EKREG Meeting Minutes

Date: Tues. 5th August, 2025

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 15th July, 2025)

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

3. Treasurers' Report

• Only routine monthly bank charges had been paid since the last meeting. An up-to-date bank statement was reviewed and approved at the meeting.

4. Correspondence with wind farm operators/developers

Notification had been received that EnergieKontor have submitted their Section 36 application to develop Allt Domhain wind farm (formerly known as Arnicle wind farm). The development comprises 9 turbines with a max tip-height of 230m plus infrastructure, to be sited 6.15km East of Glenbarr. For further information see www.energyconsents.scot (ECU00003231).

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

Lussa Community Wind.

The secretary had circulated the zoom link to participants invited to participate in the AGM at which accounts and tax returns require formal approval prior to submission to HMRC and the FCA.

Community Funds (EKCF/CCWF/WKCF).

EKCF is open for the next round of applications (this call opened 25th July). 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

6. West Torrisdale

The deadline for representation by A&BC with regard ESBs' S36 application has been extended – representation can now be lodged until 21st Aug. 2025

7. Clachaig Glen

The project remains 'on hold' following consent for the development by the Scottish Government, pending negotiations internally and with SSEN regarding grid connection. An update meeting is anticipated.

8. Killean

No updates to report

9. Tangy IV

On hold – pending reapplication to increase turbine size

10. Cnoc Buidhe (Belltown Power)

No updates to report – S36 application under consideration by A&BC.

11. High Constellation

Still no response received from the developer to the Chairs' correspondence.

12. Deucheran Hill 2 (repowering and extension)

No updates to report.

13. Meall Mor

It was agreed that RL should prompt EKCC to contact the Scottish Energy Con sents Unit since information should have been received before now in relation to this impactful development near Campbeltown. For further information see https://www.energyconsents.scot application ref ECU00006205.

14. Communications & Marketing

Marketing

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

Engagement Strategy

The petition (PE1885) submitted by a local resident to the Scottish Governments Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee, (and supported by EKREG) received its Ninth hearing on 2nd April. The Committee once again supported the proposals and the matter was, once again, referred to the Scottish Government for feedback/action. The minutes of the meeting can be accessed here: <a href="https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/committees/current-and-previous-committees/session-6-citizen-participation-and-public-petitions-committee/meetings/2025/citizen-participation-and-public-petitions-committee-02-april-2025 and a video of recording of the session is available to watch here. The Official Report (a reliable written record of what is said in public meetings) is a available on the petition's webpage at: Committee <a href="Scottish Parliament TV..

Communications

JB reported on the positive outcomes of (virtual) roundtable discussions organized by CES to feed into Scottish Government policy actions allied to community benefit funding and community shared ownership.

An invitation had been accepted to participate in another consultation event, this time with Scottish Government civil servants, aimed to inform government policy development allied to CSO.

13. Governance

No updates to report.

14. AOB

It was noted that in Australia, Queensland & NSW had recently made the offer of 15% equity a mandatory requirement for all wind farm developments

It was agreed that JB would introduce a lithium ion battery safety expert/consultant that he knows to WKCC.

No other matters were tabled

DONM: Tues 2nd Sept, 2025. 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]