Lochbroom Community Renewables Ltd

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 19 March on line via Messenger group.

Present: Tim Gauntlett (Chair), Andy Kaye, Rob Gibson, Kathleen Donald (minutes), Paul Copestake, Sandy Osborne, Sarah Donald(Di Rollo)

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| Item | AGENDA item | | Discussion | Actions |
| 1 | Apologies | | ? |  |
| 2 | Approval of minutes of previous Board Meeting | | proposed Dave seconded Tim |  |
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| 3 | Matters arising from previous minutes | | Bookkeeper – Andy has appointed Alison Graham  Calum interviewed Robbie | . |
| New accountants formally appointed |  |
| M.O.U. Paul met Ben – asked him to write a list of standard costings. It is still to come. | Paul |
| Insurance – Complaint to Chris Wheeling. Wait for a response. Before next year’s renewal in November get FLS to agree to public liability cover. A wider issue is that different insurance premiums exist. E.g. Strontian. Awaiting feedback from  Braemar who are paying a lot less. | Andy |
|  |  | | Art Project – on hold. Date for starting pushed back? Schools off just now  Information Board – done. Put it to print studio. Date for AGM in Ullapool News.  Tim to chase | Tim |
|  |  | | Gaelic Project, museum and school– Will happen next year. Historic Env. Scotland person overloaded  Feis Rois and Scottish Natural Heritage launched for music for sites of special interest |  |
|  |  | | £12 to pay to Caroline Williams | Andy |
|  | Windfarm- Garve | | Topher, Sandy and Tim looked at figures. £1900/year didn’t add up. Lucy has collated info and circulated to other community councils. A report and feedback will go to Scottish Government |  |
|  | AGM | | Celebration day. Meet in am at harbour - invited people from community renewables, Sunart, people from Local Energy Scotland. Presentations – inspirational – quests and answers session.  i.e. what Sunart had done with community benefit fund.  Presentation in afternoon by young people , Soup and sandwiches  Hands on things available for after – using different community groups.  Local politician, evening meal, film on climate change.  Music – daytime/evening performance, more detail later (composing at the mo)  Make people aware and book people. Hydro only? Achiltibuie invited and involved.  Short list of folk to do presentations and talk re successes. | Sub group to meet on messenger |
| 4 | Treasurers Report  Land  Purchase sub group | AK | Andy had submitted written report prior to the meeting, which was accepted as read.  Transfer FIT payments completed. Locogen help appreciated.  Power Purchase Agreement – emailed FIT in 3 weeks Ist April EDF |  |
| Payment to quick books renewed @ £10/month  Signing cheques and documents. Dave and Andy. Agreed to authorize both. |  |
| Lease: Forestry Enterprise Scotland  Consultants produced 2 draft reports, still nothing suitable for UCT. Include 6 options – 3 not  relevant. Final medium option – area behind farmhouse, open area with terraces. Northern aspect for low cost housing and premises to rent e.g. forest crofts  Tim suggested that the forestry question was a huge drain on UCT and not enough folk to set it up also the community may not be interested.  Temporary halt at mo to purchase of whole forest? Andy suggested to go for option on Northern site. Leisure and recreation could remain with FES.  Preparation for 2 – 3 years down the line.  August deadline never going to be met. Our strip of land – positive response from National Trust and to link up with forest garden. Main option? |  |
|  |  |  | Community Benefit Fund. No meetings yet. Tim to send reminder  Still awaiting result of gift aid money claimed by charitable status registration.  Feedback from beneficiaries needed to make a statement at next AGM | Tim and Ben |
|  |  |  | Budget report to be updated | Andy |
|  |  |  | Legal bill? £900 in budget – will it be enough?  Excellent FIT expected £27K?  Reimbursed capital to investors £7K  Discussion re paying back to investors impacted by corona virus. First come first served. They are required to give 3 months notice. |  |
| 5 | Operating Update | Paul  S O | Continuing to generate v. well 91% of our target. Will comfortably exceed our target.  No problems. No erosion on the track. Monthly visit to the top by Paul. |  |
| 6 | Action Tracker – AGM event |  | Orkney  Local Energy – No response  Micro Hydro presentation – still to contact  Contact Colin Meek – still to do?  Muir of Ord Food?  Name of Strap line for event – October entry  Carbon thro the ages – museum discussion needed  Info board for harbour – Alison. Tim to speak to her  Garden of Remembrance soup and sandwiches. Paul to speak to them | Tim  Paul  Amanda  Amanda?  Tim  Tim  Paul |
| 7 | DONM |  | 21 May 2020 |  |