

EKREG Meeting Minutes

Date: Tues. 2nd December, 2025

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 (Tues 28th Oct, 2025)

- Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. There were no significant actions outstanding.

3. Treasurers' Report

- Only routine monthly bank charges (x2) had been incurred since the last meeting. 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.

Notification had been received from SPR/Iberdrola that future payments will be made via SAP, and that the Society would need to register on the supplier's payment system should any changes in payment instructions be required now or in the future. It was agreed that SAP registration should be put 'on hold' until such time as any changes (unanticipated) need to be made to payment instructions in relation to BaT3 community benefit fund payments.

The Society's annual insurance premium had been paid, receipt for payment received and refreshed policy documentation received from the Society's insurance agent.

- Community Funds (EKCF/CCWF/WKCF).

Applications are encouraged from eligible parties/organisations. For the latest news from the anchor charities and application forms/eligibility For EKCF see www.eastkintyre.org. For WKCF and CCWF see www.kintyrewind.com.

6. West Torrisdale

No updates to report.

For further info see: www.esbenergy.co.uk/west-torrisdale-wind-farm

7. Clachaig Glen

The project remains 'on hold' following consent for the development by the Scottish Government. The developer has applied for planning permission to create an overhead connection to Carradale sub-station – though it would appear that this connection did not accommodate the developers plans for the Deucheran Hill 2 development.

8. Killean

An update meeting had taken place as scheduled with the development team on 4th Nov. Since this meeting, A&B Council had objected to planning permission following an unprecedented objection from A&B Councillors. The developer is expected to appeal against the decision and as a consequence the case will be subject to a Scottish Government hearing, at which the Scottish Ministers will have the final say.

9. Tangy IV

The impacted community councils' still await contact from the ECU regarding the developers' planning submission.

10. Cnoc Buidhe (Belltown Power)

No updates to report – S36 application remains under consideration by Argyll & Bute Council.

11. High Constellation

Still no response received from the developer to the Chairs' correspondence.

12. Deucheran Hill 2 (repowering and extension)

No updates to report.

13. Meall Mor

No updates to report

14. Communications & Marketing

- Marketing**

Routine website updates had been completed, and correspondence responded to.

Engagement Strategy

The petition (PE1885) submitted by a local resident to the Scottish Governments Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee (and supported by EKREG) received its Ninth (and latest) hearing on 2nd April. The Committee once again supported the proposals and the matter was, once again, referred to the Scottish Government for feedback/action. The minutes of the meeting can be accessed here: <https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/committees/current-and-previous-committees/session-6-citizen-participation-and-public-petitions-committee/meetings/2025/citizen-participation-and-public-petitions-committee-02-april-2025> and a video of recording of the session is available to watch [here](#). The Official Report (a reliable written record of what is said in public meetings) is available on the petition's webpage at: [Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee | Scottish Parliament TV](#).

Notification had been received that the issues raised by Petition PE1885 are to be subject to internal parliamentary review during Jan '26 as part of the Secretary for Climate Action and Environments' internal engagement strategy.

- **Communications**

The Chair had continued to represent EKREG at a DTAS-led CSO 'shared experience' group drawing together communities from across Scotland to knowledge-share.

EKREG had been invited, and agreed to, participate in a LES/DTAS-led project aiming to deliver template legals/support pack to assist Scottish communities interested in furthering CSO in renewable energy developments.

13. Governance

No updates to report.

14. AOB

During subsequent discussion SSEN's £3.5m Kintyre Community Fund was flagged as an additional funding opportunity for local projects. Carradale Village Hall have already received a £20K contribution from this fund toward the cost of installing solar panels.

Given the year-end, project priorities across Kintyre were reviewed and succession planning discussed.

No other matters were tabled

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