



Minute of Meeting held in Committee Room 3, Council Offices, Sandwick Road, Stornoway on Tuesday 29 September 2015 at 5.00pm.

PRESENT	Mr Angus Campbell (CNES) (Chair) Ms Carola Bell (Community Energy Scotland) (Vice Chair) Mr Norman A MacDonald (CNES) Mr Keith Dodson (Elected Director, Lewis) Mr Iain Mackenzie (CNES) Mr Iain Maciver (MCWFT) Mr Andrew Dick (Elected Director, Uist) Mr David Muir (Scottish Crofting Federation)
APOLOGIES	Mr Cameron Macleay (Stornoway Trust) Mr Hector Macleod (GCIG) Mr John Macleod (Elected Director, Harris) Ms Rachel Mackenzie (OHCPP) Mr David Cameron (Community Land Scotland) Mr Stewart Wilson (Tighean Innse Gall)
Welcome and Apologies	1 The Chairman welcomed the Directors to the meeting and noted apologies as above. Mr Maciver advised the Board of Mr Cameron Macleay's intention to resign as a Director due to continued ill health. The Stornoway Trust would confirm the position and advise of Mr Macleay's replacement. The Chairman thanked Mr Macleay for his positive contribution to WIDT and extended the Board's best wishes for a speedy recovery. The Chairman also indicated that Mr Alasdair Macleod had resigned as a Director and that the Comhairle would appoint a replacement for Mr Macleod at its meeting on 30 September 2015.
Minute of Meeting of 25 August 2015	2 The Minute of Meeting of 25 August 2015 was approved as to accuracy. Arising out of consideration of the Minute, the Chairman indicated that there would be a Report on the specification for a dedicated resource for WIDT to the next meeting and that all other items had been implemented.

Matters Arising	3	There were no other matters arising from the Minute. Mr Iain Maciver and Ms Carola Bell declared an interest in the Hebrides Energy Supply Company as they were Directors of the community interest company.
Applications for Funding	4	The Board considered the paper which had been considered by the Sub-Group on 14 September 2015 as well as the scores of members of the Sub-Group. It was agreed to make grant awards as follows: Cothrom Limited - £10,000 Hebrides Energy Supply Company - £10,000 Western Isles Community Care Forum - £8,000 Mr Maciver referred to concern at the perceived move of WIDT from regeneration projects and an emphasis on the environment, tourism and forestry. It was noted that the Board had agreed to prioritise projects which met more than one criterion and addressed renewable energy and/or fuel poverty. This was a position which the Board would keep under review and it was hoped that, ability when further resources were available to WIDT together with the provision to make loans, it would be in a position to assist a wider range of projects within its charitable objectives. It was agreed that no grant award be made to: Comunn Eachdraidh Barraigh agus Bhatarsaidh Hebridean Connections Urras Eachdraidh Uibhist a Deas Western Isles Island Games Association but that these Groups be provided with a copy of the unweighted scoresheet and invited to submit another application which met the Board's priorities.
Expressions of Interest to the WIDT Fund	5	The Board considered the following expressions of interest: Isle of Harris Golf Club Harris Tweed Weavers Association An Lanntair for "Let's Dance" Project Urras Oighreachd Gabhsainn Urras Storas an Rubha Kinloch Historical Socieity It was agreed to invite applications from Urras Storas an Rubha and Kinloch Historical Society and to provide a score sheet inviting these bodies to indicate how they would meet the Board's priorities and charitable objectives. It was agreed that the other four expressions of interest be advised of the Board's priorities and provided with a score sheet and invited to submit an application in the future for a project that met those priorities.
AOCB	6	There was no other competent business.