

East Kintyre Renewable Energy Group (EKREG) Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday February 3rd, 2020

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

Venue: Rubha Darach, Argyll PA28 6QT

1. Apologies for Absence

- None

2. Minutes and actions agreed at previous meeting (Monday, 20th January)

- **Actions outstanding/carried-over:**

Additional insurance quotations to be received March [JB]

Combining of Mem and Articles/sanity check by ET [JB]

3. Correspondence with wind farm operators/developers

JB reported dispatch of a letter to Good Energy aka Willow development update/plans

AB reported on communication with Morven@ SSE over Tangy IV

Location of, and participation in, scheduled meet with Energie Kontor was agreed

- **Actions outcoming from discussions**

RES' plans for Killean reapplication to be qualified [AB]

Plans for March 4th meeting 14.00 at Creag Lodge to be communicated to EK [JB]

4. CSO - Options

a. Model Rules, Legal Vehicles & Interactions

RL reported that feedback from CSS on submitted model rules would be received before Feb 27th. A rather unhelpful answer had been received from HMRC with regard RLs approach to them over the question of charitable status for the envisioned BenComm. And JB reported that despite a further prompt no additional information had been received from the company's accountant with regard the same question.

- **Actions outcoming from discussions**

HMRC responder to be requested over BennComm charity status [RL]

b. Funding Streams

Discussions focused on (i) the potential afforded by local regional councils in both England & Scotland to service loans at favourable rates of interest for minimal-risk community-oriented renewable development projects and (ii) what could be learned from www.rippleenergy.com with regard marketing and crowdfunding associated with a community share offer.

- **Actions outcoming from discussions**

Date to be pinned down for meet with A&B Financial controller at A&B Council [AB]

Audit Scotland to be contacted directly [RE/RL]

5. BaT3 (SPR)

A meeting date (18th March) and provisional schedule for CBF, followed by CSO, meet at Campbell Town Hall had been received from SPR, with two representatives to be invited from each representative body in attendance. Meeting to be chaired by SPR and involve representation from Abundance, LES, invited CCs plus EKREG

- **Actions outcoming from discussions**

Premeet for involved CC representatives to be scheduled 16th March [AB]

6. Clachaig Glen (EON (now RWE))

Anticipated that visibility on RWE's plans for CBF and CSO would not be forthcoming before mid-2Q20. Given the geographic positioning of this development expect T&S as well as East/West Kintyre CCs likely to be invited to discuss CBF/CSO. Given recognition of this situation a dialogue had been initiated with T&SCT with regard a meeting with T&S to introduce EKREG and discuss positioning. During the course of this dialogue it had already been established that there was written consent for T&SCT to represent any and all interests of T&SCC in windfarm developments, and thus it was with this body that EKREG should communicate. A meet/briefing date of 1st April in Tarbert had been confirmed.

7. Tangy IV (SSE)

AB/RE were thanked for, and congratulated by the other members of the group, on the success of the EKREG briefing delivered to Southend and The Laggan CCs – the outcome of which had been the swift receipt of a signed MoU from Southend CC, and subsequently from The Laggan CC, orchestrating EKREG to represent the interests of these communities, in addition to those already represented (East, West and Campbeltown CCs), at any/all relevant CSO discussions and negotiations.

Action: Communicate update to Morven @SSE aka Tangy IV development [AB]

8. NDA Update

Nothing to report

Answers awaited from latest developer communications aka Willow and Eascairt

9. Communications & Marketing

- Engagement Strategy

Feedback had been received from ZS following her visit to the Scottish Government where she had raised a number of core issues impacting on the region with leading Government figures (Fergus Ewing and Michael Russell) and drawn attention to the work of EKREG. ZS to email FE and MR with concerns over some aspects of windfarm development and will be arranging a meeting with FE when he attends the Economic Meeting in Campbeltown in early March. ZS to ask if EKREG can be invited to attend this meeting. ZS also has a meeting pencilled in with Brendan O'Hara MP, the next time he is in Kintyre.

- Website update
RE reported on the encouragingly high hit-rate on the website and was congratulated on the latest round of amendments made
- Briefings
Updates reported above under previous items

10. AOB

The timing of meetings with Gigha and South Knapdale CCs over Clachaig Glen was discussed.

Ireland ESB activity associated with scoping study akin to a windfarm development in Torrisdale was flagged and the position closely monitored

Clean Wind activity associated with a scoping study for 2-3 turbines to be situated at Saddell should also be monitored carefully, and the exact locations of the turbines qualified

11. DONM

Agreed: Monday 24th February, 10.00 Rubha Darach