

EKREG

Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 19th March, 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 20th Feb, 2024)

- 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

- RES will hold a second public exhibition at Tayinloan village hall on Wed 27th March (2.00 – 7.00) to review their updated plans for a windfarm on the Killean Estate 2km east of Tayinloan comprising 10 turbines with a tip height of 180m.
- A Section 36 planning application made by EnergieKontor UK to construct a wind-farm (>50 MW) at Narachan (ECU 00001184) comprising 11 x 180m turbines on land 1.6km East of Tayinloan, traversing the spine between East and West Kintyre, has been refused planning permission by the Scottish Government following objections raised by WKCC, EKCC, A&B Council and NatureScot, following a public inquiry convened during 2023.

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

- Lussa Community Wind.
A Special General Meeting (virtual) recorded 100% return from the membership and anchor charities with unanimous approval for the extraordinary resolution to modify Society's model rules to accommodate the proposed extension of LCW so that it can service all locally-impacted communities invited by developers to participate in future offers of CBF and/or CSO. It was agreed that the Chair would arrange for the modified model rules to be signed by an appropriate notary and then submitted to the FCA for their approval [**Action: RL**]

- East Kintyre Community Fund (EKCF).

The latest call for applications had closed and had been well-subscribed to. The opening date for next call for applications will be advertised in due course – meantime interested parties should contact info.ekcf@gmail.com. For further information and application details see [East Kintyre Community Fund \(kintyrewind.com\)](http://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](#) or contact ekccwft@hotmail.com

6. ESB – West Torrisdale (WT)

- No updates to report

7. Clachaig Glen (CG)

- The Chair had chased the RWE Project Team for feedback on the grossly overdue actions resulting from the last meeting.
- A positive meeting had been held with QMPF/LES to discuss financial model access/costs and availability of pricing forecasts. LES were following-up several actions agreed.

8. High Constellation

- BayWa are endeavouring to establish meetings with individual community councils.

9. Cnoc Buidhe (Belltown Power)

- The first draft of an NDA remains overdue review by the developer

10. Earraghail (SPR)

- Preliminary sessions allied to the pending public inquiry were ongoing, with the main proceedings expected to kick-off 8th Nov. 2024.

11. Communications & Marketing

- Marketing

Regular updates to the Kintyre Wind website had been completed.

It was agreed that a poster should be produced promoting the funds available to East Kintyre community groups [**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

A productive meeting had taken place with Scottish Government representatives who engaged in open discussions as to how CSO could be incentivized or legislated. Follow-up actions were agreed, and a further meeting will be scheduled downstream.

12. Governance

- Alternative lawyers had been identified who can handle Scottish legal transactions

13. AOB

AB reported on his participation in a meeting to discuss the hand-over of the Cour Fund from Fern Community Fund-management to Foundation Scotland.

DONM: Tues 2nd April, 2024. 09.00 [virtual meeting: Zoom]