

East Kintyre Windfarm Trust
Minutes of Meeting
7pm Thursday 2 November 2023
Carradale Village Hall

Welcome: Ian Brodie (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting and handed over to Alasdair Bennett (Secretary/ Treasurer).

Attendance: Ian Brodie (IB), Alasdair Bennett (AB), Robert Strang (RS), Josè MacKinnon (JM), Shelagh Cameron (SC) and Eleanor Sloan (ES).

Councillors Alastair Redman and Dougie McFadzean were also in attendance over a Zoom link.

Apologies: Audrey Willan and Rebecca Paterson. Although not in attendance, comments and support in relation to the applications had been passed to the secretary prior to the meeting.

Declarations of Interest: Village Hall IB, EKREG AB

SPR Due Diligence Statement: Members were reminded of SPR's Due Diligence Statement, which was previously circulated to members and is returned annually to SPR by AB, and all confirmed that they still complied with the statement.

Financial Update: AB provided an update on the finances of the EKWFT and advised that when outstanding grants were taken from the balance of the current account there remained £145,232 that could be allocated at the November 2023 and May 2024 tranches. It was once again noted that the number of grant applications was still less than what it had been pre-pandemic. However, when grants made by the recently established East Kintyre Community Fund were taken into consideration, overall funding was probably starting to return to previous levels.

Criteria for Grants : AB reminded trustees of the new Criteria for Grants that were approved earlier in the year by Argyll & Bute Windfarm and Renewables Trust. There have been a number of changes, including grants for revenue costs including those for administrative support for community councils, trusts and charities. A copy of the document can be found on the Funding pages of the East Kintyre Community Website. It was suggested that EKCC may wish to apply for grant funding for an admin/support role that would include minute taking.

Applications: 7 new applications were considered and the results are detailed in the attached schedule (see <https://eastkintyre.org/ekwft-past-awards>). A representative from the Carradale Village Hall Committee was in attendance and outlined the proposed project to create two disabled parking spaces. He was thanked for attending and wished well with the project.

AOB: ES raised the issue of grants for student bursaries and it was agreed this could be an option that EKCF might wish to adopt by amending their criteria policy. SC agreed to raise the matter with the EKCF secretary. (**ACTION SC**)

As there was no further EKWFT business, the meeting was closed at 7.55pm

Date of next meeting: Thursday 2 May 2024