

EKREG Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday 15th July 2020

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

Venue: Remote working: video conference via Zoom

1. Apologies for Absence

- None applicable

2. Minutes and actions agreed/outstanding at previous meeting (Wednesday, 17th June)

- No actions remain outstanding

3. Treasurers' Report

- Management accounts were approved. No interim transactions to report.

4. Correspondence with wind farm operators/developers

- No updates to report

5. CSO

- Model Rules - FCA Update

RL had participated in a conference call with Senior FCA representatives and minor modifications to 'Rob's Rules' agreed. The revised multi-community Benn Comm rules have been submitted for sign off/feedback.

- Funding Streams

A&BC executive had been recontacted with regard to an update on their appetite to pursue Public Works and Loan Board (PWLB) opportunities, potentially with assistance from EKREG and LES. Semi-positive feedback had been received and a decision is awaited following A&BC exploration of some related matters.

- FLS/MCS Update

Sight of pertinent leases/agreements for the 3 existing plots leased in Carradale Forest and harbouring DH windfarm *et al.* had been achieved without input or assistance from FLS, despite multiple Freedom of Information requests for the CnG ridge plot. The 3 plots, plus grid connection in/out are subject to agreements that are effective until 2026, though some are non-standard lease arrangements. Information drawn down had been shared with CCT and EKCC.

6. BaT3

- LES/CARES Grant/Tender documentation

- No updates to report

- CC Charitable Bodies

- No updates to report

- **C-19 and other concerns**

AB had been involved in, and reported on, some related discussions.

7. Clachaig Glen (RWE/Abundance)

- RL had scheduled an update conference call with Abundance

8. Tangy IV

- No updates to report

9. NDA Update

- No updates to report. **Action: JB**

10. Communications & Marketing

- Marketing

No updates to report

- Engagement Strategy

A piece about EKREG activities for a CCT newsletter was discussed and finalised for circulation

- Briefings/CC MoUs

It was anticipated, given the dialogue, that a signed-off MoU would be received from Gigha. AB had accepted an invitation to meet with S. Knapdale CC representatives at a safely distanced meeting at the Kilberry Inn. **Action: AB**

- Website

Updates and amends had been uploaded

11. AOB

- RL/JB (at the instigation of LES/CARES) had setup a conference call with representatives of Kirknewton DT to discuss mutual interests in shared ownership in renewable energy developments and means to fund such community involvement. **Action: RL/JB**

No other matters were tabled at this meeting

12. DONM

Wednesday July 29th, 10.00 via Zoom [JB to host]