

# East Kintyre Renewable Energy Group (EKREG) Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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

Venue: Rubha Darach, Torrisdale, Argyll PA28 6QT

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## 1. Apologies for Absence

- All members present

## 2. Minutes of previous meeting (30<sup>th</sup> September) and review of actions

- It was noted that no actions other than windfarm-associated website text remains outstanding (**action: JB/RE**)

## 3. Correspondence with wind farm operators/developers

- Brief updates/reports on early stage ongoing dialogues/positionings were provided
- Lack of response to further recent correspondence despatched was noted and considered symptomatic of developer-relations with communities in this business sector. Progress to be monitored meeting-by-meeting.

## 4. EKREG Ltd

- Bank Account – had been established and cards received by all members. All banking materials (cheque books etc to be held by AB). A letter had also been serviced by the company's bankers to fulfil immediate grant funding requirements. On line banking was in the process of being setup.
- Membership contributions - The chairman acknowledged receipt of £1 guarantees from all members
- Constitutional matters – The company's annual accounting date had been advanced at Companies House to take advantage of the opportunity to extend the company's first accountancy period by 6 months. Annual accounts now due 15/03/21 and needed to be filed prior to 15/06/21. The resolution outcoming from the previous board meeting and revised memorandum to Articles had been submitted to Companies House by post (as the online service did not facilitate such procedure)
- Quotes to service the company's accounting requirements had been sought from Laverick & Walton (Newcastle) and William Duncan (Argyll). The latter was particularly disappointing. It was agreed therefore that the company should accept the offer of services as quoted to be provided by L&W for the first two accounting periods (ie to mid 2022) (**action: JB**)
- A quote to service the company's insurance requirement had been received via MFL. An acceptable insurance position was agreed based on the quote received that would provide significant Directors Liability and Indemnity cover. It was agreed that additional quotes should be sought for the required cover, but the MFL quote would provide a backstop if needed (**action: JB**)
- NDA update - Confidential discussions were progressing in the background
- Applications to E&WK WFTs. Application details were agreed and all required paperwork to support the applications was now available. Some accounting questions to be answered (**action: JB**) Applications to be revised for submission early w/c 13<sup>th</sup> Oct (**action: RL**)

## 5. CBFs - Cour/High Constellation & ECU issues

- Cour/Octopus Investments. Upcoming windfarm meeting should offer opportunity for achieving a dialogue
- High Constellation/Blue Energy. Concerns were again raised that the EKCC's objection was not seemingly visible on the ECU website and there was the suggestion that there was no record of an objection having been filed. It was agreed that RE would trawl the ECU website to make sure it hadn't been 'misfiled' while AB revisited the issue with IB (**action: RE/AB**)

## 6. MoUs: SKDT & T & SCT MoUs

- SKDT – MoU to be tabled at their next board meeting. Follow-up meet to be organized with Eric Spence (**action: AB**)
- T&SCT – Given the fact there are no immediate overlap in windfarm interests it was agreed that **AB** should make contact to make them aware of EKREG and initiate a dialogue, but no formal MoU to be tabled at this time. 'on hold' in effect.

## 7. Communications & Marketing

- Antler Article. It was agreed that RE would bolt together some information from website/open day materials to create an article promoting EKREG for inclusion in the Antler promoting the PG open day. (**action: RE et al. as required**)
- Website. RE was commended on the success of the EK.org website as evidenced by the recent stats on the site. Revisions to the landing page to highlight wind farm activities were discussed and agreed, and updated text to be provided (**action: RE/JB**)
- EKREG table at Local Development Plan Open Day (9 November) 12 – 6. Presentation materials were discussed as a backdrop for EKREG table/presence, and it was agreed the table should be manned by two members of the EKREG for the duration of the event. The group would endeavor to get 2x A1 laminated posters produced (foc) w/c 13<sup>th</sup> Oct. (**action: JB/RL**)

## 8. AOCB

- No matters tabled for discussion

## 9. DONM

Agreed: Rubha Darach. 10.00 Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October