

# MINUTE 20 JUNE 2013

**Minute of meeting of Kilbraur Wind Farm Community Benefit Trust  
held on Thursday 20 June 2013  
in The Heritage Centre, Golspie at 7.30pm**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Iain Miller (Chair), John McMorran (Vice-chair), Ronnie Sim (Treasurer), Campbell Port, Jonathan Hedges, Bob Meeres, Linda Robichaud (Secretary)
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Hannah Brown (Falck Renewables), Erin Gentilucci (Falck Renewables), Ken Hardie (Falck Renewables), Euan Fraser (Falck Renewables), Cllr Jim McGillivray
<b>OBSERVERS</b>	

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1	<b>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES</b>	
	Iain Miller welcomed everyone to the meeting.  Apologies had been received from Hannah Brown (Falck Renewables), Erin Gentilucci (Falck Renewables), Ken Hardie (Falck Renewables), Euan Fraser (Falck Renewables) and Cllr Jim McGillivray.	
2	<b>MINUTES OF MEETING 21 FEBRUARY 2013</b>	
	Iain Miller 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 Campbell Port.	
3	<b>TREASURER'S REPORT/YEAR END ACCOUNTS</b>	
	The Treasurer, Ronnie Sim, presented the accounts to year end 31st January, 2013 and asked if there were any questions. No questions were forthcoming. The Treasurer then stated that the accounts would require the signature of Steve Wonderley who had been the chair of the Trust on the 31 January 2013. Jonathan Hedges offered to obtain Steve's signature and then return the accounts to the Treasurer. The Treasurer then updated the Trustees on the current financial position of the Trust.	
4	<b>REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED</b>	
4.1	<b>Application reference: 2013/14/007</b> Submitted by: Loch Brora Angling Club Amount requested: £476.04  Iain Miller and Campbell Port both declared an interest as both were members of the club.  It was noted that previous applications had been made by the Loch Brora Angling Club: i) Application ref: 2011/12/012 which had been successful with an award of £1,782 being made for renewal of boat trailers. ii)	

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	<p>Application ref: 2011/12/024 which had been successful with an award of £4,000 being made for renovation of a building for use as a store.</p> <p>Iain Miller gave a brief description of the application: The aim of The Loch Brora Angling Club, formed in 1966, is to further the sport of angling on Loch Brora and any other water to which the Club may obtain access. Visitors to the area are able to use the Club's boats if not in use by members. They now require funding for a laptop, hub and printer.</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed that the application be declined. The proposal was supported unanimously.</p>	
4.2	<p><b>Application reference: 2013/14/008</b> Submitted by: Gaarfields Day Care Amount requested: £13,248.75</p> <p>It was noted that previous applications had been made by Gaarfields Day Care. i) Application ref: 2011/12/003 which had been successful with an award of £1,748 being made for a "chill out" room. ii) Application ref: 2012/002 which had been successful with an award of £4,000 being made for a kitchen.</p> <p>Iain Miller gave a brief summary of the application: Gaarfields provide daycare, breakfast club, respite and an after school club for children aged 0 to 13. They now require funding to create an outdoor learning garden.</p> <p>Ronnie Sim began the discussion by stating that he had been to visit Mrs Heneghan, Gaarfields co-ordinator. He informed the Trustees that Gaarfields need a second fire exit as part of the project. Also, as the proposed learning garden would be on Highland Council permission would be required.</p> <p>Following discussion Iain Miller proposed that £5,000 be awarded. The proposal was accepted by a majority decision and that it would be made subject to the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) that Gaarfields Day Care can provide a letter from the Highland Council giving permission for the use of the land for the project</li> <li>ii) that confirmation can be provided from the Fire Officer stating that fire regulations have been met</li> </ul>	
4.3	<p><b>Application reference: 2013/14/009</b> Submitted by: Rogart Branch Royal British Legion Scotland Amount requested: £5,000</p> <p>Iain Miller gave a brief summary of the application: The Rogart Branch of</p>	

