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| **Loch Broom Community Renewables** | | | | | | | |
| Minutes meeting held 23.04.2021 19:30 - Zoom | | | | | | | |
| Present: Rob Gibson (Chair), Paul Copestake, Kathleen Donald, Sarah Donald (Di Rollo), Tim Gauntlett, Andy Kaye, Robert Mackenzie, Dave Maxwell, Sandy Osborne  Apologies: Seori Burnett, Alex Cochrane, Tim Gauntlett, Alison Parsons  Others Present: Chris Perkins (Ecotricity/Personal capacity)  Minutes: Edel Walsh | | | | | | | |
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| **No** | | **Details** | | **Action** | **Comment** | | |
| 1 | | Approval (and publication) of minutes of 24 March 2021: Prop DM / Sec SD | | | | | |
| **No** | | **Details** | | **Action** | **Comment** | | |
| **2** | | **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes** | | | | | |
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| 2.1 | | Lease Update | | RG | Ongoing (Agenda Item 7.1) | | |
| 2.2 | | **Land Purchase Agreement** | | RG/AK | See Agenda Item 7.2 | | |
| 2.3 | | **Power Purchase Agreement**  Locogen investigated 4 provider prices. SO accepted best price (8p/kWh); one-year fixed rate to be reviewed in 12 months | | SO | Ongoing | | |
| 2.4 | | **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  3.2 | | Financial reported circulated by AK prior to meeting. Routine items only  Handover Progress  BOS Operating Accounts – RM & AC are now co-signatories. RM becomes treasurer in May. AK will continue working with RM on annual accounts. | | AK  AK | | | Ongoing |
| **No** | | **Details** | | **Action** | | | **Comment** |
| **4** | | **Generation** | | | | | |
| 4.1 | | Performance report shared by PGC prior to meeting.  Recent snow melt contributed to generation, delivering 99% of long-term average. Poor outlook for remainder of the month. | | PGC | | |  |
| **No** | **Details** | | **Action** | | | **Comment** | |
| **5** | **Operating Update** | | | | | | |
| 5.1 | SO continues to monitor possible issue with turbine at start-up. If it re-occurs, will contact Gilkes again. | | SO | | | Ongoing | |
| **No** | **Details** | | **Action** | | | **Comment** | |
| **7** | **Lease Update / Hydro Land Purchase** | | | | | | |
| 7.1  7.2 | It may take until year end for “Registers of Scotland” action. Remove from Agenda & AK to monitor.  **Hydro Land Purchase (Lochbroom Community Woodland Project)**  RG outlined 2 stages showing the route to the land fund and commencing the construction of a business case for purchase. Ref also number of papers prepared by the Woodland Working Group shared prior to meeting. Working documents will continue to be updated and shared in Dropbox folder.  Project will be titled **Lochbroom Community Woodland Project** from now on.  **Requirements**  Stage 1: Submit application to FLS outlining very rough elements of land use plan. RG will assist DM who will make the written submission.  Stage 2: Verbally appraise Land Fund that we intend to seek financial support from them.  **Membership Consultation**  Agreement that this will be a two-stage process. To start, a letter to be sent to membership outlining the proposed direction, clearly emphasising that this project is separate to BroomPower, laying out the business case, outlining costs, note that funding will be sought and promising future details in due course. For now, AK and RG will work on the letter  Should also include wording that all activities are in accordance with governance and articles and are in compliance with Co-operative & Community Benefit Societies Act.  Second phase communication process will outline proposals for obtaining donations/issuing membership shares. The FLS meeting at beginning of May will feed into these details.  **FLS meeting** scheduled for 5/6 May. Attendees: KD, RG, AK  First **walk-about** on site with Bernard Planterose scheduled for tomorrow (22 April). So far, SO, RG and AK have committed to attend. | | AK  AK/RG  DM/RG  RG  RG/AK  DM  AK | | | Ongoing  Ongoing  Immediate  Immediate  Immediate  DM will make contact & check compliance  AK will confirm date & time | |
| **No** | **Details** | | **Action** | | | **Comment** | |
| **8** | **A note: Brendan O’Hanrahan**  AK has made contact with Brendan who is a Director at UCT, Director Community Housing Trust with interest in home ownership/forestry and the community. Won’t join board but very happy to volunteer and advise as required | |  | | |  | |
| **No** | **Details** | | **Action** | | | **Comment** | |
| **9** | **Mandatory Compliance (Grid Connection)** | | | | | | |
|  | Compulsory changes due in a few years. PC will forward related correspondence to CP for his advice | | PGC/CP | | |  | |
| **No** | **Details** | | **Action** | | | **Comment** | |
| **10** | **AOB** | |  | | | | |
| 10.1 | None | |  | | |  | |
| **Date Next Meeting** | | | | | | | |
|  | Wednesday 19 May 19:30hrs | |  | | |  | |