

East Kintyre Windfarm Trust

Minutes of Meeting 9 June 2019

Carradale Village Hall

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

Welcome: IB welcomed everyone to the meeting

Apologies: Thomas McPherson and Trish Collins

Declarations of Interest: AB and LP declared an interest in Carradale Community Trust and IB declared an interest in the Village Hall application.

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.

Applications: 9 applications were considered and agreed as per the attached schedule. Representation was made on behalf of Carradale Community Trust by Alan Walker in relation to the Seneval Phase 1 application. The decisions of the Trust are as shown on the attached schedule.

The Hub Project: Alan Walker briefed the meeting in relation to proposals to create a Strategic Plan for East Kintyre, which included the development of a “Hub” that would be made up of a micro brewery, cafe, shop and other community facilities. Consultants had been identified to take forward the first 2 stages of the project; a feasibility study and outline plans. The first stage is likely to cost over £20,000 and Alan requested that the trust looked favourably on a future application for £12,000 that would be match funded, possibly by Awards for All. After some discussion, trustees agreed in principle to the request on condition there was match funding.

Cour WindFarm Community Benefit Fund: AB & ES updated everyone on the first tranche meeting of this fund, which was held in Clachan on 24 April. Despite previous reassurances, grant funds of £100,000 a year will only be available from this date. The bulk of applications were from Tarbert community groups, but there were none from East Kintyre, which may have been due to no public notification that the fund was open for applications. A promise was made that the opening of the next tranche, possibly late June/early July would be advertised and the application form available on the Fern Community Funds website - <https://ferncommunityfunds.com/>

Scottish Power Renewables (SPR): AB informed the meeting of correspondence Argyll & Bute Council received from SPR with the result of their review of community benefit funding. SPR Compliance propose conducting random audits of individual trusts to check on grant spending against outcomes. To do this they will need to speak to individual applicants to check completion reports and receipts. Since EKWFT receives about 80% of its community benefit funds from SPR in relation to Beinn an Tuirc I & II, it is very much in

our interest to work with SPR and ensure all our processes and those of applicants can withstand scrutiny.

The Antler: During the Community Council meeting IB read out a letter from Dominic Ryan regarding restarting and distributing the Antler, a community newsletter. Malcolm Trott was able to advise the meeting that although The Antler still had about £1700 in its account, it would be unable to fund the newsletter entirely from advertising revenue and asked if EKWFT could possibly assist. After a short discussion it was agreed in principle that we would look favourably on any future application for funding.

AOCB: There being no further business to discuss IB closed the meeting at 8.10 pm.