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	<p>the Royal British Legion Scotland provide comradeship for ex service members and provide welfare if necessary. They also represent the parish at parade events. They now require funding for a publication to mark, in 2014, the 100 year anniversary since the start of the Great War. The publication would record the story of the local branch and include local military information.</p> <p>Following discussion John McMorran proposed that £2,500 be awarded. The proposal was supported unanimously.</p>	
4.4	<p><b>Application reference: 2013/14/010</b> Submitted by: Pittentrail Recreation Hall Committee (Rogart Hall) Amount requested: £20,000</p> <p>Bob Meeres declared an interest as he was a member of the Pittentrail Recreation Hall Committee.</p> <p>Iain Miller gave a brief summary of the application: The committee are responsible for the running, bookings, maintenance and upkeep of the Rogart Hall. Funding was now required to replace the floor as it is over 30 years old.</p> <p>Iain Miller began the discussion by stating that Rogart Hall was one of the most successful local halls and that it was well supported by the local population. Bob Meeres continued by saying that the job would take 10 working days to complete and that nothing would be done until October.</p> <p>Following further discussion Iain Miller proposed that £10,000 be awarded. The proposal was supported unanimously.</p>	
4.5	<p><b>Application reference: 2013/14/011</b> Submitted by: Golspie Recycling and Environmental Action Network (GREAN) Amount requested: £8,000</p> <p>It was noted that GREAN had made a previous application (ref: 2010/11/025). No award had been made on this occasion.</p> <p>Iain Miller gave a brief summary of the application: the main charitable aim of GREAN is to provide training and employment opportunities for those with multiple barriers to employment. The organisation also provide a range of community facilities. They now required funding for a second hand tractor.</p> <p>Following discussion John McMorran proposed that the application be declined. The proposal was supported unanimously.</p>	

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4.6	<p><b>Application reference: 2013/14/012</b> Submitted by: Rogart-in-Bloom Amount requested: £3,006.54</p> <p>It was noted that previous applications had been submitted by Rogart-in-Bloom – i) Application ref: 2010/11/027 for which an award had been made but not claimed. This award had subsequently been returned to the fund. Rogart-in-Bloom then asked for the award to be re-instated and this became application ii) ref: 2012/13/020 which was approved.</p> <p>Iain Miller gave a brief summary of the application: Rogart-in-Bloom promote a brighter Rogart by providing flower displays throughout the parish. They now require funding for additional display units.</p> <p>As a recent letter had been forwarded to the Trustees regarding the purchase of a water bowser Bob Meeres asked that if the application currently submitted was successful could the grant be used for the purchase of a water bowser. The Trustees declined this as an option. There had been no application for a bowser as Bob Meeres had visited Rogart-in-Bloom in person.</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed by Campbell Port that an award should be made specifically for the items of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) 1 x litter bin</li> <li>ii) 1 x voicebox for litter bin</li> <li>iii) 1 x gum and ciggy bin</li> </ul> <p>This came to a total of £618.00 (i,e £515 plus VAT).</p> <p>The proposal was supported unanimously.</p>	
4.7	<p><b>Application reference: 2013/14/013</b> Submitted by: Friends of the Golspie and Rogart Health Centre Amount requested: £1,700</p> <p>Iain Miller gave a brief summary of the application: Friends of the Golspie and Rogart Health Centre aim to promote and support healthcare within their local community through the provision of medical equipment, aids or services over and above statutory requirements. They now require funding for a replacement ECG machine.</p> <p>Following discussion Iain Miller proposed that an award for the full amount of £1,700 be provided in this instance due to the benefits to the wider community. The proposal was supported unanimously.</p>	

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4.8	<p><b>Application reference: 2013/14/014</b> Submitted by: Golspie Sutherland Football Team Amount requested: £8,861</p> <p>It was noted that a previous application (ref: 2012/13/029) had been successful with an award of £5,769 being made.</p> <p>Iain Miller gave a brief summary of the application. The aim of the Golspie Sutherland Football Team is to foster and develop football in the district of Golspie. They now require funding towards replacing/upgrading the showers and water heaters in the existing clubhouse.</p> <p>It was pointed out that under the Trust constitution “no group will be eligible to access more than £10,000 in any financial year”. As the club had already received £5,769 in May 2013, the maximum which could now be awarded stood at £4,231.</p> <p>It was proposed that £4,231 be awarded. The proposal was supported unanimously.</p>	
4.9	<p><b>Application reference: 2013/14/015</b> Submitted by: Friends of Clyne War Memorial Association Amount requested: £4,000</p> <p>Ronnie Sim declared an interest stating that he was a member of the association.</p> <p>Iain Miller gave a brief summary of the application: The aims of the Friends of Clyne War Memorial Association include liaising with the Highland Council to maintain the fabric of the memorial and promoting awareness of both the memorial itself and its history. Funding was now required to install floodlighting.</p> <p>Following discussion Iain Miller proposed that an award of £4,000 be made. The proposal was supported unanimously.</p>	
4.10	<p><b>Application reference: 2013/14/016</b> Submitted by: Rogart Community Council Amount requested: £25,945</p> <p>It was noted that previous applications had been made by the Rogart Community Council. i) Application refs 2012/13/026 and 2012/13/008 which related to the same Christmas Lights project and for which an award had been made. ii) Application ref: 2013/14/006 which had been successful with a one-off award of £2,000 being made.</p>	

