

MINUTE 17 JULY 2014

**Draft minute of meeting of Kilbraur Wind Farm Community Benefit Trust
held on Thursday 17 July 2014
in The Pittentrail Hall, Rogart at 7.30pm**

PRESENT Bob Meeres (Chair), (Vice chair – Campbell Port), Ronnie Sim (Treasurer), Part), Jonathan Hedges, Linda Robichaud (Secretary)

APOLOGIES Erin Gentilucci (Falck Renewables), Euan Fraser (Falck Renewables)
Iain Miller, John McMorran

OBSERVERS Hannah Brown (Falck Renewables),

ITEM		ACTION
1	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES	
	<p>Bob Meeres welcomed everyone to the meeting. Bob Meeres informed the Trustees that Ronnie Sim would be late in attending the meeting but had submitted his views on each application in writing.</p> <p>Apologies had been received from Erin Gentilucci (Falck Renewables,) Euan Fraser (Falck Renewables), Iain Miller and John McMorran</p>	
2	MINUTES OF MEETING 17 APRIL 2014	
	<p>Bob Meeres asked for any comments concerning the minute. No comments were forthcoming. The minute was then approved as an accurate record having been proposed by Jonathan Hedges and seconded by Campbell Port.</p>	
3	TREASURER'S REPORT	
	<p>The Treasurer, Ronnie Sim, provided a hand out giving a comprehension breakdown of the current financial position of the Trust.</p>	
4	REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED	
4.1	<p>Application reference: 2014/15/0012 Submitted by: Clyne Heritage Society Amount requested: £2,500</p> <p>Ronnie Sim and Campbell Port noted an interest as both were members of Clyne Heritage Society.</p> <p>It was noted that a previous application had been made by the organisation – application ref: 2011/12/017 for a public address sound system, laptop etc for which £1,299.26 had been awarded.</p> <p>Bob Meeres gave a brief summary of the application: The aim of the organisation is the advancement of local knowledge and history of the parish and the stimulation of public interest in its historical character through appropriate educational initiatives. Clyne Heritage Society now require funding for the purchase of museum cataloguing software.</p>	

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	<p>Campbell Port pointed out that the acquisition of such software would take the work of the organisation to a new level.</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed by Jonathan Hedges that an award of £2,500 be made. The proposal was supported unanimously with Ronnie Sim providing his views in writing.</p>	
4.2	<p>Application reference: 2014/15/013 Submitted by: Gaarfields Amount requested: £5,000</p> <p>It was noted that Gaarfields had made previous applications to the Trust: application ref: 2011/12/003 for which an award of £1,748 had been made for a “chill out room”. Application ref: 2012/13/002 for which an award of £4,300 had been made for a kitchen. Application ref: 2013/14/008 for the creation of an outdoor learning garden for which an award of £5,000 was made in principle, subject to conditions. This application had now been withdrawn and substituted with 2014/15/013.</p> <p>Bob Meeres gave a brief summary of the application: The aim of the organisation is to provide quality, affordable and accessible childcare for children up to 12 years. Funding is now required for an outdoor garden and money is being sought specifically for fencing from the Trust.</p> <p>Campbell Port had been concerned that that the fence was the responsibility of the Highland Council but Ronnie Sim had been to see them to clarify the situation.</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed by Bob Meeres that an award of £5,000 be made. The proposal was supported unanimously with Ronnie Sim providing his views in writing.</p>	
4.3	<p>Application reference: 2014/15/014 Submitted by: Golspie Rowing Club Amount requested: £6,355</p> <p>Campbell Port noted an interest as he was chairman of Golpsie Rowing Club.</p> <p>Bob Meeres gave a brief summary of the application: the aims of Golspie Rowing Club include the offer of a new activity to the Golspie community and to improve the health and well being of the community. Golspie Rowing Club now require funding for the purchase of St Ayles Skiff kits.</p> <p>Campbell Port stated that the aim was to get one boat in the water for next summer and that premises had been secured for the building of the kits.</p> <p>Following discussion Bob Meeres proposed that £6,355 be awarded. The</p>	

