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**Minute of meeting of Kilbraur Windfarm Community Benefit Trust
held on Thursday, 19 January 2017
at The Golspie Heritage Centre, Golspie at 7.30pm**

PRESENT Campbell Port (Chair), Ronnie Sim (Treasurer/Vice-chair), Iain Miller, Jonathan Hedges, Linda Robichaud (Secretary)

APOLOGIES Bob Meeres, Bill Honeyman, Hannah Brown (Falck Renewables), Erin Hunter (Falck Renewables)

OBSERVERS

ITEM		ACTION
1.0	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES	
	Campbell Port welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies had been received from Bill Honeyman, Bob Meeres, Erin Hunter and Hannah Brown.	
2.0	MINUTES OF MEETING 20 OCTOBER 2016	
	Campbell Port asked for any comments concerning the minute. No comments were forthcoming. The minute was then approved as an accurate record having been proposed by Ronnie Sim and seconded by Jonathan Hedges.	
3.0	TREASURER'S REPORT	
	<p>The Treasurer provided a handout giving a comprehensive breakdown of the current financial position of the Trust.</p> <p>The Treasurer informed the Trustees that he had contacted Erin at Falck Renewables regarding the amounts currently being allocated to the Trust with a view to an increase. The Treasurer had been told that a colleague of Erin's was now looking at the figures.</p> <p>The treasurer gave the following updates and action points on outstanding matters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The secretary was asked to write to ██████, who had applied for a training grant, and enclose the cheque for £355 which the Treasurer had provided. The secretary was also to state that the Trust could not provide further funding for a re-test.2. The secretary was asked to write to the Sutherland Sports Council	

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	<p>(application ref: 2014/15/026) informing them that they had an extension to their claim period until the 31 January 2018. The Trustees had unanimously agreed to the extension.</p> <p>3. The secretary was asked to write to Flexitots (application ref: 2016/17/013) informing them that the Trustees had approved a grant for £2,043 and that the claim period ended on the 16 July 2017.</p> <p>4. The secretary was asked to write to the Friends of Brora Community Centre (application ref: 2016/17/019) to inform them that the Trustees had approved a grant up to a maximum of £6,401.68.</p> <p>Campbell Port informed the Trustees that a letter had been written to Mrs Macrae, Session Clerk to the Congregational Board of St Andrew's Church, regarding an unfolding situation relating to application ref: 2010/11/005. The letter had subsequently been given to the Law Department of the Church of Scotland. A reply had been received from the solicitor at the Church of Scotland dealing with the matter stating that she was looking into various issues.</p> <p>Campbell Port thanked the Treasurer for his report.</p>	
4.0	REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED	
4.1	<p>Application reference: 2016/17/022 Submitted by: East Sutherland Sports Association Amount requested: £6,580</p> <p>Campbell Port gave a brief summary of the application: East Sutherland Sports Association(ESSA) exists to promote the inclusion, participation and enjoyment of physical education, sports and health related activities for children and young people in East Sutherland. The ESSA now require funding to develop a specific programme of activities that would appeal to 11-18 year olds called Passport to Fitness.</p> <p>Following discussion it was decided that Ronnie Sim would meet with Dawn Mackenzie to seek clarification regarding the coaching element of the application. Ronnie would inform the Trustees of the outcome and the Secretary would then respond accordingly.</p>	
4.2	<p>Application reference: 2016/17/023 Submitted by: Catherine Stewart Cheer Amount requested: £4,270</p> <p>Campbell Port gave a brief summary of the application: The aims of the</p>	

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	<p>organisation include the advancement of education and fitness. They now require funding to attend the “Allstars Cheer Competition” which takes place in March 2017.</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed that an award of £4,270 be made. The proposal was supported unanimously. However, the secretary is to state in the outcome letter that while the Trustees are happy to assist with funding this year they would not be able to provide funding for the same purpose next year. It was also to be stated that the Trustees hoped that the organisation would become more self sufficient in the future.</p>	
4.3	<p>Application reference: 2016/17/024 Submitted by: Sutherland Outdoor Activities Project Amount requested: £8,460</p> <p>Campbell Port declared an interest.</p> <p>Campbell Port gave a brief summary of the application: SOAP provide a base for clubs at the Seaboard Centre, the former gas works which they have leased. They are now seeking funding to enhance the internal appearance of the property.</p> <p>It was noted that SOAP did not have a 10 year lease.</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed that the application be declined. The proposal was supported unanimously. However, the secretary is to state in the outcome letter that the Trustees are supportive of the project and that if SOAP were to obtain a ten year lease they should reapply.</p>	
4.4	<p>Application reference: 2016/17/025 Submitted by: Golspie Angling Club Amount requested: £1,280</p> <p>Campbell Port and Iain Miller declared an interest.</p> <p>It was noted that previous applications had been made:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Application ref: 2012/13/022 for purchase of a new boat and trailer. An award of £2,410 was made. 2. Application ref: 2015/16/008 for stocking of Loch Horn. An award of £950 was made. <p>Campbell Port gave a brief summary of the application: The principal activity of the Golspie Angling Club is to provide angling facilities open to</p>	

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	<p>all. The club now require funding to further stock Loch Horn.</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed that £1,280 be awarded. The proposal was supported unanimously.</p>	
4.5	<p>Application reference: 2016/17/026 Submitted by: Brora Social Amenities Group Amount requested: £4,836.97</p> <p>It was noted that previous applications had been made by the group:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Application ref: 2010/11/001. An award had been made, subject to conditions, but had not been claimed. 2. Application ref: 2012/13/017. An award of £5,379.06 made. 3. Application ref: 2013/14/019 for "Bucking Bronco". The application was unsuccessful. 4. Application ref: 2013/14/030 for marquee and flooring. £10,000 awarded. <p>Ronnie Sim declared an interest as he had spoken to Russell Rekhy who had submitted the application on behalf of the Brora Social Amenities Group.</p> <p>Campbell Port gave a brief summary of the application: The objective of the Brora Social Amenities Group is to raise funds to benefit the amenities in Brora and organise events throughout the year. They now require funding to purchase tables and chairs.</p> <p>Ronnie advised the Trustees that the Group had storage for the items.</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed that an award of £4,836.97 be made. The proposal was supported unanimously.</p>	
5.0	<p>CORRESPONDENCE IN</p> <p>The secretary gave a brief summary of the incoming mail.</p>	
6.0	<p>AOCB</p>	
6.1	<p><i>Advert in Northern Times</i> The next advert would be placed in the following week's edition of the Northern Times.</p>	
7.0	<p>CLOSING DATES FOR NEXT ROUND OF APPLICATIONS</p>	

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	The closing date for the next round of applications was confirmed as Tuesday, 25 February 2017.	
8.0	AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING	
	No items were forthcoming.	
	DATE FOR NEXT MEETING	
	The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday, 20 April 2017.	
	There being no further business Campbell Port thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 9.15pm.	