EKREG Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 10th August, 2021

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

Venue: Creag Lodge (Torrisdale)

1. Apologies for Absence

Rhona Elder

2. Minutes and actions agreed/outstanding at previous meeting (Tuesday 20th July)

No matters outstanding

3. Treasurers' Report

• No transactions to report. Management accounts were approved. An up-to-date bank statement was tabled at the meeting that corresponded with the accounts.

4. Correspondence with wind farm operators/developers

- A copy of the Sheirdrim planning documentation had been received. JB agreed to pass on the received information to RL [Action: JB]
- No updates to report in connection with early-stage CSO correspondence allied to the ongoing dialogue with Energiekontor, Muirden, ESB and SSEN over multiple developments.

5. BaT3

SPR/Iberdrola

Meetings had been scheduled to move the agenda forward and strategy discussed [Action: RL/JB].

Community Investment Vehicle: Lussa Community Wind Ltd

No updates to report.

LES/CARES Grant/Tender documentation

A quote for financial analysis had been received and approved by EKREG/LES to be charged to the LES/CARES grant received by EKREG. No other updates to report

6. CC Charitable Bodies

No updates to report

7. Communications & Marketing

- Marketing

Work on the Kintyre Wind website frame and text was ongoing in the background

- Engagement Strategy

Discussions were ongoing with CCs across the region as to the need by impacted Scottish communities to have CSO made mandatory.

- Briefings/CC MoUs

JB had briefed Donald Cameron and AB had briefed Brendon O'Hara, with a view to gaining cross-party support. Both MSPs were supportive to EKREGs' viewpoint over the introduction on CSO as a mandatory requirement for all new windfarm developments across Scotland. [Action: AB/JB to follow up]

9. Governance

No updates to report

10. AOB

No other matters were tabled at the meeting

DONM: Tuesday 24th August 2021, 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]