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	proposal was supported unanimously with Ronnie Sim providing his views in writing.	
4.4	<p>Application reference: 2014/15/015 Submitted by: Golspie Sutherland Football Club Amount requested: £5,000</p> <p>It was noted that previous applications had been made by the Golspie Sutherland Football Club: application ref: 2012/13 /02 for a curved shelter with seats for which an award of £5,769 was made. Application ref: 2013/14/014 for replacement and upgrading of showers/water heaters in existing clubhouse for which £4,231 was awarded. Due to £10,000 rule within any financial year £4,231 was all that could be awarded. Application ref: 2014/15/008 for extension to existing building for which an award of £5,000 was made.</p> <p>Bob Meeres gave a brief summary of the application: Golspie Sutherland Football Club is a SFA registered football club which competes in SFA competitions. They now require funding to improve existing facilities to allow the club to fulfil SFA club licensing criteria.</p> <p>Following discussion it was decided to defer a decision until the next meeting when the application would be further discussed.</p>	
4.5	<p>Application reference: 2014/15/016 Submitted by: North of Scotland Kart Club Amount requested: £2,358.40</p> <p>It was noted that previous applications had been made by the North of Scotland Kart Club: Application ref: 2010/11/020 for which further information had been requested by the Trustees but had not been forthcoming. Therefore no award had been made. Application ref: 2012/13/001 which had been successful. Application ref: 2012/13/015 which was for an ambulance and was unsuccessful. Application reference: 2012/13/023 for which an award of £1,148 specifically for the purchase of helmets, had been made. Application reference: 2013/14/020 for storm damage for which a donation of £3,000 was made.</p> <p>Bob Meeres gave a brief summary of the application: The North of Scotland Kart Club promote karting in the Highlands by hosting races. They now require funding to replace transponders.</p> <p>As information had recently been requested from the organisation and had not yet been received it was decided to defer a decision on the application until the next meeting of the Trustees.</p>	

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4.7	<p>Application reference: 2014/15/017 Submitted by: Golspie Community Council (Big Burn Walks) Amount requested: £10,000</p> <p>It was noted that a previous application had been submitted by Golspie Community Council: application ref: 2014/15/010 for reinstatement of footpaths for which an award of £7,954 was made.</p> <p>Bob Meeres gave a brief summary of the application: Golspie Community Council wish to reconstruct and improve the lower paths of the Big Burn Walk in Golspie.</p> <p>Campbell Port pointed out that Golspie Community Power are hoping to get planning consent for a turbine house at the Big Burn.</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed by Bob Meeres that an award of £10,000 be made. The proposal was supported unanimously. It was also stated that in the outcome letter, it should be suggested that the Community Council liaise with Golspie Community Power so that the community council do not spend money in an area designated for use by Golspie Power.</p>	
4.8	<p>Application reference: 2014/14/018 Submitted by: Golspie and District Community Association Amount requested: £4,600</p> <p>Bob Meeres gave a brief summary of the application: Golspie and District Community Association run the Golspie Community Centre and they now require funding blinds, shutters and tables.</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed by Campbell Port that £4,600 be awarded. The proposal was supported unanimously.</p>	
5.0	<p>SCHOOL LEAVERS' GRANT</p> <p>Following discussion it was decided that a letter should be written to each of the community councils stating that the Trust was investigating the idea of providing a school leavers' grant. The community councils would also be asked if they had any ideas regarding this matter and therefore how best to move forward.</p>	
6.0	<p>CORRESPONDENCE IN</p> <p>The Secretary gave a brief summary of the incoming mail.</p>	
7.0	<p>CLOSING DATE FOR NEXT ROUND OF APPLICATIONS</p> <p>The closing date for the next round of applications was confirmed as Friday 30 August 2014.</p>	
8.0	<p>ADVERT IN NORTHERN TIMES</p>	

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	It was decided that the next advert should be placed in the last week of July edition of the Northern Times.	
	DATE FOR NEXT MEETING	
	The date of the next meeting was decided as Thursday, 2 nd Oct 2014.	
	There being no further business Bob Meeres thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed.	