

EKREG

Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 2nd February, 2021

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 (Tuesday 19th January)

- 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/Ben Comm

It was agreed that community wind farm shared ownership should be branded 'Kintyre Wind' and a logo produced. It was also agreed that the commercial investment vehicle (CIV) in BaT3 (i.e the multi-community Benefit Society) should be named 'Lussa Community Wind Ltd.' (with the use of 'Lussa' in the title pre-cleared with the owners of Jura-based Lussa Drinks Ltd.). It was agreed that the CIV should be registered with the FCA [**Action: RL**].

- Funding Streams

A branded share offer front page had been agreed, in parallel with the production of a first draft of the community share offer underpinning the launch of the CIV which will now be evolved to service the requirement.

CSS micro-grant (£5K) spend expectations had been qualified and application forms obtained with a view to lodging an application in the foreseeable future probably to cover marketing expenditure.

No update had been received in the interim from Scottish Government following the approach made by RL to Mike Russell MSP who had chased the Minister on behalf of EKREG with regard to accessing PWLB funding for community-based renewable projects in Scotland. Feedback is awaited from the Minister.

- FLS/MCS Update

- It was agreed that no further action was applicable or need be taken at this time, and that this item should be removed from the agenda moving forward, with any updates to be covered under AOB

6. BaT3

- **SPR/Iberdola**

AB had chased SPR and this had initiated an agreed meet date with SPR/Abundance to propel the BaT3 community shared ownership agenda forward

- **LES/CARES Grant/Tender documentation**

No updates to report

- **CC Charitable Bodies**

The inaugural meeting of the East Kintyre Community Fund (EKCF) had needed to be postponed and was due to be rescheduled as a consequence of technical issues
[Action: AB]

West Kintyre had registered their EKCF-equivalent using the templates provided by EKREG to underpin the West Kintyre Community Fund (WKCF) and, in parallel, Campbeltown were underway with the registration of their EKCF-equivalent; Campbeltown Windfarm Trust.

7. Clachaig Glen

Revised plans for CG had been submitted by RWE and should soon be visible on the ECU website. The revision involves an increase in turbine tip-heights from 149m to 180m, as a consequence every turbine mast will need to bare a 'red' aviation safe-light. This will considerably increase the night-time impact of the masts, with particular concerns over the visual impact on residents astride the A83 and on Gigha.

8. Cour

Octopus Energy had provided visibility on their community benefit fund accounts allied to Cour windfarm, which shows spend totaling £178K of the £410K (minus admin costs) agreed to be available by this point (from March 2017). Funds owed to the community amounting to ~£250K will be released over the next quarterly tranches of funding. The first evidence of this is that the 'cap' on grants for the March-funding round will be increased to £50K per application.

7. Communications & Marketing

- **Marketing**

Branding for 'Kintyre Wind' and the Lussa Community Wind Ltd share offer had been evolved and agreed

- **Engagement Strategy**

No updates to report.

- **Briefings/CC MoUs**

Following a presentation made to T&S Development Trust (T&S CC's delegated authority for windfarm CBF & CSO), and resulting discussions, a signed MoU had been received actioning EKREG to act on their behalf, as with the other Kintyre CCs supported by EKREG, in all matters pertaining to Community Shared Ownership in approved windfarm developments. It was agreed that AB should recontact SK with a view to advancing their MoU sign-off asap [Action: AB].

- **Website**

A page had been added to the East Kintyre website to accommodate the impending launch of EKCF

It was agreed that an independent website should be established to accommodate and promote 'Kintyre Wind' and the impending share offers associated [**Action: RE**].

8. Governance

- No updates to report

9. AOB

- An approach by Tighnabruich District Development Trust (TDDT) was discussed and a response agreed [**Action: RE**]
- AB, with support from RL, was thanked for setting-up an image-bank, that will continue to be populated, to provide a powerful tool to support EKREG-related marketing/business activities moving forward

10. DONM: Tuesday 16th February 2021, 09.30 via Zoom