

EKREG Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 5th November, 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 (Tuesday 22nd October, 2024)

- Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. There were no actions outstanding.

3. Treasurers' Report

- The only transaction related to routine bank charges. There were no other 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.

The Society's insurance cover was due for renewal. The Secretary was liaising with the agent handling [**Action: JB**].

Notification had been received from the bank that routine monthly charges would be applied to the Society's account as of 1 Jan 2025.

- East Kintyre Community Fund (EKCF).

No updates to report.

- Campbeltown Community Windfarm Fund

CCWF is presently considering applications received for capital or revenue funding from charities, community groups and halls within the Campbeltown, Laggan and Southend Community Council areas see: [Autumn Disbursement of Funds 2024 - applications open - Campbeltown Community Council](#)

- West Kintyre Community Fund

The WKCF is currently considering applications received for its autumn disbursement of funds to eligible charities and community groups. For further information see: [West Kintyre Community Fund – WEST KINTYRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL](#)

6. West Torrisdale and High Constellation

No updates to report

7. Clachaig Glen

It was agreed that the Chair should prompt RWE for an update [**Action: AB**].

8. Killean and Tangy IV

- No updates to report

9. Cnoc Buidhe (Belltown Power)

No updates to report.

10. Earraghail (SPR)

No updates to report.

11. Communications & Marketing

- **Marketing**
Routine website updates had been completed.

Engagement Strategy

There were no updates to report on the 'Share the Wind' petition (PE1885/C) promoting mandatory community shared ownership in Scottish windfarms via land tax reform. The latest hearing of the petition by the Scottish Governments' Citizen Participation and Public Petition Committee can be viewed at: [Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee | Scottish Parliament TV](#)

- **Communications**

JB had not received a response from the civil servants with whom EKREG were liaising with regard an update meeting in connection with ongoing behind-the-scenes activity allied to changing government policy on community ownership. It was agreed that a prompt should be sent [**Action: JB**]

12. Governance

No matters were outstanding other than Lussa Community Wind insurance cover (see above)

13. AOB

SSEN's introduction of a scheme to specifically compensate communities directly impacted by infrastructure works/extensions was discussed. A delivery strategy for the scheme is 'under development' and more information will be made available 'soon'. For further information see: <http://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/communitybenefit>

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