

East Kintyre Windfarm Trust
Minutes of Meeting 1 November 2018
Carradale Village Hall

In Attendance: Ian Brodie (IB- Chair), Alasdair Bennett (AB - Secretary/Treasurer), Eleanor Sloan (ES), Robert Strang (RS), Trish Collins (TC), Kenneth Semple (KS), Lesley Prag (LP), Ronnie Brownie (RB) and Elaine Batchelor (EB).

Welcome: IB welcomed everyone to the meeting

Apologies: Thomas McPherson

Financial Update: AB provided an update on the finances of the EKWFT and advised that sufficient funds were available in the current account for this tranche of grants.

Declarations of Interest: ES declared an interest in the Explore Kintyre and Gigha application, RS and AB declared an interest in Carradale Golf Club and AB, TC and LP declared an interest in the Carradale Community Trust application. All agreed not to vote where there could be a potential conflict of interest.

Applications: 8 applications were considered and agreed as per the attached schedule. Representations were made by Niall MacAlister Hall on behalf of Explore Kintyre and Gigha, Alan Walker on behalf of Carradale Golf Club and Carradale Community Trust, Maryann Gosling on behalf of the Carradale Music Festival and Nonnie MacAlister on behalf of Carradale Football Club. Nonnie outlined problems with obtaining spare parts for the mower and advised that they were withdrawing their application in order to consider all options open to them.

Cour Wind Farm: AB & ES updated everyone on a recent meeting they had with West Kintyre WFT and Angus Robertson, who has been employed for 1 year by Octopus Investments (new owners of Cour Wind Farm) to deliver community benefit payments of over £100,000/year to applicants from East and West Kintyre and Tarbert & Skipness Community Council areas. The fund opened on 1 November and applications can now be made by local community groups, charities etc via the besci.org.uk website. The meeting agreed that AB and ES should represent East Kintyre on the board that will be chaired by Angus Robertson to consider applications before approval by Octopus Investments.

Argyll & Bute Windfarm and Renewables Trust AGM AB updated those attending on the AGM of the Trust which he attended in Tarbert on 2 October. The EKWFT Annual Report and Audited Accounts were agreed by the Trust.

Scottish Power Proposals The meeting in Tarbert was attended by Ruth Semple from Scottish Power Renewables (owners of Being an Tuirc I and II Wind Farms) who put forward proposals for a new reporting template detailing how community benefit payments have been spent and an annual declaration from trustees of each windfarm trust. Charles Reppke, Head of Legal & Governance, Argyll & Bute Council will be responding to SPR in due course with suggested amendments to the proposals.

AOCB: There being no further business to discuss IB closed the meeting at 8pm.