

# EKREG

## Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020

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 10<sup>th</sup> November)

- The only action remaining outstanding was to contact Ethex aka service provision/fees pertaining to community share schemes [**Action: JB**]

### 3. Treasurers' Report

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

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

- No updates to report

### 5. CSO

#### - Model Rules - FCA Update

JB reported on his clarification from the company's accountant on the tax positioning of shares held in the planned Ben Comm. Plans for the Ben Comm, and share issue associated, had been advanced with a view to launching the Bat3-oriented Ben Comm following sight of the term sheet for Bat3 from SPR and Community Council approvals to move forward. Associated research resulted in discussion over the requirements to further an Ethex-style share offer, and highlighted points requiring clarification.

#### - Funding Streams

It was noted that the Scottish National Investment Bank had been financed beyond the levels anticipated. £2bn would be available to support renewable energy developments over the coming decade. No other updates to report

#### - FLS/MCS Update

FLS had launched a consultation process over their LMP for Carradale Forest. No other updates to report.

### 6. BaT3

- SPR were slowly progressing the evolution of documentation aimed at facilitating discussions between SPR, EKREG and the CCs involved, with a view to sight of HoTs late-4Q20. Feedback still awaited from SPR. It was agreed that the Chairman should prompt SPR for action on matters outstanding [**Action: AB**].

#### - LES/CARES Grant/Tender documentation

No updates to report - sight of HoTs from SPR required before tendering process can be reconsidered.

- **CC Charitable Bodies**  
No updates to report
- **C-19 and other concerns**  
No updates to report

## 7. Communications & Marketing

- **Marketing**  
No updates to report
- **Engagement Strategy**  
No updates to report.
- **Briefings/CC MoUs**  
Dialogue had been reignited with T&S Trust and a presentation planned for the early New Year.
- **Website**  
Minor amendments had been made – no further updates outstanding

## 8. Governance

The company's Articles of Association had been reforwarded to Companies House following minor amendment

## 9. AOB

- The announcement (published in the Courier w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov) of SPR's application for consent to undertake a development comprising 19 x 150m (to blade tip) turbines plus 2 ground solar arrays delivering a combined installed output of 134 MW at Sheirdrim (between Skipness and Tarbert; grid ref 181302, 657098) was highlighted. See: [www.energyconsents.scot](http://www.energyconsents.scot). Representation/Comments are invited via mail or lodged via the Energy Consents website: [www.energyconsents.scot/register.aspx](http://www.energyconsents.scot/register.aspx).
- It was noted that SPR had also launched an interactive public information portal with regard their planned development at Earraghail. This online platform enabling feedback on enquiries is available through the SPR website at: [https://www.scot-tishpowerrenewables.com/pages/earraghail\\_renewable\\_energy\\_development.aspx](https://www.scot-tishpowerrenewables.com/pages/earraghail_renewable_energy_development.aspx). SPR also plan to introduce their portal via an advert (both physical and online) in the Argyllshire Advertiser and Campbeltown Courier.

No other matters were tabled at the meeting

10. **DONM:** Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 09.30 via Zoom [AB to host]