

EKREG

Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 5th Dec, 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 21st Nov, 2023)

- Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. Treasurers' Report

- There were no transactions to report other than routine 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.
No updates to report
- East Kintyre Community Fund (EKCF).
The next call for applications will open February 2024. Applications are invited from projects meeting the funding criteria, See <https://www.eastkintyre.org/east-kintyre-community-fund/> for further information.

6. ESB – West Torrisdale (WT)

- A response from ESB remains long-overdue in connection with the Chairs communique several months ago to clarify the situation over planning submissions and gauge progress with ESB's planned Section 36 application (originally scheduled for end-June).

7. Clachaig Glen (CG)

- It was agreed that the Chair should establish an early New Year date for a meeting with the RWE project team. The Chair also agreed to write to FLS [**Action: AB**].
- Given the above situation it was agreed that discussions with lenders should be advanced, and LES contacted/updated with a view to drawing-down quotes to support grants for high-level legal and financial advice when term sheets are received [**Action: RL/JB**].

8. High Constellation

- Still no response received from Bay Wa aka the Chairs' enquiry with regard their plans for CBFs, following-up previous discussions where the community's preferences to utilize the structures already established within Kintyre Wind to disseminate funds incoming were clearly iterated.

9. Cnoc Buidhe (Belltown Power)

- Mailshots received in advance of the second public exhibition with regard this development (which took place on 28 Nov at Glenbarr Hall (am) and Campbeltown Town Hall (pm)) reflected discussions with WKCC & EKREG (operating on behalf of CCC and EKCC). Virtual exhibition is available for access until 19th Dec @ www.cnocbuidhewindenergyhub.com
- The first draft of an NDA had been dispatched to the developer, but there was still no response in connection with this document.

10. Earraghail

- Discussions were ongoing between Tarbert & Skipness community representatives re Earraghail development

11. Communications & Marketing

- Marketing

Regular updates to the Kintyre Wind website had been completed. ER's latest quarterly invoice was due to be received

- Engagement Strategy

The 'Share the Wind' petition (PE1885/C) promoting mandatory community shared ownership in Scottish windfarms via land tax reform – currently being discussed by the Scottish Governments' Citizen Participation and Public Petition Committee – was tabled at the latest meeting of the committee Wed Oct 25th. On this occasion there was agreement that the pursuit of this petition was worthwhile and in the best interests of the rural communities impacted by many windfarms. The committee proposed various views on how the petitioners' requests could be realized. The committee agreed to chase SNIB, LES and the Environment Minister for their support/input. The Energy Minister's response had already been received but it was inadequate and the petitioner had responded accordingly to the committee. The latest hearing of the petition can be viewed (and is minuted) at: [Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee 15th Meeting, 2023 | Scottish Parliament Website.](#)

- Communications

JB updated Jenni Minto MSP with regard Kintyre Wind progress, activities and problems incurred. A number of actions were outcoming including supplying her with the required information/background to lend her support in establishing a meeting with the Energy Minister and also raising issues with the Minister with responsibility for SNIB [**Action: JB**].

12. Governance

- No updates to report

13. AOB

There followed much discussion about capital investment and ways/means to achieve potential gap-filling requirements.

DONM: Tues 19th Dec, 2023, 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]