

EKREG

Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 20th Feb, 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 (Tues 6th Feb Jan, 2023)

- 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

- No updates to report

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

- Lussa Community Wind.
A Special General Meeting (virtual) with an extraordinary resolution has been called, with voting March 13th for the board-approved plan to modify Society's model rules to accommodate the proposed extension of LCW so that it that can service all locally-impacted communities invited by developers to participate in future offers of CBF and/or CSO.

A quote had been received from the Society's legal team to incorporate Fhroaich Ltd., with the intent that Fhroaich Ltd. would be incorporated following sight of the termsheet from RWE.

The balance of funds remaining at the 2022 year-end had been donated to the three anchor charities, and receipts received for all payments.

- East Kintyre Community Fund (EKCF).

The next call for applications (opened 26th January) was now open and several applications had already been received. 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 most disappointing and less than informative meeting had taken place with the ESB project team.

7. Clachaig Glen (CG)

- Several actions agreed at a meeting with the RWE Project team remain outstanding, and are now grossly overdue. It was agreed that the Chair would chase them for some answers aka outstanding information prior to the next meeting.
- A meeting had been scheduled with QMPF/LES to discuss financial advice, financial model access/costs and availability of pricing forecasts.

8. High Constellation

- A 'holding memo' had been 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)

- The first draft of an NDA remains overdue review by the developer

10. Earraghail (SPR)

- Agreement had been reached between the communities as to whom should be invited to participate in CBF & CSO discussions and who would represent the communities at different stages of the negotiations.

11. Communications & Marketing

- Marketing

Regular updates to the Kintyre Wind website had been completed.

- 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 last tabled by 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 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

Following a positive meeting with nominated representatives of (reconstituted) South Knapdale Community Council to introduce EKREG/Kintyre Wind, EKREG had submitted an MoU to represent SKCC interests in all CBF and CSO negotiations with developers, as invited to do so.

Gillian Martin (The Energy Minister) had put EKREG in contact with civil servants associated with land tax regulation; JB was endeavouring to establish a virtual meeting to further discussions. It was agreed that JB would chase Jenni Minto MSP (via her Office Manager) for a response [**Action JB**].

12. Governance

- No updates to report

13. AOB

AB reported on his meeting with Ian Mitchell

DONM: Tues 19th March, 2024. 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]