

EKREG Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 9th July, 2024

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 (Tuesday 25th June, 2024)

- Minutes of the previous meeting were approved

3. Treasurers' Report

- The only transaction was routine monthly 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. Lussa Community Wind [LCW]/CC Charitable Bodies (EKCF, WKCF & CCWF)

- Lussa Community Wind.
Updated year end accounts/reports had been approved by the Board and circulated to the anchor charities and membership along with instructions to enable the AGM to be convened on Aug 1st @ 18.00. It was agreed that the Secretary would share a reminder and zoom link with the membership a few days in advance [**Action: JB**]
- East Kintyre Community Fund (EKCF).

The opening date for next call for applications to the EKCF will be 26th July, 2024. The closing date for this next round of applications will be 6th September, 2024. The call will be advertised in July. The decision-making meeting for this tranche of donations will be 26th Sept.

6. ESB – West Torrisdale (WT)

No updates to report

7. Clachaig Glen (CG)

The data transfer agreed with RWE had eventually materialized

A positive meeting had been held with QMPF/LES to position CARES support for legal and financial advice allied to Clachaig Glen buy-in. Agreed JB to follow up [**Action: JB**]

8. High Constellation

No updates to report

9. Cnoc Buidhe (Belltown Power)

The first draft of an NDA remains overdue review by the developer

10. Earraghail (SPR)

No updates to report.

11. Communications & Marketing

- **Marketing**

Regular updates to the Kintyre Wind website had been completed. JB working with ER to accomplish amendments required to the text of the website to align with the recent amendment/approval of the refreshed model rules – progress made. Action ongoing.

Engagement Strategy

The 'Share the Wind' petition (PE1885/C) promoting mandatory community shared ownership in Scottish windfarms via land tax reform was briefly tabled at the latest meeting of the Scottish Governments' Citizen Participation and Public Petition Committee. Feedback received from the SNIB and the Environment Minister was tabled. There was significant support for the proposals in the petition with one of the outcomes to consult with the new UK government over how the objectives proposed might be achieved as the committee – wrongly – considered this to be a matter reserved for the Westminster government. The latest hearing of the petition can be viewed at: [Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee | Scottish Parliament TV](#)

- **Communications**

An update had been received from Scottish Government representatives in relation to discussions as to how CSO could be incentivized or legislated, from the recently-appointed government lead on shared ownership policy. A follow-up meeting is to be tabled downstream.

12. Governance

JB had, as requested, made contact with another law firm with a view to actioning a change of supplier for legal advice. Lussa tax return confirmation and receipt for payment to accountant had also been chased.

13. AOB

It was agreed that the Chair would contribute to a workshop to be hosted by Foundation Scotland [**Action: AB**]

No other matters were tabled for discussion

DONM: Tues 30th July, 2024. 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]