

**MINUTES of MEETING of ARGYLL AND BUTE WINDFARM AND RENEWABLES TRUST held
in the TOP FLOOR, TEMPLARS HALL, HARBOUR STREET, TARBERT
on THURSDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2015**

Present: Councillor Anne Horn (Chair)

Attending: Charles Reppke, Head of Governance and Law
Alistair Calder, ALIEnergy
Stuart Irvine, East Kintyre Community Council Windfarm Trust
Margaret Pratt, West Kintyre Community Council Windfarm Trust

APOLOGIES

Apologies were intimated by:-

Adrian Davies, Inveraray Community Council Windfarm Trust
Gillian Arnot, Scottish Power Renewables
Dr Mandie Currie, ALIEnergy
Audrey Martin, Projects and Renewables Manager, Argyll and Bute Council

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES

The Minute of the previous meeting held on 21 October 2014 was approved as a true record.

EAST KINTYRE WINDFARM TRUSTEES

The group gave consideration to a report updating them on the financial status of East Kintyre Community Council and applications submitted to year ending 31 March 2015.

Decision:

The group agreed to note the contents of the report. They also noted the slowdown in applications and the plans to open a website and set up a composting scheme. It was also reported that the Crossaig to Carradale road repairs were of a very high standard.

(Ref: Report by East Kintyre Community Council, submitted.)

WEST KINTYRE WINDFARM TRUSTEES

The group gave consideration to a report updating them on the financial status of West

Kintyre Community Council and applications submitted to year ending 31 March 2015.

Decision:

The group agreed to note the contents of the report, and in particular the conclusion of the Tayinloan toilet partnership.

(Ref: Report by West Kintyre Community Council, submitted.)

INVERARAY WINDFARM TRUSTEES

The group gave consideration to a written report updating them on the financial status of Inveraray Community Council and applications submitted to year ending 31 March 2015.

Decision:

The group agreed to note the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report by Inveraray Community Council, submitted.)

ALIENERGY

Alistair Calder from ALIEnergy submitted a written update on ALIEnergy activity which he augmented with a verbal presentation.

Decision:

The group noted the written report submitted and the verbal update and the majority asked if future reports could detail the amount of income received from windfarm trusts and the leverage achieved. Stewart Irvine also raised concerns about the progress of improvement works by ACHA in Carradale.

SCOTTISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

There was no report from the Scottish Community Foundation.

Decision:

The group agreed to note the position.

NEED FOR RECEIPTS

Discussion was had in relation to the need for receipts, with Trustees advising of concerns about tracking the completion of projects.

Decision:

The group agreed that, a process of receiving a receipt for the cheque followed by a report on completion of the project with appropriate receipts, was the best practice.

MONEY FROM EXTENSIONS TO CURRENT WINDFARMS

Discussion was had in relation to the process of integrating Windfarm extensions into existing funding regimes.

Decision:

The group agreed to ask Audrey Martin to provide information on the relationship, timing and governance issues relating to financial payments when Windfarm extensions were consented in addition to existing schemes such as Beinn an Tuirc.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Stewart Irvine asked for comments on the process of using two tranche process for applications and the pragmatic approach of loans to bridge gaps.

Decision:

The Trustees agreed this was good practice.

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