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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.

