

EKREG Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday 9th September 2020

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

Venue: Remote working: conference via Zoom

1. Apologies for Absence

- None applicable

2. Minutes and actions agreed/outstanding at previous meeting (Wednesday, 26th August)

- 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

Dispensing Charity Constitution, guidance notes and associated documentation had been disseminated to partner CCs. Feedback awaited.

- Funding Streams

Potentially positive discussions between LES/CARES and A&BC regarding financial support had been followed-up. A response from A&BC was awaited. It was agreed that JB should chase if no response received prior to next EKREG meeting.

A detailed response to RL's communication to Scottish Ministers over community access to funds to support their buy-in to renewable energy developments via access to PWLB funds and other government vehicles was still awaited.

- FLS/MCS Update

- No updates to report

6. BaT3

AB reported on his ongoing dialogue with Gillian Arnott at SPR. The present focus was the evolution of documentation received from SPR aimed at facilitating discussions between SPR, EKREG and the CCs involved, with a view to sight of HoTs 4Q20 (probably November)

- LES/CARES Grant/Tender documentation

- No updates to report

- CC Charitable Bodies

Agreed governance documentation underpinning the EK Charity that will disseminate funds incoming from windfarms to eligible charitable projects allied to the CAP/LDP had been sent to OSCR for their feedback. Once received, comments will be addressed prior to registration of the Charity [**Action: RL**]

- **C-19 and other concerns**

No updates to report bar an article in this weeks' Courier highlighting internal worker-concerns over social distancing/health and safety concerns for workers on the Bat3 site.

7. **Clachaig Glen (RWE/Abundance)**

- No updates to report

8. **Tangy IV**

- No updates to report

9. **NDA Update**

- No updates to report

10. **Communications & Marketing**

- **Marketing**

A press release to highlight EKREG activity and the approval of the multi-community - BenComm Rules plus the benefits associated, and dissemination of the groups' FCA-approved BennComm Rules via the website was being advanced in the background.
[Action: RE et al.]

- It was agreed that the EK Charity affording the vehicle for the dissemination of funds within EK should be titled the 'East Kintyre Community Fund' and branding had been evolved and agreed.

- **Engagement Strategy**

Dialogue was ongoing with CCs with regard proposed Charity for the dissemination of windfarm funds incoming from Bat3 et al.

- **Briefings/CC MoUs**

No updates to report

- **Website**

No updates outstanding

11. **AOB**

- JB reported that outstanding insurance documentation had been received by the company's broker following C-19 related hold-ups. After checking, the documents would be released to the company for feedback/filing

No other matters were tabled at this meeting

12. **DONM:** Wednesday 23rd September, 10.00 via Zoom [JB to host]