

Loch Broom Community Renewables			
Minutes meeting held 18.09.2021 19:30 – Ceilidh Place Parlour + Zoom			
Present: Rob Gibson (Chair, by Zoom), Seori Burnett (by Zoom), Paul Copestake, Sarah Donald (Di Rollo), Kathleen Donald, Robert Mackenzie (Treasurer), Dave Maxwell, Sandy Osborne			
Apologies: Andy Kaye			
Minutes: Edel Walsh (Zoom)			
No	Details	Action	Comment
1	Approval (and publication) of minutes of 18 August 2021: Prop SB/ DM		
No	Details	Action	Comment
2	New Board Member		
2.1	It was agreed to co-opt RM and SB onto the board		
No	Details	Action	Comment
3	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes (not covered elsewhere)		
3.1	High School Hydro Project & Vision Day Goals SB reported Developing Young Workforce Co-Ordinator keen to be involved.	SD & SB	Ongoing
3.2	Insurance claim for undelivered lease AK to enquire how best to proceed	AK	Ongoing
No	Details	Action	Comment
4	Operating Update		
4.1	Monthly Generation Started generating again earlier in week following lengthy dry spell but no great concerns for the long term. There were no repeat issues on start-up.	PGC	
4.2	Turbine Upgrade Gilkes have confirmed a date for work to be done 23 November		
No	Details	Action	Comment
5	Finance Update		
5.1	RM provided an update on bank transactions in August, v few transactions; a few small bills coming due (leaflet printing and promotion).	RM	
5.2	Confirm total donation given to the CBF £5k as agreed previously	AK	
No	Details	Action	Comment
6	Rule Changes		
6.1	Rule 13 - remove the board discretion around new members. If the rules are met, then the person must be allowed to join	DM/AK	

	<p>Rule 14 - add a minimum of 20 members - this is specifically required in the guidance.</p> <p>Rule changes have been submitted to FCA; need to be communicated at AGM (covered below) and new membership encouraged</p>		
No	Details	Action	Comment
7	AGM Planning		
7.1	<p>AGM (30th Oct)</p> <p>DM circulated draft agenda pre-meeting. A single resolution – rule update. Rob and Kathleen due to stand down but will stand for re-election. Space for another Type A and two more UCT representatives.</p> <p>Investigate whether Brendan O’Hanrahan, Chris Perkins, Ben Williams interested/available and clarify whether Tim Gauntlett has officially resigned</p> <p>Confirm Seoiri Burnett status as Director; he was co-opted at this meeting. DM will investigate if FCA need to be informed advise action accordingly.</p> <p>Will be via Zoom again due to Covid concerns. DM confirmed LCR can use UCT Zoom licence if required.</p> <p>Ask Amanda Barry whether she can host as last year.</p> <p>Recently produced film requires editing. RG will co-ordinate.</p> <p>Communication to members – RG to write intro + DM to combine with Agenda and Resolution and sent to AP to email out. DM to place advert in UN over 3 weeks</p> <p>No requirement for pre-meeting session. RG will communicate any developments.</p>	<p>DM</p> <p>DM</p> <p>DM</p> <p>DM</p> <p>RG</p> <p>RG</p> <p>RG + DM +AP</p>	
No	Details	Action	Comment
8	Lease Update / Hydro Land Purchase		
8.1	<p><u>Hydro Land Purchase (Lochbroom Community Woodland Project)</u></p> <p>On site meeting with Community Housing Trust and Community Assets 30th Aug to review Business Plan. RG summarised advice received in attached note Appendix 1. One key outcome is the suggestion that LCWP initially pursue 4B only due primarily to poor state of</p>	RG + AK	

	<p>Bailey bridge which could be an impediment to progress. This will allow for purchase of hydro footprint and formation of plans for particular developments in that space. In Rob's forthcoming absence, Andy will progress discussions with all parties. SB keen to meet with Andy MacIntyre. 69 groups currently meeting with CHT which likely signals pressure on both staff and funding.</p>		
8.2	<p>Important next step is to take proposal to planners. This needs to be in place prior to any funding application. RG investigating associated costs. If necessary, will apply to Community Benefit Fund for assistance</p>	RG	
8.3	<p>RG & AK met with Braemore Lodge owner, Christopher Thompson, who seems keen to co-operate on deer management issues. In due course, proposed to speak with local residents in Foy and representatives of Braemore Village Hall.</p>	RG	
8.4	<p>As Jamie Macintyre, Woodland Crofts Association, has indicated a willingness to assist, RG will invite him to make presentation at the AGM.</p>	RG	
8.5	<p>RG has also undertaken to enquire from FLS when a bridge assessment is built into their schedule.</p> <p><u>Communications</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Looking for Woodland Crofters" leaflet has had mass local distribution via Ullapool News. Facebook posts have had 10k hits and efforts will continue to display leaflets on local noticeboards. • To date, circa 40 expressions of interest. Standard reply in Appendix 2 minutes <p>Ongoing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More volunteers required • Complete Business Plan • Submit to Forestry Land Scotland – may take up to 6 months to respond 	RG	
		LCW sub-group	
No	Details	Action	Comment
9	AOB		
9.1	<p>Sunday 19 September clearing up session - thanks Session achieved a lot and thanks to all who attended to</p>		

	help out. PC will complete outstanding work. Perhaps do it earlier next year before bracken gets too high.	PC	
9.2	Sign might need refreshment. <not sure who was going to look into this?>	??	
9.3	Website update ongoing. Upload draft 2020 AGM minutes and final accounts prior to the AGM. Upload 2021 board minutes. EW & AK to assist. All to check their profiles and submit text if required.	AP All	
9.4	UCT Housing Needs Survey – is this going ahead? Could this be (part) funded from the CBF or by the Harbour Trust?	DM + SD	
9.5	Forestry Pre-planning Assessment – how much does this cost and can we apply to the CBF for funding?	RG	
Date Next Meeting			
	AGM Saturday 30 October –4pm by Zoom	DM	