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## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

A meeting of the **ARGYLL AND BUTE WINDFARM AND RENEWABLES TRUST** will be held in the **TOP FLOOR, TEMPLARS HALL, HARBOUR STREET, TARBERT** on **TUESDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2014** at **7:00 PM**, which you are requested to attend.

### **BUSINESS**

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**MINUTES of MEETING of ARGYLL AND BUTE WINDFARM AND RENEWABLES TRUST held  
in the TEMPLARS HALL, TARBERT  
on WEDNESDAY, 21 AUGUST 2013**

**Present:**

(Chair)  
Councillor Anne Horn

**Attending**

Charles Reppke	Head of Governance and Law
Audrey Martin	Development Projects and Renewables Manager
Jenny McLeish	Alienergy
Stuart Irvine	East Kintyre CC Windfarm Trust
Lorraine Aitken	West Kintyre CC Windfarm Trust

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were intimated by:-

Councillor Donald Kelly  
Dave Lock, EON  
Dr Mandie Currie, AliEnergy  
Leonard McNeill  
Martin Mathers, Scottish Power  
Alan Mortimer, Scottish Power

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (IF ANY)**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**3. MINUTES**

The Minute of the previous meeting held on 28 August 2012 was approved as a true record.

**4. EAST KINTYRE WINDFARM TRUSTEES**

The group gave consideration to reports updating them on the financial status of East Kintyre Community Council and applications submitted to year ending 31 March, 2013.

Decision:

The group agreed:

1. To note the reports.
2. That Theresa McLetchie would disseminate a copy of the funding allocation criteria to Trustees.
3. That Theresa McLetchie would liaise with Financial Services to determine the billing process and ascertain payment dates.

(Reference: Reports submitted by East Kintyre Community Council, submitted).

### 5. **WEST KINTYRE WINDFARM TRUSTEES**

The group gave consideration to a report from West Kintyre Windfarm Trustees which was tabled at the meeting.

Discussion continued in regards the considerable work and effort that the Trustees made in reviewing and determining funding applications, which the Trustees undertook on a voluntary basis.

#### **Decision**

1. Members agreed to note the report.
2. That the Head of Governance and Law would write to West Kintyre Windfarm Trustees regarding the funding allocation to Kintyre Turbine Watch.

(Reference: Report by West Kintyre Windfarm Trustees, tabled).

### 6. **INVERARAY WINDFARM TRUSTEES**

No report was received from Inveraray Windfarm Trustees.

#### **Decision**

The group agreed that Theresa McLetchie would write to Inveraray Windfarm Trustees requesting an updated Statement of Accounts.

### 7. **ALIENERGY**

The group gave consideration to a report updating the group on ALIenergy activities fore the period April 2012 to March 2013.

Decision:

The group agreed:

1. To note the report.
2. That Theresa McLetchie would liaise with Argyll & Bute Council Communications team to issue a short Press release highlighting the commitment and hard work undertaken by local Trustees in administering the Windfarm funding and also the success of ALIenergy's funding input to Argyll's Domestic Energy Savings improvement scheme 2012/2013.
3. That Audrey Martin would make contact with Jenny McLeish, ALIenergy to raise awareness of the various schemes/projects which were being undertaken locally.

(Reference: Report by ALI Energy, submitted).

**8. SCOTTISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

There was no report from the Scottish Community Foundation.

Discussion followed in regards funding issues.

Decision

The group agreed that Audrey Martin would ascertain any changes to SSE's funding policy.

**9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Audrey Martin reported on the success of the meeting held for all local Trustees. The meeting had proved extremely useful and helpful whereby common issues and problems had been addressed.

Charles Reppke advised the group of the forthcoming Community Council elections and reported that he would be facilitating the initial introductory meeting for new Community Councillors.

Stuart Irvine enquired on the feasibility of Windfarm Trusts obtaining charity status to avoid paying tax on their funds which were currently held on deposit. Charles Reppke advised that changing the present Trust model to charity status would mean adherence to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) regulations. He continued that this could perhaps impinge on the current administrative duties undertaken by Trustees.

The Chair thanked Trustees and officers for their input and attendance at the meeting.



### East Kintyre Windfarm Trust

#### Report of results to 31 March 2014

The following are the grants paid in the May and November 2013 tranches leaving a current balance in the account of £.

