

# EKREG Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020

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

Venue: Remote working: conference via Zoom

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## 1. Apologies for Absence

- None applicable

## 2. Minutes and actions agreed/outstanding at previous meeting (Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept.)

- 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

It was agreed that the timelines for the registration of the multi-community benefit Society should be researched with a view to progressing its establishment  
[Action: RL]

### - Funding Streams

Positive communication was reported with A&BC who were progressing grant support from LES/CARES to explore the opportunities afforded via Public Works Loan Board for onward loans to support community shared ownership in renewable energy developments. EKREG support to move this forward was proffered. Alternative A&BC funding sources are under discussion to assist the impacted community's buy-in to Bat3, probably on a matched or mezzanine funding arrangement.

RL had prompted the Scottish Government over a response to his acknowledged communiqué regarding community access to funds to pursue shared ownership in renewable energy developments. The feedback received was that this was presently awaiting the attention of Paul Wheelhouse (The Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands).

### - FLS/MCS Update

- No updates to report

## 6. BaT3

The ongoing focus remains 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. Communication ongoing. Feedback currently awaited from SPR.

### - LES/CARES Grant/Tender documentation

- No updates to report

- **CC Charitable Bodies**

It was agreed that the establishment and registration of the East Kintyre Community Fund (the charity that is to be established to oversee the dissemination of funds incoming from windfarms to strategic development, education and regeneration projects as outlined in the East Kintyre Local Development Plan) should be progressed as swiftly as feasible [**Action: RL**]

- **C-19 and other concerns**

- No updates to report

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

- No updates to report

8. **Tangy IV**

- No updates to report

9. **NDA Update**

- No updates to report. It was agreed that downstream this item should be covered within the AOB element of the meeting agenda.

10. **Communications & Marketing**

- **Marketing**

The EKREG press release was picked-up by the local press and short article appeared in the Campbeltown Courier on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Oct. Local Energy Scotland had been contacted and agreed to publicise the launch of the groups' Multi-Community Benefit Society rules to communities across Scotland in their November bulletin (print deadline ~26<sup>th</sup> Oct). Community Shares Scotland will also be approached to achieve similar publicity [**Action: JB**].

- **Engagement Strategy**

It was agreed that the identified software to facilitate online form development and submission in a secure manner online should be trialed with EKWFT prior to adoption for other targeted purposes.

- **Briefings/CC MoUs**

An MoU enabling EKREG to formally represent Gigha CC interests in shared ownership discussions with renewable energy developers had been received. No other updates to report.

- **Website**

No updates outstanding

11. **Governance**

The company's statutory annual confirmation statement was successfully filed at Companies House 26<sup>th</sup> Sept. (unique reference 069-517856).

Following approval at the recent AGM JB was tasked with filing the company's updated Articles of Association at Companies House [**Action: JB**].

12. **AOB**

No other matters were tabled at this meeting

13. **DONM:** Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October, 09.00 via Zoom [AB to host]