

MINUTE 26 MARCH 2015

**Draft minute of meeting of Kilbraur Wind Farm Community Benefit Trust
held on Thursday, 26 March 2015
at The Golspie Heritage Centre, Golspie at 7.30pm**

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

APOLOGIES Bill Honeyman, Cllr Deirdre Mackay, Cllr Philips

OBSERVERS

ITEM		ACTION
1	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES	
	Bob Meeres welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies had been received from Bill Honeyman, Cllr Mackay and Cllr Phillips.	
2	MINUTES OF MEETING 22 JANUARY 2015	
	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 Iain Miller and seconded by Campbell Port.	
3	YEAR END ACCOUNTS	
	The Treasurer, Ronnie Sim, had previously distributed the year end accounts as prepared by accountant Ian Mackay.	
	The Treasurer, therefore, began by asking if there were any questions relating to the accounts. No questions were forthcoming and the Treasurer proposed acceptance. Bob Meeres, seconded the acceptance. Bob Meeres, in his role as Chairman, then duly signed the accounts.	
	Campbell Port then proposed thanks on behalf of the Trustees for all the Treasurer's hard work.	
3	TREASURER'S REPORT	
	The Treasurer, Ronnie Sim, provided a handout giving a comprehensive breakdown of the current financial position of the Trust.	
	It was noted that a payment relating to installed capacity had been received from Falck. It was anticipated that another payment would be due soon from Falck. This payment would relate to the production element of the wind farm.	
4	REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED	
4.1	Application reference: 2015/16/001	

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	<p>Submitted by: East Sutherland Community Care Forum Amount requested:£364.00</p> <p>It was noted that a previous application had been made - application ref: 2012/13/024 for office equipment for newly employed development worker. The application had been successful with £1,226.95 being awarded.</p> <p>Bob Meeres gave a brief summary of the application. The aims of the organisation include the advancement of the health and well being of service users and carers of all ages in East Sutherland. The organisation now requires funding to set up a website.</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed that an award of £364.00 be made. The proposal was supported unanimously.</p>	
4.2	<p>Application reference: 2015/16/002 Submitted by: Brora Golf Club Amount requested: Unspecified but total project cost is £23,747.32</p> <p>It was noted that previous applications had been made by Brora Golf Club: i) application ref: 2010/11/028 for which an award of £10,000 was made for a fairway mower. ii) application ref: 2012/13/011 for which an award of £10,000 was made towards a replacement greens mower. iii) application ref: 2014/15/006. This application was withdrawn. iv) application ref: 2014/15/019 for which an award of £10,000 was made for replacement carpeting.</p> <p>Bob Meeres gave a brief summary of the application. The main purpose of Brora Golf Club is to provide the best possible playing and social/hospitality services for golfers. The club now requires funding to finish the refurbishment of the clubhouse which requires the purchase of curtains and furniture. Although the total cost of the project is £23,747.32 the club would make up any shortfall in funding themselves.</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed that an award of £10,000 be made. The proposal was supported unanimously.</p>	

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4.3	<p>Application reference: 2015/16/003 Submitted by: Sutherland Community Sports and Recreation Hub (SCSRH) Amount requested: £10,000</p> <p>It was noted that a previous application had been made to the Trust - application ref: 2013/14/029 for two dugouts as well as football and hockey goal posts. An award of £9,750 was made.</p> <p>Bob Meeres gave a brief summary of the application: the SCSRH aims to advance public participation in sport and development of recreational facilities for the benefit of the local community and associated communities of Sutherland. The organisation now require funding for phase two of their development of the old blaize pitch which involves the provision of a double basketball/netball court facility which is floodlit.</p> <p>Campbell Port pointed out the good track record of the SCSRH and Ronnie Sim noted the good quality of the application.</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed that an award for the full amount of £10,000 be made. The proposal was supported unanimously.</p>	
4.4	<p>Application reference: 2015/16/004 Submitted by: A Brighter Brora Amount requested: £1,248.00</p> <p>It was noted that previous applications had been made to the Trust by A Brighter Brora:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) application ref: 2013/14/027 for perennials, shrubs and annuals. An award of £2,967 was made. ii) application ref: 2010/11/029 which was successful. An award of £6,457 was made. iii) application ref: 2012/13/019 for purchase of christmas lights. £2,520 was awarded. <p>Bob Meeres gave a brief summary of the application: A Brighter Brora finances and provides community floral displays and Christmas lights displays. They now require funding for a trailer.</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed that an award of £1,248.00 be made. The proposal was supported unanimously. The Trustees requested that the secretary should include mention of the good work done by A Brighter Brora in their outcome letter.</p>	
4.5	<p>Application reference: 2015/16/005 Submitted by: Clyne Heritage Society Amount requested: £5,880</p>	

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	<p>It was noted that previous applications had been made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I) application ref: 2014/15/012 for museum cataloguing software, installation and training. An award of £2,500 made. II) application ref: 2011/12/017 for public address sound system, laptop etc. £1,299.26 was awarded. <p>Bob Meeres gave a brief summary of the application. The overall aim of Clyne Heritage Society is the advancement of local knowledge and history of the Parish of Clyne. The organisation now require funding for professional fees for consultants involved in a) museum design and b) fund sourcing.</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed that the application be declined. The proposal was supported unanimously.</p>	
4.6	<p>Application reference: 2014/15/012 Submitted by: Clyne Heritage Society</p> <p>A letter of variation had been received regarding the above application for which an award had previously been made.</p> <p>Due to the difference between the new request and the original the Trustees decided that they would like the organisation to submit a new application and for Clyne Heritage Society to include any monies they had already spent on this project.</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>Trustee Iain Miller noted that there had been no applications received from Rogart despite concerns from Rogart regarding their level of funding received.</p>	
6.2	<p>Microgrants – it was decided unanimously by the Trustees that microgrant awards of £4,000 be given to each of the Community Councils of Rogart, Golspie and Brora. Covering letters were to be sent by the secretary to the Treasurer, Ronnie Sim, who would attach the cheques. The secretary was requested, as in previous years, to state in the covering letter that there could be no guarantee for future microgrant awards.</p>	
6.3	<p>The Trustees wished to remind everyone that applications can be made for projects through the relevant Community Councils.</p>	
6.4	<p>Campbell Port requested that the secretary approach Falck regarding the</p>	

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	possibility of the design of a logo for the Trust. Campbell had been approached by several recipients of grants for such an item - as they wished to acknowledge the support provided by the Trust. This request was supported unanimously by the other Trustees.	
6.5	The Trustees requested that the secretary contact Platform PR to inform them that the launch of the East Sutherland Sea Angling Club boat was due to take place on the 4 April 2015. The Trust had made a substantial contribution to the project.	
6.6	<i>Advert in Northern Times</i> It was decided that the next advert should be placed in the last week of April 2015 edition of the Northern Times.	
7.0	CLOSING DATES FOR NEXT ROUNDS OF APPLICATIONS	
	The closing dates for the next rounds of applications were confirmed as 29 May 2015, 28 August 2015 and Friday 27 November 2015. The secretary was requested to provide the Trustees with a list of these closing dates and their associated meetings.	
8.0	DATE FOR NEXT MEETING	
	The date of the next meeting was decided as Thursday, 25 June 2015.	
	There being no further business Bob Meeres thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed.	