.
- Colashee: Notification had been received that the development was 'on hold' pending further exploration as to the viability of the project.
- RL had provided feedback, on behalf of EKREG, to Local Energy Scotland's commissioned financial report on CSO generated by QMPF and that had involved consultation with EKREG to gain a community viewpoint.

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

- Lussa Community Wind.  
No updates to report
- East Kintyre Community Fund (EKCF).  
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.

There was some discussion over the mechanics of introducing a ring-fenced training/education fund

## 6. ESB – West Torrisdale (WT)

- A response from ESB remains outstanding in connection with the Chairs communique several months ago 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)

- RL had chased the RWE team again aka overdue documentation to be exchanged under NDA to further confidential discussions, but still nothing received.

## 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 developer was scheduled to deliver the second public exhibition with regard this development on 28 Nov at Glenbarr Hall (am) and Campbeltown Town Hall (pm). Virtual exhibition is available for access until 19<sup>th</sup> Dec @ [www.cnocbuidhewindenergyhub.com](http://www.cnocbuidhewindenergyhub.com)
- The first draft of an NDA had been dispatched to the developer, but as yet no response had been received in connection with this document.

## 10. Earraghail

- Discussions were ongoing between the communities impacted and SPR

## 11. Communications & Marketing

### - Marketing

Regular updates to the Kintyre Wind website had been completed.

### - 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 25<sup>th</sup>. 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 ill-informed and 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 had been established on Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Nov to update Jenni Minto MSP on Kintyre windfarm activities and advance her support for the 'share the wind' petition.

## 12. Governance

The Directors were unanimous in thanking both East and West Kintyre Windfarm Trusts for their approval of grants to support EKREG administrative costs for the next 4 years.

## 13. AOB

There followed a discussion about capital investment and ways/means to achieve potential gap-filling requirements.

**DONM:** Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2023, 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]