Lochbroom Community Renewables Ltd

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4th July 2019 at Sailing Club room.

Present: David Maxwell, Andy Kaye, Sandy Osborne, Rob Gibson (minutes)

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| Item | AGENDA item | Discussion | Actions | Owner |
| 1 | Apologies | Amanda Barry-Hirst, Paul Copestake, Sarah Donald, Rebekah Lwin, Tim Gauntlett |
| 2 | Minutes of Board 21 May 2019 | Approved. Proposed, AK and Seconded SO |
| 3 | Matters Arising | Power Purchase Agreement PPA successfully concluded on better terms than previously and valid for fixed price for four years. Payment of interest. AK to send E mails to non-responders offering gift aid form and including acknowledgement button. To report back at next meeting on progress. Action AK |
| 4 | Future membership and direction | Carry forward to next meeting. Action TG | TG |  |
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| 5 | Treasurer’s Report | Submitted by AK for May/June 2019. And approved. Further decisions were deferred over interest payments, operating budget, capital reserves and UCT liaison | . |  |
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| 6 | Operating Update | SO |  |  |  |
| SO provided monthly evidence of unusually dry conditions which have led to lower than expected rainfall, therefore, lower electricity production a review of financial prospects are required. | AK DM |  |
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| 7 | Community Benefit Fund | DM | Successful pay-outs to seven of the twelve applicants sharing £9,000 available. | DM SD |  |
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| 8 | Land purchase sub-group | AK | Stage 1 funding approved and consultants appointed with Scottish Land Fund to pay 95% of expected cost of £17,000 for production of the business plan that includes both Inverlael and Allt a Mhuillin. Excellent work by Ben. | TG and AK |  |
| 9 | Loch a’ Bhraoin Update | DM | Tree felling for path of power output now complete. No further information. | TG |  |
| 10 | Allt a Braighe diversion | AK | Agreed to explore the likely output of extra water to our intake. SO, AK and PC to walk the ground and meet the landowner if possible. Consult HC on the potential gain in extra water. | SO |  |
| 11 | New Generation - festival proposal | RG | TG discussed with SD and ? as a sub-group to bring thoughts to next meeting | TG |  |
| RG | SD overseeing the arts project led by Caroline Williams with seven secondary students of UHS who have visited our site and are preparing their project work. It should be displayed publicly - possibly at our festival next Spring. | SD |  |
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| 12 | Lease update | AK confirmed that Forest and Land Scotland (FLS) have agreed to provide a simple lease by mid-August detailing future obligations of both parties. A review of the process will follow the completion of this extremely elongated, bureaucratic roadblock which lies squarely at the desk of FLS personnel. Action AK |

**Date Time and Place of Next Board Meeting** - Thursday, 5th September 2019 at 7pm in the Ceilidh Place Parlour