

# EKREG

## Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2021

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

Venue: Remote working: conference via Zoom

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### 1. Apologies for Absence

- None applicable

### 2. Minutes and actions agreed/outstanding at previous meeting (Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May)

- No matters outstanding

### 3. Treasurers' Report

- Management accounts were approved. There were no transactions to report since the last meeting. An up-to-date bank statement was tabled at the meeting that corresponded with the accounts.

### 4. Correspondence with wind farm operators/developers

- EKCC had received correspondence from SSEN with regard their aim to extend the operational lifespan of their existing turbines at Tangy, with a view to their redevelopment of the site (Tangy IV) 2025-27. AB had contacted the newly-appointed SSEN liaison officer to establish the impacted communities' interests in pursuing a dialogue over CSO in the Tangy IV redevelopment.
- There were no updates to report with regard early stage CSO dialogue associated with proposed developments at West Torrisdale (ESB), Cnoc Breacam (Duncan Farms), RWE (Clachaig Glen) or EK with regard to Arnicle, Narachan and Kilberry.
- AB had received a supportive and prompt response from the newly-elected MSP representing the region: Jenni Minto, who was supportive of the Kintyre communities represented by EKREG in their bid to have the offer of CSO made a mandatory requirement for windfarm developers across Scotland by the Scottish Government and had agreed to pursue EKREG's communique to the newly-appointed Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport: Michael Matheson.

### 5. CSO

- **Funding Streams**

No updates to report

### 6. BaT3

- **SPR/Iberdrola**

SPR had been chased over the return of their counter-signed NDAs which would enable them to release the termsheet to EKREG.

- **Community Investment Vehicle: Lussa Community Wind Ltd**  
All required paperwork had been completed and Clydesdale/Virgin bank were in the process of setting-up the bank account to be used by Lussa CW. As soon as the account is set-up and a paying-in book received, the fourteen received pioneer share payments to establish the Ben Comm (each of £25) will be credited [**Action: JB**].

Initial feedback on the application made to Fern Community Funds for Cour Community Funding to meet the marketing costs associated with the launch of the Community Share Offer (video, crowdfunding via Ethex, mailshots and advertising) had been received and RE had responded on behalf of EKREG.

An application to CSS for a £5K marketing grant was 'on hold' pending the outcome of the application made to Fern Community Funds.

- **LES/CARES Grant/Tender documentation**

Monthly report submissions were up-to-date. No other updates to report

## 7. CC Charitable Bodies

No updates to report

## 8. Communications & Marketing

### - Marketing

Work on the Kintyre Wind website frame and text was ongoing [**Action: RE/JB**].

### - Engagement Strategy

EKREG had been in correspondence with the Community Councils they represent to update them on progress with CSO negotiations associated with Bat3 and the concerns raised by some of the discussions ongoing with 'flip' developers seeking to capitalize on investment opportunities in the region at the potential deficit to the communities impacted, and the actions that were being taken by EKREG to address this issue.

### - Briefings/CC MoUs

No updates to report

## 9. Governance

A quote to cover accountancy services to Lussa CW had been received and was under discussion with Laverick Walton (EKREG Accountant). As soon as a termsheet is received from SPR/Iberdrola aka BaT3 a quote for the required insurance cover for Lussa CW and its Directors will be advanced via EKREG's current insurer, and others.

Annual accounts had been signed-off, filed and were now visible at Companies House.

EKREG insurance cover was due for annual renewal and correspondence was ongoing with the company's insurers for like-for-like cover for the coming annual cycle [**Action: JB**]

## 10. AOB

No other matters were tabled at the meeting

**DONM:** Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021, 09.00 via Zoom