
East Kintyre Community Fund

Minutes of AGM

Date: 8th June 2022, 5.30pm

Location: Online Zoom meeting

Present: Rob Lee (Chair), Alasdair Bennett (Treasurer), Ian Brodie, Shelagh Cameron, Russ Baum (Secretary)

1/2. Apologies

Trish Collins

3. Chairperson's report

RL reflected on a quiet year so far, and that it will get busy soon. The first deposit has been made, with the second in the pipeline. RL offered his thanks to the committee for their support this year.

4. Annual statement of account 2021/22

All of the trustees present said they had read and accepted the statement. IB offered thanks on behalf of the EKCC.

5. Future strategy

a. Grant call timings. It was decided to have the application process open during August. In discussing how we might encourage applications, it was suggested that we should try and make the access to windfarm sourced funds more understandable, especially for those unfamiliar with how it all works. It was proposed and agreed by the trustees that a set of posters at the Open Day (13th August), explaining the differences between the East Kintyre Windfarm Trust, the East Kintyre Community Fund, the Cour Community Fund, and the East Kintyre Community Council on who is eligible, the application process, and the differences between the funding groups should be enough; IB offered to look at this, with AB supplying strawman A4 posters. The meeting also wondered if we could see how far the Charity rules allow us to respond favourably to extraordinary applications, such as from start-ups, or for bursaries; RL offered to look at what might be possible. RB will liaise with AB over the public notice, and with Rhona Elder over preparing the EKCF section of Kintyre Wind for documentation.

b. Charity investment. All of the trustees present agreed that using 10% for investment would be prudent, given the current trend of low numbers of applications in similar funds.

c. Code of conduct and conflicts of interest. No changes or imminent changes were declared by the trustees present.

6. Election and re-election of trustees

IB and SC resigned as trustees, and were then re-elected, having been nominated by RL and AB respectively. The office bearers were reappointed.

7. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held to consider the charity's role at the Open Day. The meeting will be on either 26th or 27th July, to be confirmed.

8. AOB

SC raised the question about a trustee being a significant part of an application process. RL said that there is a protocol in place for just that situation.

The meeting finished at 6.00pm.