

# **EKREG Meeting Minutes**

Date: Mon. 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2025

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

Venue: Remote working: conference via Zoom

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## **1. Apologies for Absence**

- None

## **2. Minutes and actions outstanding at previous meeting (Wed. 26<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2025)**

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

## **3. Treasurers' Report**

- Only routine bank charges were 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.

The Secretary and Treasurer had arranged the disbursement of funds agreed to the Society's anchor charities prior to the financial year-end.

Notification had been received from the Society's bankers - routine charges had been introduced on the Society's account as of Feb.

It was agreed that the Secretary would liaise with the Society's accountant with regard the preparation of end of year accounts/reports for submission to Companies House/FCA respectively [**Action: JB**]

- Community Funds (EKCF/CCWF/WKCF).

Trustees of the EKCF participated in an open day event associated with the evolution of the East Kintyre Local Development Plan. This allowed an opportunity to promote the funds available for support to the local community.

The most recent funding round for the East Kintyre Community Fund had now closed and the latest applications were under consideration. For further information see [www.eastkintyre.org](http://www.eastkintyre.org)

For up to date information on/application details/contact points for WKCF and CCWF see [www.kintyrewind.com](http://www.kintyrewind.com)

## 6. West Torrisdale

A meeting had taken place with ESB to provide an update on their Section 36 application (ECU00002224) to construct a windfarm at West Torrisdale (above Torrisdale Castle), and discuss community shared ownership. Further information can be accessed at [www.esbenergy.co.uk/west-torrisdale-wind-farm](http://www.esbenergy.co.uk/west-torrisdale-wind-farm)

## 7. Clachaig Glen

No updates to report

## 8. Killean and Tangy IV

No updates to report

## 9. Cnoc Buidhe (Belltown Power)

No updates to report.

## 10. High Constellation

No updates to report.

## 11. Communications & Marketing

- **Marketing**

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

### **Engagement Strategy**

The petitioner had been notified that the 'Share the Wind' petition (PE1885/C) promoting mandatory community shared ownership in Scottish windfarms via land tax reform would be tabled (once again) at the 2<sup>nd</sup> April meeting of the Scottish Governments' Citizen Participation and Public Petition Committee. The hearing can be viewed at: [Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee | Scottish Parliament TV](#).

- **Communications**

The EKREG team had participated at an open day event associated with the evolution of the East Kintyre local development plan held at Carradale Village Hall

A response was still awaited from the civil servants with whom EKREG were liaising with regard an update meeting in connection with ongoing behind-the-scenes activity allied to changing government policy on community ownership.

The EKREG team had participated in a consultation exercise, led by the Energy Trust, feeding into Scottish Government policy. Research questioning focussed on developer experiences/interactions and issues arising with community shared ownership negotiations.

## 12. Governance

The company's accounts will fall due as of 15<sup>th</sup> March, and must be filed prior to 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2025. It was agreed that the Secretary would liaise with the company's accountant over the preparation of the annual accounts when the timing was appropriate [**Action: JB**].

### **13. AOB**

RL highlighted a meeting to be held in Carradale Village Hall on Wed 12<sup>th</sup> March led by SKDT that will feed directly into A&BC's local plan/land use strategy

**DONM:** Mon 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2025. 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]