

# MINUTE 2 OCTOBER 2014

**Draft minute of meeting of Kilbraur Wind Farm Community Benefit Trust  
held on Thursday 2 October 2014  
at The Golspie Heritage Centre, Golspie at 7.30pm**

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

ITEM		ACTION
1	<b>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES</b>	
	<p>Bob Meeres welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies had been received from Erin Gentilucci (Falck Renewables), Hannah Brown (Falck Renewables), Euan Fraser (Falck Renewables), Cllr Jim McGillivray and Cllr Graham Phillips.</p> <p>It was understood that longstanding Trustee John McMorran had resigned his position as Trustee. It was decided that the secretary should write to John thanking him for all his hard work over the years for the Trust.</p> <p>Bill Honeyman now filled the vacant position of Trustee appointed by Brora Community Council. Bob Meeres welcomed Bill to the meeting.</p>	
2	<b>MINUTES OF MEETING 17 JULY 2014</b>	
	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 Campbell Port and seconded by Ronnie Sim..	
3	<b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b>	
	The Treasurer, Ronnie Sim, provided a comprehensive breakdown of the current financial position of the Trust.	
4	<b>UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING APPLICATIONS AND REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED</b>	
4.1	<p>Update on application reference: 2014/15/015 – Golspie Sutherland Football Club</p> <p>Due to circumstances within the club a meeting had been requested with Campbell Port and Iain Miller. This had not yet taken place. The Trustees decided that due to a continuing lack of information a decision on the application would be deferred. It was also decided that the Secretary should write to the club reminding the club to get in touch to arrange a</p>	

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	mutually convenient time for the meeting. The letter would also include contact details for Campbell and Iain.	
4.2	<p>Update on application reference: 2014/15/016 – North of Scotland Kart Club</p> <p>Following the receipt of further, requested information which clarified the application of the organisation it was proposed that an award of £2,356.40 be made for timing equipment. The proposal was supported unanimously.</p>	
	Trustee Jonathan Hedges joined the meeting.	
4.3	<p><b>Application reference: 2014/15/019</b> Submitted by: Brora Golf Club Amount requested: £10,000</p> <p>Ronnie Sim declared an interest.</p> <p>It was noted that previous applications had been made by the organisation: application ref: 2010/11/028 for which an award of £10,000 was made towards a fairway mower; application ref: 2012/13/011 for which an award of £10,000 was made towards a replacement greens mower and application ref: 2014/15/006 which was withdrawn.</p> <p>Bob Meeres gave a brief summary of the application. The main aim of the organisation is to provide the best possible playing and social/hospitality services for golfers. They now require funding to replace carpeting which is beyond repair.</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed that an award of £10,000 be made. The proposal was supported unanimously.</p>	
4.4	<p><b>Application reference: 2014/15/020</b> Submitted by: Golspie's Biblical Garden Amount requested: £5,000</p> <p>It was noted that the organisation had made previous applications to the Trust. Application ref: 2011/12/010 for arches, seating, plants and clearing for which £1,254 was awarded and application ref: 2014/15/009 for further works on the garden which had been unsuccessful.</p> <p>Bob Meeres gave a brief summary of the application: The aim of the organisation is to provide aesthetic pleasure by growing as many biblical plants as possible that will withstand our northern climate. Funding is now required to update and redesign the pathways.</p> <p>It was pointed out that although the organisation regard the garden as a</p>	

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	<p>public amenity, due to its location it looks as though it forms part of Seaforth House.</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed to defer a decision on the application and that the secretary should write to the organisation to say that Trustees Iain Miller and Campbell Port will be in touch with them. The proposal was supported unanimously.</p>	
4.5	<p><b>Application reference: 2014/15/021</b> Submitted by: Brora Medical Equipment Fund Amount requested: £3,350</p> <p>Bob Meeres gave a brief summary of the application: the Brora Medical Equipment Fund is managed by a committee who receive requests from the GP practice for equipment to assist the patients of Brora. They now require funding for an ECG machine.</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed that an award for the full amount be made. The proposal was supported unanimously.</p>	
5.0	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE IN</b></p> <p>The Secretary gave a brief summary of the incoming mail which included a letter from the East Sutherland Citizens Advice Bureau requesting funding. Following discussion it was decided that the secretary should write to the organisation thanking them for their letter but due to the fact that the request related to an area outside the area of benefit of the Trust the Trustees were unable to assist. However, the letter should include the suggestion that the organisation should apply to the Helmsdale Community Council for a Gordonbush microgrant.</p>	
6.0	<p><b>CLOSING DATE FOR NEXT ROUND OF APPLICATIONS</b></p> <p>The closing date for the next round of applications was confirmed as 28 November 2014.</p>	
7.0	<p><b>AOCB</b></p>	
7.1	<p><i>Advert in Northern Times</i></p> <p>It was decided that the next advert should be placed in the last week of October 2014 edition of the Northern Times.</p>	
7.2	<p><i>Microgrants awarded by Rogart Community Council</i></p> <p>Trustee Jonathan Hedges provided a list of microgrants awarded by Rogart Community Council.</p>	
	<p><b>DATE FOR NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>The date of the next meeting was decided as Thursday, 22 January 2015.</p>	
	<p>There being no further business Bob Meeres thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed.</p>	

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