

EKREG Meeting Minutes

Date: Tues. 17th June, 2025

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 (Tues 27th May, 2025)

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

3. Treasurers' Report

- There had been no transactions charged against the account since the last meeting. An up-to-date bank statement was reviewed and approved at the meeting.

4. Correspondence with wind farm operators/developers

SSE have announced that, following provisional site assessments, they will no longer progress their planned windfarm at High Dalrioch, South of Campbeltown.

SSE have revised their plan for Tangy Repower (Tangy IV)t. The variation will be pursued under Section 36C of the Electricity Act 1989 to accommodate design. This will involve the submission of a Scoping Report to the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit (ECU). The Scoping Report will outline the nature of the proposed variation, identify the key environmental topics requiring assessment, and seek feedback from consultees on the approach for the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). This will, in effect be treated as a new application, where the original S36 application was for 16 turbines with a tip height of 150 m, they will now seek approval to amend the 2019 consent to allow for the turbines on site to have an increased tip height of up to 200 m.

E Power Ltd. have submitted a preapplication/scoping report for a proposed windfarm at Meall Mor, a hilltop that is a continuation of Ben Ghuilean, seeking approval for a highly visible windfarm close to Campbeltown (4km SE) on land adjacent to that originally proposed by SSE to accommodate High Dalrioch. The planned windfarm will comprise 14 turbines, upto 230m tip height, plus battery storage and ancillary infrastructure, with a generating capacity of 84MW (plus 40MW battery storage). For further information see <https://www.energyconsents.scot> application ref ECU00006205.

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

- Lussa Community Wind.

The Secretary had received the updated annual accounts and dispatched all paperwork to be tabled at the Society's AGM on Aug 7th to the membership and anchor charities.

Accounts and tax returns require formal approval at the AGM prior to submission to HMRC, Companies House and the FCA.

- Community Funds (EKCF/CCWF/WKCF).

EKCF is open for the next round of applications 25th July.

For the latest news from the anchor charities and application forms/eligibility For EKCF see www.eastkintyre.org. For WKCF and CCWF see www.kintyrewind.com

6. West Torrisdale

The deadline for representation by A&BC with regard ESBs' S36 application has been extended – representation can now be lodged until 21st Aug. 2025

7. Clachaig Glen

The project remains 'on hold' following consent for the development by the Scottish Government, pending negotiations internally and with SSEN regarding grid connection. An update meeting with the RWE team is to be scheduled.

8. Killean and Tangy IV

- See above with regard reapplication for Tangy IV

9. Cnoc Buidhe (Belltown Power)

No updates to report – S36 application under consideration by A&BC.

10. High Constellation

Still no response received from the developer to the Chairs' recent correspondence.

11. Deucheran Hill 2 (repowering and extension)

RWE hosted their scheduled public consultation exercises in Carradale, Glenbarr and Pirnmill. The latest update from RWE indicates that DH1 will be dismantled in 2026. The site is planned for redevelopment and extension with a grid connection target proposed in 2034. The latest plan is for 14 turbines upto 220m tip height.

12. Communications & Marketing

- **Marketing**

Routine website updates had been completed, and correspondence responded to.

Engagement Strategy

The petition (PE1885) submitted by a local resident to the Scottish Governments Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee,(and supported by EKREG) received its Ninth hearing on 2nd April. The Committee once again supported the proposals and the matter was, once again, referred to the Scottish Government for feedback/action. The minutes of the meeting can be accessed here:

<https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/committees/current-and-previous-committees/session-6-citizen-participation-and-public-petitions-committee/meetings/2025/citizen-participation-and-public-petitions-committee-02-april-2025> and a video of recording of the session is available to watch [here](#). The Official Report (a reliable written record of what is said in public meetings) is available on the petition's webpage at: [Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee | Scottish Parliament TV](#).

- **Communications**

A weak written response, with no actions attached or timeline indications incorporated, was received from the Minister for Climate Action (Alasdair Alan). This was shared with Community Energy Scotland, DTAS and Democratic Finance Scotland, following the short-notice cancellation of a long scheduled meeting with senior civil servants.

13. Governance

The company's accounts must be filed prior to 15th December, 2025. It was agreed that the Secretary would progress the filing with the company's accountant now that the Lussa accounts had been received.

14. AOB

A government consultation exercise must be responded to prior to 16th July deadline. This document appears to promote the principles upheld by EKREG, and furthered in the petition (identified above), to make CBFs and the offer of CSO a mandatory element of all windfarm developments.

Nodal pricing was discussed. It was agreed that if the Westminster government was to introduce the proposed bill this would have positive ramifications for energy prices across Scotland for rural communities

A meeting with Cowal Community Energy had been organized by Community Energy Scotland, and experience of interactions with FLS and windfarm developers shared.

DONM: Tues 1st July, 2025. 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]