

EKREG

Meeting Minutes

Date: Tues 14th April, 2026

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 (Wed. 18th March, 2026)

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

3. Treasurers' Report

- Only routine monthly bank charges 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.

The secretary reported that the required records had been submitted to the accountant to facilitate production of annual tax return and FCA reports for approval by the board, prior to sharing with the membership.

The 2026 Annual General Meeting of the Society (virtual meeting online) is scheduled to be held evening of Thursday 13th August.

The Chair reported he had contacted the charities in receipt of donations for their annual reports, so these can be collated and the necessary returns made to Scottish Power to meet the required deadlines.

- 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.

The latest call for applications to the EKCF that closed on March 6th received nine bids from eligible parties/organisations. Seven grants were funded totaling ~£35k. Applications had been informed of the committee's decisions.

Applications had been received and were under review for the advertised a part-time post as Fund Administration Assistant.

6. West Torrisdale

EKCC had contacted Argyll and Bute Planning Department prompting a response to the Section 36 application submitted by ESB. The windfarm application had been tabled at the latest planning committee meeting. Several grounds for objection were recorded by A&BC with the energy consents unit. The most damning of which were the impacts of the proposed development on the visual landscape in this protected part of the East coast, concerns over peat stability and flooding risks. In addition several statutory bodies had filed their own objections to this development. For further info see: www.esbenergy.co.uk/west-torrisdale-wind-farm

7. Clachaig Glen

No updates to report – ‘approved’ by planning. ‘On hold’ with developer pending connection approvals.

8. Killean

Following objections to this development, the developer has appealed 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

SSE hosted recent public meetings/exhibitions to present their revised proposals at Machrihanish Village Hall Wed March 25th 4-7pm and at Campbeltown Town Hall Thurs March 26th 4-7 p.m. For further information see: www.sserenewables.com/onshore-wind/in-development/tangy-repower/

10. Cnoc Buidhe (Belltown Power)

Argyll & Bute Council filed their objections to this development which is situated 10 km NW of Campbeltown near Ballochintuy, as a consequence it is anticipated the developer will appeal and thus the Scottish Ministers will have the final say following a hearing tbc.

11. High Constellation

Ground clearance work has begun, but a response to the Chair’s request for clarification on CBF payments from the developer is still awaited.

12. Deucheran Hill 2 (repowering and extension)

No updates to report.

13. Meall Mor

No updates to report

14. Narachan

EnergieKontor are considering resubmitting their proposal to develop Narachan wind farm – addressing the major objections raised by using 150m tip-height turbines rather than the 180m+ turbines originally proposed.

15. Communications & Marketing

- **Marketing**

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

- **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 were participating in a GB Energy/LES/DTAS-led project aiming to assist communities interested in furthering CSO in renewable energy developments.

16. Governance

Companies House have introduced a requirement for all Company Directors to undergo a one-time biometric ID verification. This procedure will need completion by all Directors prior to the filing of the Company's Annual Confirmation Statement in September. The secretary agreed to circulate the guidelines to complete this procedure.

17. AOB

No other matters were tabled

DONM: Tues 12th May, 2026. 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]