

East Kintyre Windfarm Trust
Minutes of AGM held In Carradale Village Hall
Thursday 3 July 2024 at 7pm

1. In Attendance: Ian Brodie (Chair), Jose MacKinnon, Shelagh Cameron, Audrey Willan, Trish Collins and Alasdair Bennett (Secretary/Treasurer)

Present online: Cllr John Armour

2. Apologies: Robert Strang, Eleanor Sloan and Rebecca Paterson

3. Minutes of previous AGM: Minutes of the AGM held on Thursday 1 June 2023 were previously agreed by email and posted on the community website.

4. Annual Report 2023/24: Alasdair reported that during the financial year ending 31 March 2024, EKWFT received £79,238 in community benefit payments in relation to Beinn an Tuirc 1 and 2, Deucheran Hill and Tangy 2 Windfarms.

During this period EKWFT received a total of 12 applications for grant funding with 11 being approved and 1 refused. Grants totalling £52,987 were agreed with £57,850, including some carried over from the previous financial year, paid out. This reflects a return to pre-pandemic levels as clubs and community groups re-established themselves and is despite the opening of the East Kintyre Community Fund, which paid out grants of just over £70,000 during the same period and made awards of over £138,000 to 12 new projects. The trend seems to be towards larger capital and revenue projects, which may reflect the reduced availability of grants from larger funders. Anecdotal evidence suggests that the additional funding provided to community groups and facilities during the pandemic has been exhausted with them now turning to the likes of EKWFT for support.

Details of all applications and grants made were published in the Windfarm Trust pages of the East Kintyre Community website: eastkintyre.org

5. Annual Accounts

A copy of the audited accounts for 2023/24 had previously been circulated and showed a balance sheet at the end of the year of:

- Current Account (Bank of Scotland) - £114,982
- Development Fund Account (Clydesdale Bank) - £69,246
- 10% Retention Fund (Clydesdale Term Deposits) - £83,692
- Total funds - £267,920

Members accepted the accounts as accurate.

6. Scottish Power Renewables (SPR)

Alasdair reminded members that Scottish Power Renewables provide 80% of all EKWFT funds and require an annual report detailing the awards made from their Beinn an Tuirc Wind 1 and 2 funds, the percentage of funds received spent in the last year and the source and amount of match funding. They may carry out “spot” audits of selected trusts

to ensure all grants made are appropriate and in line with criteria. They are in the process of changing the reporting format to capture more detailed information regarding grants agreed but not yet paid and the specific windfarm these grants have been allocated against.

SPR are also updating their Due Diligence Statement which will now be more detailed. We will require to adopt the new reporting format and statement for 2024/25. Information about it will be circulated to members.

7. Election of Office Bearers: As there were no new nominations, Alasdair was elected to continue as Secretary and Treasurer for another year.

8. AOB: Shelagh thanked Alasdair for all his work on behalf of the trust.

The meeting finished at 7.10pm