

East Kintyre Renewable Energy Group (EKREG) Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday January 20th, 2020

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

Venue: Rubha Darach, Dippen, Argyll PA28 6QT

1. Apologies for Absence

None

2. Minutes and actions agreed at previous meeting (Monday, January 6th)

Actions outstanding/carried-over:

- Draw down of additional insurance quotes – to be in place pre-March 2020 [JB]
- Liaise with Eric Tough (ET) once Mems and Arts merged [JB]

3. Correspondence with wind farm operators/developers

Correspondence situation was reviewed and one action outstanding highlighted

- Good Energy to be recontacted aka Willow [JB]

4. CSO - Model Rules, Legal Vehicles & Interactions - Funding Streams

FCA had corresponded to approach by RL aka his first draft of 'model rules' and they will review and feedback before Feb 27th.

Correspondence had been initiated with HMRC (RL) and accountant chased (JB) over the question of whether the CBS trading vehicle could be registered as a charity.

Informative discussion with Abundance and LES was ongoing

Questions were raised over present understanding of development on FLS-land 'conditions'. Appears that if FLS is partnering with the developer, then the hierarchy of offers to communities for developers operational on FLS-owned land stipulates that community Councils should be the first to be offered CSO, then FLS if no/remainder of take up

Actions:

- To get to the bottom of FLS conditions placed on developers [All]
- To progress a meeting with A&BC prospectively for Feb 13th [AB]

5. BaT3 – SPR

SPR-led and organized meeting is scheduled for 18th March meeting at Campbeltown Town Hall – SPR to advise as to which CCs to be invited to participate. CBF meeting separate from CSO meeting.

Community share offer – potential early-stage interest displayed by several local organisations and at least one high net worth individual

6. Clachaig Glen (RWE/Abundance) Consented.

Action:

- Rumours that the development sold post-consent to RES to be explored [All]

6. Tangy IV - SSE

Consented

Nothing to report – approached both The Laggan and Southend to discuss this development that will have a big impact visually

7. NDA Update

Minor correspondence update

8. Communications & Marketing

- Engagement Strategy

ZS (WKCC) sent info to raise awareness about EKREG at a meet with Mike Russell

- Briefings/CCs

Jan 23rd by invitation - for CCs represented by EKREG. On track.

Action: one page summary to be drafted to complement presentation [JB]

T&SCC to be contacted over a meeting [Clachaig Glen] [AB]

- MOU developments

Southend/The Laggan briefing – date established 29th Jan. Tangy IV development.

Action: AB to make presentation with RE supporting.

- Website

No updates to report

9. AOB

Other matters considered: broad economics of PV systems

Action: to explore local authorities who may have funded communities to buy into renewable developments [All]

Moray renewables team – travel grant to advance a meeting/mid year ? [JB when timing is right but to re-establish contact in the interim]

10. DONM

Monday, February 3rd 10.00 Rubha Darach