

EKREG Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 2nd April, 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 (Tues 19th March, 2023)

- Minutes of the previous meeting were approved

3. Treasurers' Report

- There were no transactions to report other than routine monthly bank charges. 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 Chair had arranged for the membership-approved modified model rules to be signed by an appropriate notary and then submitted them to the FCA for their approval

It was agreed that AB would share SPR reporting templates with the Secretary, who would then send a prompt to the anchor charities for their annual reports
[Action: AB/JB]

- East Kintyre Community Fund (EKCF).

The latest call for applications had received a total of £119K in applications. The opening date for the Autumn call for applications will be advertised in late summer/early autumn – meantime interested parties should contact info.ekcf@gmail.com. For further information and application details see [East Kintyre Community Fund \(kintyrewind.com\)](http://EastKintyreCommunityFund(kintyrewind.com)).

- Applications for funding from community groups and charities are currently sought by the **Cour Fund** (now managed by Foundation Scotland) see: www.ti-nyurl.com/courfund and/or contact Rachel@foundationscotland.co.uk and by **East Kintyre Windfarm Trust** for further information and application details for this fund see [East Kintyre Windfarm Trust](http://EastKintyreWindfarmTrust) or contact ekccwft@hotmail.com

6. ESB – West Torrisdale (WT)

- No updates to report

7. Clachaig Glen (CG)

- Feedback on meeting minutes and a highly redacted Assumption Book had been received. It was agreed JB would act on the comments received on the minutes and AB would respond to the CG project team [**Action: AB/JB**]
- RL agreed to chase LES for outstanding actions from last meeting with QMPF [**Action: RL**]

8. Cnoc Buidhe (Belltown Power), High Constellation (BayWa) and Earraghail (SPR)

- No updates to report

9. Communications & Marketing

- Marketing

Regular updates to the Kintyre Wind website had been completed.

JB had produced a poster promoting the funds available to East Kintyre community groups and this would be displayed around the region [**Action: JB**]

- Engagement Strategy

The 'Share the Wind' petition (PE1885/C) promoting mandatory community shared ownership in Scottish windfarms via land tax reform – currently being discussed by the Scottish Governments' Citizen Participation and Public Petition Committee – was last tabled by the committee Wed Oct 25th. On this occasion there was agreement that the pursuit of this petition was worthwhile and in the best interests of the rural communities impacted by many windfarms. The committee agreed to chase SNIB, LES and the Environment Minister for their support/input. The Energy Minister's response had already been received but it was inadequate and the petitioner had responded accordingly to the committee. The latest hearing of the petition can be viewed (and is minuted) at: [Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee 15th Meeting, 2023 | Scottish Parliament Website.](#)

- Communications

- No updates to report

10. Governance

- It was time for the year-end information to be submitted to the accountant for both EKREG and Lussa. JB agreed to collate the required information and liaise with the accountant over the construction and delivery of the needed returns.

11. AOB

West Torrisdale development was discussed along with feedback received from the National Grid on their infrastructure dialogue with communities across the UK.

DONM: Wed 17th April, 2024. 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]