

East Kintyre Windfarm Trust
Minutes of AGM held In Carradale Village Hall
Thursday 7 July 2022 at 7pm

1. In Attendance: Ian Brodie (Chair), Robert Strang, Audrey Willan and Alasdair Bennett (Secretary/Treasurer).

Present: Cllrs Robin Currie and John McAlpine

2. Apologies: Kenny Semple, Rebecca Paterson, Trish Collins & Shelagh Cameron,

3. Minutes of previous AGM: Minutes of the AGM held on 3 June 2021, and previously circulated, were proposed by IB and seconded by AW.

4. Treasurer's Report 2021/22: AB reported that EKWFT had received a total of 12 applications for grant funding, which was less than half the pre-pandemic level and undoubtedly due to many clubs and groups being unable to meet. 11 of the applications were approved and grants totalling £24,608 agreed. A total of £46,765 was paid out for previously agreed grants with the largest amount (£25,000) made towards the new community shop and post office.

Details of all applications and grants are published in the Windfarm Trust pages of the East Kintyre Community website: eastkintyre.org

Grant Income of £28,069 was received during the year, which is less than normal and explained by no Beinn an Tuirc 2 payment being received during the financial year, but 2 payments received in the previous year. The average payments received is approximately £64,000/year. Almost 80% of funds come from the Beinn an Tuirc 1 and 2 Windfarms, with the remaining coming from Deucheran Hill and Tangy 2.

5. Annual Accounts

A copy of the audited accounts for 2021/22 had previously been circulated and showed:

- Current Account (Bank of Scotland) - £86,533
- Development Fund Account (Clydesdale Bank) - £62,119
- 10% Retention Fund (Clydesdale Term Deposits) - £72,959
- Total funds - £221,612 with contingent liabilities of £4,310 from outstanding grants.

Members accepted the accounts as accurate.

6. Scottish Power Renewables (SPR)

AB reminded members that Scottish Power Renewables have updated their reporting mechanism and he now has to submit annual reports detailing the awards made from both Beinn an Tuirc Wind 1 and 2 Windfarms, the percentage of funds received spent in the last year and the source and amount of match funding. SPR can then carry out "spot" audits of selected trusts to ensure all grants made are appropriate and in line with criteria.

SPR also require a Due Diligence Statement to be returned by the Secretary with the annual report. This is circulated to all trustees who are required to notify the secretary annually that they comply with the statement. Members are also asked to confirm at each tranche meeting that they comply with the statement.

AB advised that the East Kintyre Community Fund (EKCF) will open in August for applications. The funds to be disbursed come from SPR and are community benefits in relation to the Beinn an Tuirc 3 Windfarm. The trustees consist of 3 EKCC Councillors and 3 other members. It is hoped that EKCF will manage all future income from windfarms, whether in the form of community benefits or profits from shared ownership.

7. Election of Office Bearers: As there were no new nominations, Alasdair was elected to continue as Secretary and Treasurer for another year.

8. AOB: No issues were raised and the meeting was closed.