

EKREG Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 20th Sept., 2022

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

Venue: Remote working: conference via Zoom

1. Apologies for Absence

- Received from Rob Lee

2. Minutes and actions outstanding at previous meeting (Tues 6th Sept.)

- No matters outstanding. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. Treasurers' Report

- There were no transactions to report other than routine bank charges. An up-to-date bank statement was reviewed and approved at the meeting.

4. Correspondence with wind farm operators/developers

- No matters to report

5. ESB – West Torrisdale (WT)

- A 'holding' response had been received – reporting slow but positive progress with meeting internal requirements at ESB

6. Clachaig Glen (CG)

- Feedback was still awaited on the slightly amended version of NDA which had been returned to RWE. It was agreed appropriate that the Chairman should chase RWE for comment/sign-off [**Action: AB**].

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

- Lussa Community Wind. JB had re-engaged with the company's insurance agent to revisit insurance cover for the Directors.
- East Kintyre Community Fund (EKCF).

Rob Lee had tendered his resignation as Chairman of EKCF, having overseen the launch and first round of the fund. A new Chairman was now sought.

The first call for applications for funding had attracted a significant number of applications. Application information for the second round of funding: www.kintyrewind.com/east-kintyre-community-fund or contact the fund secretary at info.ekcf@gmail.com

8. Cnoc Buidhe (Belltown Power)

- No updates to report.

9. Earraghail

- It was agreed that the Chairman should prompt SPR with regard CSO opportunities in Earraghail on behalf of the impacted communities, with a view to establishing a dialogue [**Action: AB**]

10. Communications & Marketing

- Marketing

Regular website updates had been instigated

- Engagement Strategy

A response was still awaited from the Minister following the upload of additional information addressing the Ministers responses to the petition currently being debated by the Scottish Governments' Citizen Participation and Public Petition Committee. The latest hearing at which the petition entitled 'Share the Wind' (PE1885/C) promoting mandatory community shared ownership in Scottish windfarms via land tax reform applicable to developers can be viewed at: https://www.scottishparliament.tv/meeting/citizen-participation-and-public-petitions-committee-june-29-2022?clip_start=10:05:10&clip_end=10:12:09. A date for the next hearing is awaited

- Communications

The Chair would contact all the CCs with whom EKREG have an MoU to establish a date for a briefing/update mid4Q22 prospectively in Campbeltown Town Hall, along with an extended invitation to appropriate councilors. JB agreed to provide a 'presentation skeleton' for agreement at the next meeting [**Action: AB/JB**].

11. Governance

- The required Companies House confirmation statement had been filed by the accountant in advance of the 29th Sept. deadline.

12. AOB

- The consultation exercise underway by SSEN in relation to the network linkage to facilitate the connection of Sheirdrim (subject to a public enquiry – outcome still awaited) was flagged and discussed.
- East Kintyre Windfarm Trust had opened its autumn call for funding applications – closing date 20th Oct. Applications pertinent to East Kintyre were encouraged.

DONM: Tues 11th October, 2022, 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]