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| **Loch Broom Community Renewables** |
| Minutes meeting held 27 January 2021 19:30 - Zoom |
| Present: Rob Gibson (Chair), Seori Burnett, Paul Copestake, Kathleen Donald, Sarah Donald (Di Rollo), Andy Kaye, Dave Maxwell, Sandy OsborneApologies: Alex Cochrane, Tim Gauntlet, Alison Parsons, Robert MackenzieMinutes: Edel Walsh |
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| **No** | **Details** | **Action** | **Comment** |
| 1 | Approval (and publication) of minutes of 16 December 2020: Prop KD/ Sec DM |
| **No** | **Details** | **Action** | **Comment** |
| **2** | **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes** |
| 2.1 | Flow enhancements.RG has been in touch with Nature Scotland. The SSSI follows a path to the south side of the burn, just above the hydro. Any plans can be discussed with NS. Important to note extensive list of prohibited actions (eg drainage, plant destruction).  | PGC | Ongoing |
| 2.2 | Land purchase agreement: Valuers were in touch with S Underwood during the week seeking UCT and LBC’s mitigation claim to reduce valuation. AK contributed to this.  |  | Ongoing. See Main Agenda Item 7.2 |
| 2.3 | Hydro project with High School | SD | Carry Forward |
| 2.4 | Power Purchase Agreement: process starts in Feb, to approach Locogen to conduct on LCR behalf. Are there other options? Investigate and report back.  | AK and SO | Place on agenda for next meeting (February 2021) |
| **No** | **Details** | **Action** |  |
| **3**  | **Treasurer’s Report** |
| 3.13.23.3 | AK circulated report for November. In comfortable position provided generation/income reasonable between now and May.AK has now received written confirmation of the donations from all 4 donors. The total sum involved is £8k.AK and Robert Mackenzie haven’t met (weather) but will do soon | AK AKAK |  |
| **No** | **Details** | **Action** | **Comment** |
| **4** | **Generation** |
| 4.1 | Performance report shared by Paul. Despite very cold weather and less precipitation, there was some snow melt. Generation circa 60%. | PGC |  |

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| **5** | **Operating Update** |
| 5.1 | SO has written to Gilkes to say the runner was either delivered with a scratch or Gilkes themselves caused it as nobody else has been in it. SO will press Gilkes to carry out inspection asap.AK has notified insurers who haven’t responded. SO reported that internet signal has dropped out twice and he has been in touch with provider, Polaris. Matter in hand.  | SO | Ongoing |
| **No** | **Details** | **Action** | **Comment** |
| **6** | **Community Benefit Fund** |
| 6.1 | Still some work to be carried out on MoU.  | PGC | Ongoing |
| **No** | **Details** | **Action** | **Comment** |
| **7** | **Lease Update / Hydro Land Purchase** |
| 7.17.2 | Signed lease lodged with the Registers of Scotland; Harper MacLeod and Joe Duncan have matters in hand. RG made some enquiries with Community Land Scotland. They have never heard of problems such as LCR has encountered but are willing to look into matters on LCR’s behalf. If LCR would like to take out associate membership with CLS for a small annual fee, it would give access to a range of people who have been through the purchase experience. This in turn could help inform LCR’s decision to take proceedings further. No urgency with this. **Hydro Land Purchase**Regarding Inverlael land purchase, lots valuations have been prepared by Bell Ingram which are significantly lower than those provided by UCT’s consultants. Rob is investigating where LCR goes for professional advice. Initial questions have been raised by some board members regarding consideration of the land’s practical use versus its market price.  Its potential community benefit is a factor (eg ensuring it doesn’t fall into further disrepair); furthermore site’s steepness is a potential liability.AK, SD & RG due to attend a UCT Forest Core Group meeting on Friday afternoon. | RGRG | OngoingOngoing |

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| **8** | **Mandatory Compliance (Grid Connection)** |
|  | Underway | PGC |  |
| **No** | **Details** | **Action** | **Comment** |
| **9** | **AOB** |  |
| 9.1 | KD suggested revisit of aspirations from **Vision Day** two years’ ago. Aimed for deeper engagement with high school and local agencies, support for affordable housing, environmental/energy commitments. Financial considerations key; RG suggests reviewing post budget. SB will speak with High School with view to exploring possible projects; SD will pass a STEM contact from Fort William to him.  RG will investigate potential income sourcesKate Forbes has been very helpful; Andy will pass her correspondence to KD. | SBRGAK | Pass KF correspondence to KD |
| **Date Next Meeting** |
|  | Thursday 25 February 2021 @7.30pm |  |  |