

# EKREG

## Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2021

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

Venue: Remote working: conference via Zoom

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### 1. Apologies for Absence

- None applicable

### 2. Minutes and actions agreed/outstanding at previous meeting (Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February)

- Outstanding: JB to cost Kintyre/Argyll post office mail shot.  
AB to reschedule EKCF inaugural meeting

### 3. Treasurers' Report

- Management accounts were approved. No interim transactions to report.

### 4. Correspondence with wind farm operators/developers

- A productive joint-introductory meeting with EKCC was held, as scheduled, with ESB with regard their interest in developing an operational wind farm, involving the construction of 12-turbines (149m tip height ~60MW installed capacity) at West Torrisdale (on private land bridging the western ridge above Torrisdale Castle). EKREG to schedule a follow-up meeting with the developer with the aim of pinning down CBF and CSO elements associated [**Action: AB**]
- Correspondence had been received, and a dialogue entered into, with Cnoc Breacam Renewables LLP (Duncan Farms; an Aberdeenshire-based private developer) over a proposed windfarm development near Crossaig comprising up-to 18 turbines with a height of 149.5m. It was agreed that a meeting with the developer should be advanced to probe and position CBF and CSO opportunities as well as to discuss concerns pertaining [**Action: AB**]
- Correspondence had been received from EnergieKontor regarding their reapplication for Narachan windfarm, plus new proposed developments at Arnicle (adjacent to BaT3/Blary Hill and likely heavily impacting views West Kintyre) and Kilberry – both developments employing unprecedented offshore-sized 230m height turbines. It was agreed that a meeting should be advanced to re-establish contact with this developer and position CBF and CSO opportunities as well as to discuss concerns pertaining, plus a meet with SKCC to bring them up-to-speed on the developments planned [**Action: AB**]

### 5. CSO

#### - Model Rules/Ben Comm

No updates to report

#### - Funding Streams

Communication had eventually been received from Paul Wheelhouse's office (Scottish Government) indicating that EiF and SNIB were the vehicles established to fuel community shared ownership in windfarms, and PWLB funding for community-based renewable projects in Scotland (as has been the case in England) was not an option.

## 6. BaT3

- **SPR/Iberdola**  
Via Local Energy Scotland, EKREG had engaged a sector-experienced lawyer (via Gillespie MacAndrew), to pursue the outstanding NDA with SPRs legal section and thus, facilitate the CSO opportunity in BaT3 [**Action: RL & JB**]
- **LES/CARES Grant/Tender documentation**  
Dialogue was ongoing with potential tenderers and potential investors (SNIB, Eif, Triodos etc) to see if they would be willing to sign up to back-to-back NDA arrangements based on the document received from SPR [**Action: RL & JB**].
- **CC Charitable Bodies**  
No updates to report

## 7. Clachaig Glen

It was agreed that a meeting with RWE should be advanced to re-engage and position CBF and CSO opportunities [**Action: AB**]

## 8. Cour

No updates to report

## 9. Communications & Marketing

### - Marketing

RL was thanked for the presentation he had made to the group on styles and approaches

### - Engagement Strategy

No updates to report.

### - Briefings/CC MoUs

AB was in communication with SKCC with regard the establishment of a meeting

### - Website

Revised map and news items to flag the correspondence received from developers with regard the new proposed windfarm developments had been posted

## 10. Governance

The company's accountant to be contacted with regard submission of year-end accounts to Companies House [**Action: JB**]

## 11. AOB

It was agreed that EKREG representatives should if possible participate in a SSEN webinar with a view to questioning how all new developments planned could be accommodated in the present grid-feed structure locally and/or whether further expansion of the Carradale substation was foreseen/planned

It was agreed that the Chair should chase A&BC over the approach made by EKREG to qualify positioning/relevance of identified zones of protection in their RDPs [**Action: AB**]

- No other matters were tabled at the meeting

## 12. DONM: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021, 09.00 via Zoom