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

Present:	Councillor Anne Horn (Chair)
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Councillor Sandy Taylor

Margaret Pratt, WKWFT

Alasdair Bennett, EKWFT

Attending: Shona Barton, Committee Manager

Dr Lynda Mitchell, ALlenergy

Siobhan Jarvie, Scottish Power Renewables

1.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of:-

Katie Evamy, ALlenergy

2.

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

3.

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.

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

the MAKI ACPG making particular reference to the project and request that anyone interested in taking part should contact Dr Lynda Mitchell of ALIenergy 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.

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 Both East Kintyre and West Kintyre Windfarm Trusts agreed that they found the current criteria quite restrictive and out-of-date.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

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.

