

EKREG Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 14th March, 2023

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 Feb 2023)

- Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. Treasurers' Report

- The only transaction to report was the payment of 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.

A date for a Directors Board Meeting had been set (April 25th) to deal with financial-year-end issues. Having received notification of the fee to be charged by the company's accountant to service the required year-end filings and reporting, JB/AB were authorized to donate 100% of the surplus funds remaining to the three anchor charities prior to the year-end.

SPR reporting requirements were also discussed.

- East Kintyre Community Fund (EKCF).

The second call for applications to the Fund had recently closed (March 10th). The funding round had again been well-subscribed to by local causes.

6. ESB – West Torrisdale (WT)

- No updates to report

7. Clachaig Glen (CG)

- It was agreed that The Chair should write to Tom Glover CEO @RWE to express EKREG concerns over the continued lack of correspondence from the RWE team handling CSO discussions with regard to the Clachaig Glen development. The NDA still remains outstanding after almost 6 months – the position is unacceptable.

8. High Constellation

- EKREG will meet with BayWa r.e. to discuss CBF arrangements (on behalf of EKCC) on April 11th.

9. Cnoc Buidhe (Belltown Power)

- No updates to report

10. Earraghail

- The Chair had received a response from SPR with regard updates on CSO positioning, but no correspondence had been received regarding details of the CSO offer to be made that has already been shared by SPR with FLS.

11. Communications & Marketing

- Marketing

Regular website updates had been instigated

- Engagement Strategy

The 'Share the Wind' petition (PE1885/C) promoting mandatory community shared ownership in Scottish windfarms via land tax reform was discussed by the Scottish Governments' Citizen Participation and Public Petition Committee at their latest meeting: Feb. 8th. The petition again received strong support from the former Energy Minister, Fergus Ewing MSP, amongst other members of the panel. The Chair agreed to reiterate the questions posed by the petitioner, and added to by the committee, to the appropriate Ministers since they had so far failed to address the key questions raised. The petition will be retabled once the Minister(s) approached by the Committee Chair have responded.

- Communications

RL/JB had been invited to participate in a consultation exercise launched by LES with the aim of better understanding Scottish communities' positioning with regard CSO, the impact of NPF4, the type of support needed and the problems that must be overcome to achieve the objective – equity-based partnership in windfarm developments.

12. Governance

- No updates to report

13. AOB

Timelines for the repowering of BaT1 and 2 developments were discussed with the expectation that CSO offerings will be applicable in addition to refreshed CBF arrangements.

DONM: Tues April 11th, 2023, 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]