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MINUTES of MEETING of ARGYLL AND BUTE WINDFARM AND RENEWABLES TRUST held by SKYPE on TUESDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2020

Present: Councillor Anne Horn (Chair)

Councillor Sandy Taylor Margaret Pratt, WKWFT
Alasdair Bennett, EKWFT

Attending: Shona Barton, Committee Manager
Dr Lynda Mitchell, ALLenergy
Siobhan Jarvie, Scottish Power Renewables

1. APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of:-

Katie Evamy, ALLenergy

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING, HELD ON 27 AUGUST 2019

The Minute of the previous Annual General Meeting of the Argyll and Bute Windfarm and Renewables Trust held on 27 August 2019 was approved as a true record.

4. EAST KINTYRE WINDFARM TRUSTEES

The group gave consideration to the annual report and audited accounts of East Kintyre Windfarm Trust to the year ending 31 March 2020, having heard from Alastair Bennett.

Decision:

The Argyll and Bute Windfarm and Renewables Trust agreed to note the detail provided.

(Reference: Annual Report and Audited Accounts by East Kintyre Community Council Windfarm Trust, submitted.)

5. WEST KINTYRE WINDFARM TRUSTEES

The group gave consideration to the annual report and statement of accounts of West Kintyre Windfarm Trust to the year ending 31 March 2020, having heard from Margaret Pratt.

Decision:

The Argyll and Bute Windfarm and Renewables Trust agreed to note the detail provided.

(Reference: Annual Report and Statement of Accounts by West Kintyre Community Council Windfarm Trust, submitted.)

6. INVERARAY WINDFARM TRUSTEES

The group gave consideration to the annual report and associated accounts of Inveraray Windfarm Trust to the year ending 31 March 2020.

Decision:

The Argyll and Bute Windfarm and Renewables Trust agreed to note the detail provided.

(Reference: Annual Report and Accounts by Inveraray Windfarm Trust, submitted.)

7. ALIENERGY

(a) Overview of Activities 2020

Consideration was given to a report by ALIenergy outlining the background and staff detail of the company, together with an overview of current and recent projects and activities.

Decision:

The Argyll and Bute Windfarm and Renewables Trust agreed to note the information provided.

(Reference: Report by ALIenergy, submitted.)

(b) Education Update

The group gave consideration to a report by ALIenergy providing an update on education and skills development activity for Argyll and Bute Windfarm and Renewables Trust.

Discussion took place in respect of the STEM Journeys in Argyll and in particular to the development of a video, which will inform and encourage young local people that Argyll and Bute is a beautiful place to live and work, by showcasing an array of STEM careers locally. Ms Jarvie of Scottish Power Renewables advised that they were keen to have a variety of people in different careers to take part in the video project. The Chair advised that the Senior Committee Assistant would circulate the update to

the MAKI ACPG making particular reference to the project and request that anyone interested in taking part should contact Dr Lynda Mitchell of ALLenergy directly. Both Councillors Horn and Taylor agreed to circulate to their contacts also.

Decision:

The Argyll and Bute Windfarm and Renewables Trust agreed to note the information provided.

(Reference: Report by ALLenergy, submitted.)

8. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Siobhan Jarvie of Scottish Power Renewables provided a brief update of local site activity within the area. She also enquired as to whether Trusts in receipt of community benefit funds from Scottish Power felt that it was an appropriate time to review the criteria for making awards. Both East Kintyre and West Kintyre Windfarm Trusts agreed that they found the current criteria quite restrictive and out-of-date. Ms Jarvie agreed to have separate discussions with each of the Windfarm Trusts and the Council's Transformation Projects and Regeneration Manager to progress this matter.

Discussion took place in respect of the progress of works, which took place on the Beinn an Tuirc III site during the national lockdown for the recent health pandemic; the lessons learned are being used in other areas as a result of the good works undertaken by all parties involved including the introduction of Community Liaison Groups. Further discussion was also had in relation to the processes involved in other windfarm developments such as Blary Hill Windfarm and the possible timescales involved.

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