

# EKREG

## Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2024

Present: Alasdair Bennett ('Chair'), Rob Lee and Jerry Barnes

Venue: Remote working: conference via Zoom

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### 1. Apologies for Absence

- None

### 2. Minutes and actions outstanding at previous meeting (Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May, 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

- An invitation had been received from ESB to attend an exhibition/public consultation event scheduled for June 13<sup>th</sup> in Campbeltown Town Hall (4 – 8 pm) regarding a proposed offshore windfarm project in the Malin Sea, in Scottish waters, 23km South of Islay.
- RWE have scheduled their first public consultation event with regard their plans for a significant windfarm development in Carradale Forest, that will ultimately subsume Deucheran Hill 1: Carradale Village Hall Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June ( 2- 7 pm) and Tayinloan Village Hall Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June (2 – 7 pm). From the 11<sup>th</sup> June information on this development will be available at: [www.rwe.com/deucheranhill2](http://www.rwe.com/deucheranhill2)
- A&BC had filed their objection to EnergieKontor's Section 36 application to develop a significant windfarm South of Cambeltown at Breackerie.

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

- Lussa Community Wind.  
The end of year accounts/reports had been returned to the accountant to address some presentational issues required to service reports to the FCA. It was agreed that JB would chase the accountant over the revisions required. The Chair agreed to service the Secretary with the required information to service AGM requirements [Action:RL/JB].

It was agreed that the AGM should be convened on Aug 1<sup>st</sup> @ 18.00, once the 'board pack' was available for distribution the Secretary would invite the anchor charity representatives and membership to participate.

SPR's Community Benefit Payment allied to the operation of BaT3 over the past financial year had been received. The sum received amounted to £260,183.42. Thus, donations of £85,061.14 had been made expeditiously to the three anchor charities, and letters confirming the receipts had been circulated in parallel for sign-off and return. The balance remaining at the year-end will be split equally between the three anchor charities.

- East Kintyre Community Fund (EKCF).

The opening date for next call for applications to the EKCF will be 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2024. The closing date for this next round of applications will be 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2024. The call will be advertised in July.

The **Cour Community Fund** (now managed by Foundation Scotland) met in Carradale Village hall on 21 May and considered a large number of applications. Details of the fund can be found at <https://eastkintyre.org/cour-community-fund/>

## 6. ESB – West Torrisdale (WT)

No updates to report

## 7. Clachaig Glen (CG)

Data was awaited from RWE

It was agreed that JB would revisit the unreceived Fhroach investment template with the legal team [**Action: JB**].

## 8. High Constellation

No updates to report

## 9. Cnoc Buidhe (Belltown Power)

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

## 10. Earraghail (SPR)

No updates to report.

## 11. Communications & Marketing

- **Marketing**

Regular updates to the Kintyre Wind website had been completed. JB indicated that significant amendments were required to the text of the website to align with the recent amendment/approval of the refreshed model rules. It was agreed that he would liaise with ER to achieve the required updates over the coming weeks [**Action: JB**].

- **Engagement Strategy**

The applicant had chased the committee chair for an update on 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 25<sup>th</sup>. 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**

JB had prompted Scottish Government representatives for an update on discussions as to how CSO could be incentivized or legislated, with a view to establishing a follow-up meeting downstream.

## 12. Governance

EKREG end of year accounts and tax return were unanimously approved and JB was authorized to sign and return on behalf of the board, to enable the accountant to file accordingly with HMRC and Companies House accordingly [**Action: JB**].

## 13. AOB

No other business was discussed

**DONM:** Tues 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2024. 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]