

East Kintyre Windfarm Trust
Minutes of Meeting
8.30pm Thursday 7 November 2024
Carradale Village Hall

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

Attendance: Robert Strang (RS), Alasdair Bennett (AB), Shelagh Cameron (SC), Audrey Willan (AW), Trish Collins (TC), Rebecca Paterson (RP) and Eleanor Sloan (ES)

Councillor Alastair Redman was in attendance over a Zoom link.

Apologies: Ian Brodie and Josè McKinnon. Although not in attendance, both had participated in the pre-meeting on 20 October and shared their views in relation to the applications.

Conflicts of Interest: Golf Club - RS, Village Hall - TC and IB, First Responders - RS and IB, EKCC applications - all community councillors.

SPR Due Diligence Good Practice Statement: All members have confirmed that they comply with the new Scottish Power Renewables statement. AB will send a signed copy to SPR along with the annual return next year.

Financial Update: AB provided an update on the finances of EKWFT and advised that when outstanding grants were taken from the balance of the current account there remained £115,010 for allocation at the meeting and the Spring tranche in May 2025.

Applications: 11 applications for funding were received requesting a total of £58,320. Subsequently, one application was withdrawn leaving 10 to be considered by the trustees at the pre-meeting on 20 October.

James McKinven was in attendance at the full meeting and explained Carradale Village Hall's application for an updated hearing loop and a contribution towards the cost of the hall insurance. The extent of the work to the loop will depend on a site survey and whether the current loop can be updated or has to be replaced. The Trust agreed to provide a grant for the full cost of the loop works and a contribution towards the insurance premium.

The meeting was advised that in the financial year to date a total of £4149 out of a maintenance budget of £8350, agreed in May 2024, had been spent. This budget covers a range of small projects and maintenance works in and around Carradale.

The results of all applications are detailed in the attached schedule (see <https://eastkintyre.org/ekwft-past-awards>).

As there was no further EKWFT business, the meeting was closed at 8.50pm.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 1 May 2025