

EKREG

Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 13th April, 2021

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

Venue: Remote working: conference via Zoom

1. Apologies for Absence

- None applicable

2. Minutes and actions agreed/outstanding at previous meeting (Tuesday 30th March)

- No actions outstanding

3. Treasurers' Report

- Management accounts were approved. No interim transactions to report.

4. Correspondence with wind farm operators/developers

- A follow-up meeting with ESB to be scheduled to discuss CSO arrangements for a proposed (scoping-study ongoing) operational wind farm, involving the construction of 12-turbines (149m tip height ~60MW installed capacity) at West Torrisdale (on private land bridging the western ridge of Beinn an Tuirc above Torrisdale Castle).
- Scheduling of a follow-up meeting with Cnoc Breacam Renewables LLP (Duncan Farms; an Aberdeenshire-based private developer) with regard CSO and CBF opportunities allied to a proposed windfarm development near Crossaig involving turbines of 149m height – visible from the areas around Carradale – was awaited.
- E-communication had been received from EnergieKontor regarding their reapplication for Narachan windfarm, plus new proposed developments at Arnicle (adjacent to BaT3/Blary Hill) and Kilberry, proposing to use turbines of an unprecedented height in the region (up to 230m tip height), in which the developer had made it clear they had changed their offering to impacted communities, and would no longer be offering community shared ownership in any of their developments and Community benefit payments would be less than the Scottish Government guidelines. It was agreed that the EK position was not acceptable, unsustainable and totally contrary to Scottish Government Guidelines. It was agreed that a letter should be drafted, translated and sent to the CEO of EK expressing local communities' concerns [Action: All/RL]

5. CSO

- **Funding Streams**

No updates to report

- **Local SSEN-T grid network**

RL's analysis of SSEN-T grid plans indicated that the present capacity of around 450 MW would be increased to around 1.85 GW by 2025, facilitating power transfer from all developments in scoping and planning across Kintyre.

6. BaT3

- **SPR/Iberdrola**

Discussions had been advanced, with the assistance of a sector-experienced lawyer (via Gillespie MacAndrew), over the outstanding NDA so as to facilitate the CSO opportunity in BaT3 [**Action: RL/JB**]

- **Community Investment Vehicles: Lussa Community Wind Ltd (BaT3)**

FCA approval for Lussa Community Wind Limited had been received so AB was tasked with confirming the Directors nominated by West Kintyre and Campbeltown Community Councils [**Action: AB**].

JB will advance bank account at Clydesdale/Virgin bank for the new company as soon as the bank will allow (given the preliminary requirements already serviced).

An inaugural board meeting had been scheduled to appoint JB, RL and AB as Directors [**Action: JB**]

Pioneer share applications from fourteen local subscribers had been received and acknowledged in order to meet formal constitutional requirements for the establishment of this Community Benefit Society.

Following previous agreement that a professionally-delivered video could/would be a major asset for marketing purposes allied to the impending BaT3 share offer to be launched by Lussa Community Wind Ltd. RE fed back on her discussions with targeted local videographers. It was agreed that external funding would be required to achieve the objective. RE agreed to contact Fern Community Trust aka accessing Cour Windfarm Funds to meet the need and to further an application should approval for such be granted [**Action: RE**]

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

No updates to report

- **CC Charitable Bodies**

No updates to report

7. Clachaig Glen

No response had been received from RWE with regard to re-engagement and positioning of CBF and CSO opportunities. Meeting date to be chased [**Action: AB**]

8. Cour

No updates to report

9. Communications & Marketing

- **Marketing**

A basic marketing strategy was agreed for Lussa Community Wind Ltd.

- **Engagement Strategy**

No updates to report.

- **Briefings/CC MoUs**

A virtual meeting had been scheduled with all CCs to bring them up to speed on on-going discussions with developers and highlight problems/non-compliance encountered.

- **Website**

It was agreed that development of the KW website should be advanced [Action: RE/JB]

10. **Governance**

JB to chase the company's accountant with regard supplied information requested to prepare the annual accounts that will cover the accounting period 16/9/19 – 15/3/21 which need to be filed before mid-June [**Action: JB**].

11. **AOB**

No feedback had been received from A&BC over the approach made by EKREG to qualify positioning/relevance of identified zones of protection in their LDP2 so EKCC had repeated the request for information [**Action: AB to chase**]

- No other matters were tabled at the meeting

12. **DONM:** Tuesday 27th April 2021, 09.00 via Zoom