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	<p>Iain Miller began by stating that the application related to the purchase of a minibus for the use of the community.</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed to decline the application. The proposal was supported unanimously.</p>	
4.11	<p><b>Application reference: 2013/14/017</b> Submitted by: Feis Chataibh Amount requested: £4,540.60</p> <p>Campbell Port declared an interest as his daughter was mentioned in the application and he offered to leave the room. This was not deemed necessary by the Trustees.</p> <p>It was noted that previous applications had been submitted by Feis Chataibh:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Application ref: 2010/11/011 which had been successful</li> <li>ii) Application ref: 2010/11/033 which had been successful</li> <li>iii) Application ref:2011/12/016 which had been unsuccessful</li> </ul> <p>Iain Miller gave a brief summary of the application: Feis Chataibh promotes traditional music, language and culture. It also works in partnership with other groups which have similar aims. They now require funding to purchase new harps.</p> <p>Following discussion Bob Meeres proposed that an award be made for the requested amount of £4,540.60. The proposal was supported unanimously.</p>	
4.12	<p><b>Application reference: 2013/14/018</b> Submitted by: Sutherland Caledonian Pipe Band Amount requested: £4,148</p> <p>Iain Miller gave a brief summary of the application: The main objective of the Sutherland Caledonian Pipe Band is to maintain and strengthen the heritage of Scottish piping and drumming within a pipe band in the local area. They now require funding for the purchase of assorted equipment including drums and chanters.</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed that an award of £4,148 be made. The proposal was supported unanimously.</p>	
4.13	<p><b>Application reference: 2013/14/019</b></p>	

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	<p>Submitted by: Brora Social Amenities Group Amount requested: £8,274</p> <p>It was noted that Brora Social Amenities Group had made previous applications. Application 2011/11/01 which had been successful subject to conditions but not claimed and application ref 2012/13/017 which had been successful but not yet claimed and due to expire on 19 July 2013.</p> <p>Iain Miller gave a brief summary of the application: The aim of the organisation is to raise funds which will be of benefit to the community of Brora. They now require funding for a "Bucking Bronco".</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed that the application be declined. The proposal was supported unanimously.</p>	
5	<b>AOCB</b>	
5.1	<p><b>End of Year Surplus</b></p> <p>The possibility of the Trust setting up a third bank account was put forward. Following discussion it was decided that on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2014 the Trustees would look at the available accounting figures to see if there was any surplus to be saved and how this should be treated. The Treasurer pointed out that the Trustees could handle funds in any way they saw fit so long as it was accounted for in an appropriate and proper manner.</p>	
5.2	<b>Microgrants</b>	
	<p>It was agreed that each of the three community councils would again receive a microgrant for £3,000. The same conditions previously put in place for such grants would still apply. Copies of the letters sent would be provided for the Treasurer by the Secretary.</p>	
5.3	<b>The Rogart Question</b>	
	<p>Jonathan Hedges raised concerns that the parish of Rogart felt they were not getting their fair share of funding from the Trust. In response it was pointed out that the Trust Deed stated in the Paragraph "Trust Purposes", point 1(a) that purposes included:</p> <p>"to advance community development (including the advancement of rural regeneration) within the three communities (as defined by the respective parish boundaries) of Golspie, Brora and Rogart ("<b>the Area of Benefit</b>") "</p> <p>It was stressed that the important point was the use of the term "the area of benefit" which is singular.</p> <p>Jonathan Hedges then asked if money could be "ring fenced". The Trustees replied, "no" as the deed referred to "the area" rather than individual parishes. It was also pointed out that if funding was provided on a per capita basis then Rogart would be the poorer.</p>	

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5.4	<b>Advert in Northern Times</b>	
	It was agreed that, as normal practice, one advert should be placed in the Northern Times prior to the closing date for the next round of applications. This was to be placed in July 2013.	
6	<b>CORRESPONDENCE IN</b>	
	The Secretary gave a brief summary of the incoming mail and circulated a handout of the incoming mail which included a thank you letter from the Golspie Golf Club and an update from Golspie Community Power,	
7	<b>CLOSING DATE FOR NEXT ROUND OF APPLICATIONS</b>	
	The closing date for the next round of applications was confirmed as the 16 August 2013.	
	<b>DATE FOR NEXT MEETING</b>	
	It was agreed that the next formal meeting of the Trustees would be held on Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2013.	
	There being no further business Iain Miller thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed.	