

EKREG

Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 20th August, 2024

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 (Tuesday 30th July, 2024)

- Minutes of the previous meeting were approved

3. Treasurers' Report

- There were no transactions to report. An up-to-date bank statement was reviewed and approved at the meeting.

4. Correspondence with wind farm operators/developers

- On 15th Aug. RES submitted a section 36 planning application (ECU00004927) to construct a 9-turbine windfarm on Killean Estate, approx. 2km East of Tayinloan. Max generation capacity 60MW delivered by 180m tip-height masts. The submission follows the 2019 rejection of a previous application made at the same site. Further details can be accessed at www.energyconsents.scot and hard copy documentation can be accessed at Tayinloan Village Hall and at Campbeltown Library.

5. Lussa Community Wind [LCW]/CC Charitable Bodies (EKCF, WKCF & CCWF)

- Lussa Community Wind.
The AGM had been convened on Aug 1st @ 18.00 with 100% participation by the membership either in person or by proxy-voting. The Chair had subsequently filed the accountants' report with the FCA. Meeting minutes were approved as with a motion tabled that the Secretary should share these with the full membership, as well as arrange for them to be posted on the kintyrewind website [**Action: JB**]
- East Kintyre Community Fund (EKCF).

The next call for applications to the EKCF is currently open. The closing date for this next round of applications will be 6th September, 2024. The call will be advertised. The decision-making meeting for this tranche of donations will be 26th Sept.

6. ESB – West Torrisdale (WT)

No updates to report

7. Clachaig Glen (CG)

A dialogue was underway with one of the potential lending consortiums with regard to structuring a means to achieve the objective that worked for all. Qualification had been sought from both FLS and RWE with regard their minimal requirements for community ownership.

The dialogue was ongoing with legal and financial advisors to position CARES support to facilitate Clachaig Glen buy-in.

8. High Constellation

No updates to report

9. Cnoc Buidhe (Belltown Power)

A positive meeting had been convened with the project management team, resulting in a first-draft of an MoU between the parties, qualification of the terms underpinning the 1+4% equity arrangement, and movement toward the sign-off of the outstanding NDA. Further discussions to be scheduled to discuss deals to extend the communities' equity share.

RL had serviced an application to LES for CARES support to advance the negotiations with Belltown.

10. Earraghail (SPR)

No updates to report.

11. Communications & Marketing

- **Marketing**

Regular updates to the Kintyre Wind website had been completed. Additional amendments to align with the recent amendment/approval of the refreshed model rules were 70% complete. Action ongoing.

JB agreed to liaise with ER over the redirection of alerts allied to mail incoming to the kintyrewind.com mail server.

Engagement Strategy

Following the latest tabling of The 'Share the Wind' petition (PE1885/C) promoting mandatory community shared ownership in Scottish windfarms via land tax reform by the Scottish Governments' Citizen Participation and Public Petition Committee, the petitioner had responded to the Committee's ill-informed feedback by the SNIB and Environment Minister. The latest hearing of the petition can be viewed at: [Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee | Scottish Parliament TV](#)

- **Communications**

It was agreed that JB should chase the Civil servants with whom EKREG were liaising with a view to changing government policy on community ownership [**Action JB**].

JB reported on the ACT-led meeting he had attended which raised serious concerns over the objectives of this quango-led working group. JB had subsequently responded to a poll circulated with a view to pinning down a date for the next ACT-led Working Group meeting where the main item on the agenda will be the establishment of the working Group's remit, role and objectives.

12. Governance

No updates to report

13. AOB

The need for FLS to proactively highlight opportunities to local communities impacted by potential developments was discussed

The Chair agreed to explore restrictions on both Cour and Windfarm Trust income

No other matters were tabled for discussion

DONM: Tues 3rd Sept., 2024. 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]