**Lochbroom Community Renewables Ltd**

Minutes of meeting – **24 Oct 2019** – Ceilidh Place

**Present**: Tim Gauntlett, Rob Gibson, Sarah Donald, Paul Copestake, Sandy Osborne

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| Item | AGENDA item | | Discussion | Actions | Owner |
| 1 | Apologies | | Andy Kaye, Dave Maxwell, Kathleen Donald | | |
| 2 | Approval of minutes of previous Board Meeting | | The draft minutes of the previous meeting were approved  Proposed: RG  Seconded: PC | Upload pdf to Dropbox  Post on website | AP |
| 3 | Matters arising from previous minutes – (If not covered later) | | 1) Braemore estate – PC/TG, breakfast meeting with Christopher Kiær Thomsen, estate owner. Interested in becoming involved in land purchase and in exploring other options for Ren Energy, paths, etc.  2) Climate action group – carried forward.  3) Book-keeper- carried forward.  4) Work party – successful day on 12 Oct general tidy, cut verges, trees, etc  5) Badcaul School visit – successful day with PC  6) Rassay CT visit – visited 6/9/19, very interested in project  7) Art Project – Collaboration between Caroline Williams, local artist and UHS. SD reported that that there will be a preview in Macphail centre 31/10/19. LCR to provide refreshments. | PC to share Allt a Bhraigie Plans  TG/SD to liaise with other groups  TG to discuss with other groups  \_\_\_  \_\_\_  \_\_\_  SD to circulate info and invites | PC  TG  SD  TG  SD |
| 4 | Post AGM  Actions |  | Office Bearers  Proposed that 3 incumbents remain in post for another year…   * Tim Gauntlet – Chair, director * Any Kaye – Treasurer, volunteer * Dave Maxwell – Co Secretary, director   Finalise minutes, update web and members  Agreed that all to be actioned as required | Proposed PC  Seconded SD  Info to be distributed/uploaded as required | AP/DM |
| 5 | Finance Update |  | RG presented AK’s report   * CBF costs agreed at £900 (circa 10% of CBF) * Lael contribution – discussed and agreed that LCR should not contribute * Computer refurb – agreed not to proceed. * 2018/19actual £22,713 last year   Approval of budget – agreed to await Andy’s detailed input  Signed accounts sent to Scott Moncrief. Annual return to FCA on receipt of countersigned copy along with Tax return.  Andy to investigate replacement accountants  Responses received form members following AGM. Some donation of share capital to CBF. AK to continue with this.  Gift Aid – LCR are using UCT’s registration which has lapsed. UCT to rectify  Lease – nothing further to report  SD presented AK’s ideas on Membership shares  “Golden Shares” are proposed for all members after they have been repaid their investment. Suggestion that we engage with local groups to design an appropriate certificate, such as:   * UHS (but considered unlikely due to ongoing commitments), * Local Art/history groups – discussed perhaps museum and other groups such as SOS, investigate local history of renewables, perhaps with a sponsored booklet to tell a story. Money available from Tesco £1,000 fund. | AK to present next meeting  TG to chase UCT  PC to chase UHS  All to consider ideas and report next meeting. | AK  AK  AK  AK  TG  TG/AK  PC  All |
| 6 | Operating update |  | Gilkes carried out final service 21/10/19 under the terms of the 2 yr warranty – all in good order. However, turbine experienced repeated “Governor Speed Probe” trips on 24th . SO liaised with Gilkes to manually reset, but there continues to be an issue with the speed sensor (situated below turbine/Gen shaft covers).  Agreed to set up Bronze annual maintenance Contract with Gilkes  Following general tidy around powerhouse it was agreed that the road and hill path requires similar attention.  PC reported ath month generation running about 55% to date  PC to investigate i improving reception between SEPA level logger and sensor. | SO/PC to monitor  So to check and arrange signatures  PC to arrange and volunteers to attend | SO/PC  SO  PC  PC |
| 7 | Land Purchase Subgroup Update |  | Nothing further to report – carried forward  PC noted that a Surveymonkey had been set up (see Facebook) | Continue liaison with UCT | TG/DM |
| 8 | Loch a’ Bhraoin Subgroup Update |  | Nothing yet agreed with landowner. Anticipated that CARES route will provide route to community benefit.  TG/Neil Gerrard to investigate options with SSE on community benefit given the anticipated enhancement of their existing Culeig scheme | Report at next meeting | TG  TG |
| 9 | AOB | SD | It was noted that Lucy Beattie has had a feasibility study carried out one of her rivers. There may be opportunities for LCR to become involved.  General discussion about this and other ideas to enhance current scheme and develop Bhraigie – hydrogen, local grid, etc  TG proposed that a meeting be convened March 2020 to discuss LCR’s interest in developing or becoming involved with other local renewable schemes.  There was some discussion about promoting a local song to celebrate Hydro/renewables – perhaps involve school and/or Feis Rois. | SD to pursue  TG to propose date  RG to speak to Fiona Dalgetty | SD  TG  RG |
| 10 | Next Meeting | | **Thursday 5 December 19:00 CP, Parlour Bar** | | |