

East Kintyre Windfarm Trust
Minutes of Meeting
7pm Thursday 4 May 2023
Carradale Village Hall

Welcome: Ian Brodie (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting and handed over to Alasdair Bennett (Secretary/ Treasurer).

Attendance: Ian Brodie (IB), Alasdair Bennett (AB), Robert Strang (RS), Josè MacKinnon (JM), Rebecca Paterson (RP) and Eleanor Sloan (ES).

Apologies: Shelagh Cameron (SC) and Audrey Willan (AW). Although not in attendance SC and AW had either been in attendance at the pre-meeting or had passed on their comments and support in relation to the applications to the secretary.

Declarations of Interest: Village Hall IB, Angling Club RP and SC, Maintenance Budget RP and RS.

SPR Due Diligence Statement: Members were reminded of SPR's Due Diligence Statement, which was previously circulated to members and is returned annually to SPR by AB, and all confirmed that they still complied with the statement.

Financial Update: AB provided an update on the finances of the EKWFT and advised that when outstanding grants were taken from the balance of the current account there remained £141,193 that could be allocated at the May and November 2023 tranches. It was once again noted that the number of grant applications was less than half of what it was pre-pandemic. It was also noted that the annual payment from SPR in relation to the Beinn an Tuirc 2 Windfarm had been index linked and amounted to just over £40,000.

Criteria for Grants: AB updated the meeting on new criteria for grants that had been drafted and agreed by Argyll & Bute Windfarm and Renewables Trust. There have been a number of changes, including grants for revenue costs and the meeting was asked to familiarise themselves with the document, which was now posted on the Funding Pages of the East Kintyre Community Website.

Applications: 5 new applications were considered and the results are detailed in the attached schedule. Trustees had discussed the applications at their online pre-meeting on 27 April and agreed that a representative from Carradale Village Hall and the Kintyre Way should be invited to attend the full meeting to answer any questions that might be raised. Both were thanked for attending and wished well with their projects.

A budget for the forthcoming year of £8,253 for grass cutting and path/other maintenance in and around Carradale and Saddell areas was agreed. A contract for Carradale Garden Services to continue their monthly path maintenance during the summer was also agreed.

AS there was no further EKWFT business, the meeting was handed back to the Chair of EKCC.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 2 November 2023