



Minute of Meeting of Board of Directors held in Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Sandwich Road, Stornoway on Wednesday 27 April 2016 at 6.00pm.

PRESENT	Mr Angus Campbell (Chairman) (Comhairle nan Eilean Siar) Ms Carola Bell (Vice Chair) (Community Energy Scotland) Mr Norman A. MacDonald (Comhairle nan Eilean Siar) Mr Stewart Wilson (TEAS) Mr David Muir (SCF)
APOLOGIES	Mr Keith Dodson (Elected Director, Lewis) Ms Rachel Mackenzie (OHCPP) Mr David Cameron (Community Land Scotland) Mr Hector Macleod (C-CIG) Mr Iain Maciver (MCWFT) (Alternate Appointed for Meeting) Mr Iain Mackenzie (Comhairle nan Eilean Siar) Tina Macneil on behalf of Coimhearsnachd Bharraaidh Agus Bhatarsaidh (Elected Director, Barra) Mr Gordon Murray (Comhairle nan Eilean Siar) Mr John Macleod (Elected Director, Harris) Mr Andrew Dick (Elected Director, Uist)
IN ATTENDANCE	Ms Lesley McDonald Mr Allan MacDonald
Welcome and Apologies	1 The Chairman welcomed the directors to the meeting. The quorum for a director's meeting is five directors of whom two should be Nominated Directors (one of whom but not both can be nominated by the Comhairle) and two must be Elected Directors. As there were no Elected Directors present the meeting was not quorate. Decisions taken shall therefore be sent to the non-present directors for approval after the meeting.
Minute of Meeting of 29 March 2016	2 The Minute of Meeting of 29 March 2016 was approved as to accuracy.

Matters Arising	3	There were no matters arising.
Point and Sandwich Power Scheme	4	Point and Sandwich Power Limited attended the meeting and gave a presentation about their energy saving scheme. The company is keen to alleviate fuel poverty throughout the Western Isles on a collaborative basis with other agencies. It was noted that it would be helpful if information were collated to show how each of the different energy efficiency schemes which have been undertaken over the years by various bodies were working (there appears to be a lack of follow-up in respect of previous schemes). This would assist agencies to focus on the most effective projects/technologies. It was suggested that TIG may be interested in taking this proposal forward.
Community Scotland Energy proposed scheme	5	Mr Norman MacDonald and Ms Carola Bell declared an interest in this item. Mr Stewart Wilson declared an interest in items 6a and 7c of the agenda. The papers were discussed and were of interest to the directors. It was proposed that CES would be invited to a meeting to discuss further (this task could be delegated to selected directors to take forward). It was agreed that WIDT (or a number of directors representing the company) would meet with CES to discuss the proposals.
Applications for Funding	6	The following applications (discussed at the previous meeting) were scored by the sub group and the directors present decided as follows (more information can be provided on request): a. Urras Storas an Rubha – unsuccessful b. Kinloch Historical Society - to be awarded £10,000.00 for energy efficiency measures and air source heat pumps. The following applications (which were not discussed at the previous meeting) were scored by the sub group and the directors present decided as follows (more information can be provided on request): c. Back FC - to be awarded £1,982.50 towards the installation of heating fans in the community hall to improve energy efficiency. d. Western Isles Association for Mental Health (Catch 23) – More information to be requested to understand whether the application is for ongoing revenue funding and whether this is likely to be required on an annual basis. e. Western Isles Foyer – unsuccessful.
Expressions of Interest to the WIDT Fund	7	The Board assessed the expressions of interest received as follows: a. An Lanntair – it was felt that the application did not fit sufficiently with the stated energy efficiency objectives of WIDT. Will not be sent application form.

Current financial position and report on transfer of funds to deposit accounts	8	The recommendations in the Report (item 9 in the Agenda) were approved and applications to open the deposit accounts referred to can be progressed. It was further agreed that the signing mandate for the RBS current account should be updated to provide that the following directors shall be authorised signatories on the account and further that one authorised signatory would be required for amounts up to £1,000 and two authorised signatories shall be required for unlimited amounts: Mr Angus Campbell (Comhairle nan Eilean Siar) (Chairman); Ms Carola Bell (Vice Chair) (Community Energy Scotland); Mr Norman A. MacDonald (Comhairle nan Eilean Siar); and Mr Stewart Wilson (TEAS).
Pairc Trust	9	The Pairc Trust approached WIDT to seek an initial view on whether WIDT could assist the Pairc Trust in (i) a scheme to develop empty properties to provide affordable/energy efficient homes and/or (ii) promoting schemes in the local area to offer insulation etc to households in collaboration with other bodies such as TIG. It was agreed that WIDT (or a number of directors representing the company) would meet with the Pairc Trust to discuss the proposals.
Date of Next Meeting	10	It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Tuesday 31 May 2016 at 6pm at the same venues.