Total grants received including Tangy II amounted to £.00

#### May 2013

EKCC Broomfield Garden.....	647.32
Campbeltown Cinema.....	500.00
Carradale Village Hall.....	1,250.00
Wellpark Sports Field.....	1,000.00
MOK Run.....	500.00
Homestart.....	250.00
Church Vestry.....	1,000.00
EKCC Harbour Slip.....	4,000.00
Antler Local Magazine.....	1,000.00
J&A Mitchell re flower tubs.....	<u>160.00</u>

Total.....10307.32

#### November 2013

SCDA-revenue.....	1,000.00
Peninver Village Hall.....	2,630.00
Carradale Village Hall.....	3,000.00
Carradale Seniors.....	295.00
Campbeltown Cinema.....	500.00
Shopper Aide.....	150.00
Carradale Bay Road.....	300.00
Wellpark Grass cutting.....	600.00
EKCC Various Path clearing.....	<u>885.00</u>

Total.....9,360.00

Total grants amounted to £19,667.32 thus leaving a retention of £5,711.00 to reserves.

In the current year, in the May 2014 tranche, grants of £10,718 have been approved and these are being funded by reserves as no grant money has been received yet.

J Stuart Irvine  
Treasurer EKCC Windfarm Trust  
Convenor EKCC





## WINDFARM TRUST

Annual report 2104

We currently receive monies from three different power companies for three different Windfarms. Beinn an Tuirc and Deucharan Windfarms money is shared between ourselves and East Kintyre, and the monies received from the third Windfarm - Tangy being ring fenced for projects within the Tangy and Kilkenzie area.

We hold disbursement meetings twice yearly in April and October. As in previous years we have helped to support and fund a wide variety of projects such as funding of the drainage of a village sports field, ploughing matches, help with renewals and maintenance of various village halls within our area, help towards the costs of essential rewiring of ancient buildings such as Glen Barr Abbey, help with transport costs for outings and activities for the three Primary Schools within our area, and assistance with equipment costs for clubs and associations within the area to name but a few. Since they were threatened with closure some years ago we the Community Council, also seek funding from the trust to enable us to keep the toilets at Tayinloan ferry terminal open for tourists and locals alike. However, we are currently in discussion with A & B Council regarding a partnership agreement for these toilets which will we hope in the future free up money from the Windfarm trust for other projects within our community.

It is noticeable that increasingly applications are for the full amount of projects rather than for part funding, as it would effectively mean others could receive no funding we are trying to discourage this. However, if an application is for a new project with no other funding stream it we will look upon it in a more favourable way to enable it to progress.

The strict criteria we have to work with when disbursing funds from Tangy Windfarm continues to be problematical as the communities are small and do not always apply for funding due to lack of projects. However, we always look at whether or not those residing within these two communities might benefit from other applications from outwith their area and use some of the funds accordingly.

Where it is shown that people residing in our area will benefit, we award grants from applications received from outwith our area. Examples of this are The Picture House, Campbeltown, The soft play area in Campbeltown, Argyll FM and Tarbert Academy, where children from Tayinloan to Whitehouse attend secondary school.

Lower interest rates continue to affect our reserve accounts but we still maintain these at 10% plus.

### Issues

We have some concerns surrounding the timing of the payments from the umbrella fund. This continues to be slow - for instance as of 8<sup>th</sup> October, we have only received one grant yet have a disbursement meeting scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> October. This makes the decision process for trust members increasingly difficult, as we are unsure of the amounts we have for applications received.

With Tangy Windfarm currently in the process of applying for planning permission to re-power, well within the original 25 years we expected, we are unsure what will happen to the current agreement regarding grants for this particular Windfarm trust.

M. Pratt - Convenor WKCC

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**WEST KINTYRE WINDFARM TRUST**

**TANGY - CASHFLOW**

**Income - April 2013 - March 2014**

	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sept</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
SSE - Tangy								1,500.00					1,500.00
SSE - Tangy 2 comm inv							2,153.73						2,153.73
Barclays	4.66	4.23	4.70	3.05	3.38	3.49	3.17	3.39	3.39	3.39	3.51	3.07	43.43
													<b>3,697.16</b>

Received to 31/03/13	18,356.91
Add net income 1/04/13 - 31/3/14	<u>3,697.16</u>
	<b>22,054.07</b>

10% Reserve 2,205.41

Cash in bank @ 31/03/14 4,449.64  
 Plus to trans from Clydesdale 3,807.61  
**Adjusted bank 8,257.25**

Less amounts granted but unclaimed

**Adjusted bank @ 31/03/12 8,257.25**

Available for distribution  
 Adjusted bank less reserve 6,051.84

Applications

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