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| **Loch Broom Community Renewables** | | | | | | | |
| Minutes meeting held 20.05.2021 19:30 - Zoom | | | | | | | |
| Present: Rob Gibson (Chair), Seori Burnett, Paul Copestake, Kathleen Donald, Andy Kaye, Robert Mackenzie, Dave Maxwell, Sandy Osborne  Apologies: Alex Cochrane, Sarah Donald (Di Rollo), Tim Gauntlett, Alison Parsons  Chris Perkins  Minutes: Edel Walsh | | | | | | | |
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| **No** | | **Details** | | **Action** | **Comment** | | |
| 1 | | Approval (and publication) of minutes of 23 March 2021: Prop AK / Sec KD | | | | | |
| **No** | | **Details** | | **Action** | **Comment** | | |
| **2** | | **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes** | | | | | |
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| 2.1 | | **Land Purchase Agreement/Lochbroom Community Woodland Project** | | RG/AK | See Agenda Item 6.1 | | |
| 2.2 | | **High School Hydro Project & Vision Day Goals**  LCR to progress STEM project with Ullapool High School via SB.  SB awaiting appointment of DYW (developing young workforce) co-ordinator in post. | | SD & SB | Ongoing | | |
| **No** | | **Details** | | **Action** |  | | |
| **3** | | **Treasurer’s Report** | | | | | |
| 3.1 | | Financial reported circulated by AK prior to meeting. Routine items only. | | AK | | |  |
| **No** | | **Details** | | **Action** | | | **Comment** |
| **4** | | **Generation** | | | | | |
| 4.1 | | Performance report shared by PGC prior to meeting.  April performance better than expected. About to hit about 87% long term average for the year. On track for second best year since installation. | | PGC | | |  |
| **No** | **Details** | | **Action** | | | **Comment** | |
| **5** | **Operating Update** | | | | | | |
| 5.1 | Router dropped out again; restarted but no idea of cause | | SO | | |  | |
| **No** | **Details** | | **Action** | | | **Comment** | |
| **6** | **Lease Update / Hydro Land Purchase** | | | | | | |
| 6.1  6.1  6.2  6.3  6.4  6.5  6.6  6.7  6.8 | **Hydro Land Purchase (Lochbroom Community Woodland Project)**  RG updated on current status as follows:  **Forestry Land Scotland (FLS) Meeting Summary**  Important to provide FLS with business plan demonstrating LCR ability to take over proposed piece of forestry for local community benefit and manage forestry around the hydro. FLS requires period of months to assess and grant permission to LCR to approach Scottish Land Fund (SLF)  Concerns expressed by LCR regarding state of the bridge which goes over a steep gorge and is the primary means of access between Plots 4b and 4a. FLS will share results of completed report from their bridge review team. The state of the bridge will be negotiated under the sale price.  A second area of concern is the state of the deer fencing; obvious signs of deer ingress despite FLS claims to have carried out recent maintenance. BOH pursuing deer-culling figures.  Preparation of **Business Plan** can commence with immediate effect.  Business Plan to include up to date GIS area map. Kirsteen Currie, Property & Land Scotland, estimates drone cost circa £600. Business plan will clearly show state of fencing and particular uses for available land. Book survey.  LRC to obtain **professional advice** re **timber harvesting** and use including costs involved without using professional contractors/heavy machinery. AK will liaise with BH.  **Access to main track** will require discussions with Highland Council and Transport Scotland; anticipated to be tricky and lengthy. KD will share legal position on all Borders & Lothian village 20mph speed limit restriction implementation  LCR to investigating **funding support** for developing business case including Coastal Communities Fund, HC Ward Discretionary Fund, other charities.  Scottish Land Fund may assist  **Publicity**  Important to expand group who wish to take this forward and actively deliver this for Loch Broom therefore request for volunteers needs to be made and interest generated. LCR members willing to walk interested parties through areas in question. RG will draft publicity plan  There is local support and already pledges in response to recent e-invite and requests for how to assist are coming in.  **Create crofting sub-group**. Important to note that volunteers don’t automatically become eligible for crofts/housing etc and that expectations are managed.  Convene **Finance Group** comprising DM, RM, RG and AK to discuss shares issue. AK will draw up short paper to initiate.  Other:  Noted that the purchase process must include an estimate completed within the previous 6 months which will incur further expense. | | RG / AK  RG / AK  BH  RG  AK/BH  RG  KD  KD  RG  SD/AK  AK  RG | | | Ongoing  Ongoing  Immediate  Immediate  Immediate  Ongoing  Immediate  Immediate  Immediate | |
| **No** | **Details** | | **Action** | | | **Comment** | |
| **8** | **Mandatory Compliance (Grid Connection)** | | | | | | |
|  | Compulsory changes due in a few years. PC has forwarded related correspondence to CP for his advice | | PGC/CP | | | Ongoing | |
| **No** | **Details** | | **Action** | | | **Comment** | |
| **9** | **AOB** | |  | | | | |
| 9.1 | None | |  | | |  | |
| **Date Next Meeting** | | | | | | | |
|  | Wednesday 23 June 19:30hrs | |  | | |  | |