

EKREG Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 28th February, 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 (Thurs 16th Feb 2023)

- Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. Treasurers' Report

- The only transaction to report was the payment of routine monthly 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. ESB – West Torrisdale (WT)

- No updates to report

6. Clachaig Glen (CG)

- Still no response received from RWE regarding the outstanding NDA. The matter has now been outstanding for RWE's attention for > 6 months. LES and FLS have been informed.

7. High Constellation

- The Chair had agreed a date for a meeting with the developer to discuss CBF arrangements (on behalf of EKCC) and CSO offerings. **The developer has confirmed that no application will be made to planning to increase the height of the turbines at this development.**

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

- Lussa Community Wind.

As agreed RL had circulated timelines and will agree a date for a Directors Board Meeting to deal with financial-year-end issues, and JB had contacted the company's accountant to identify the fees payable for engaging their year-end services on a *pari passu* basis to last year [Action: RL & JB]

- East Kintyre Community Fund (EKCF).

The second call for applications to the Fund is currently advertised and this application round will close on March 10th.

8. Cnoc Buidhe (Belltown Power)

- No updates to report

9. Earraghail

- The Chair had contacted SPR to attain an update on the status of CBF discussions and obtain details of the CSO offer to be made that has already been shared with FLS.

10. Communications & Marketing

- Marketing

Regular website updates had been instigated

- Engagement Strategy

The 'Share the Wind' petition (PE1885/C) promoting mandatory community shared ownership in Scottish windfarms via land tax reform was discussed by the Scottish Governments' Citizen Participation and Public Petition Committee at their latest meeting: Feb. 8th. The petition again received strong support from the former Energy Minister, Fergus Ewing MSP, amongst other members of the panel. The Chair agreed to reiterate the questions posed by the petitioner, and added to by the committee, to the appropriate Ministers since they had so far failed to address the key questions raised. The petition will be retabled once the Minister(s) approached by the Committee Chair have responded.

- Communications

AB had held a meeting with a representative of North Arran Community Benefit Society aka their concerns over visual impacts of Kintyre windfarm developments

11. Governance

- No updates to report

12. AOB

No other items were tabled

DONM: Tues 14th March, 2023, 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]