



Minute of Meeting of Board of Directors held in Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Sandwich Road, Stornoway on Tuesday 31 May 2016 at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Mr Angus Campbell (Chairman) (Comhairle nan Eilean Siar)
 Ms Carola Bell (Vice Chair) (Community Energy Scotland)
 Mr David Muir (SCF)
 Mr Andrew Dick (Elected Director, Uist)
 Roddy Jardine (on behalf of Tina Macneil, Coimhearsnachd Bharraaidh agus Bhatarsaidh) (Elected Director, Barra)
 Mr John Macleod (Elected Director, Harris)
 Ms Helen Sandison (MCWFT) (Alternate Appointed for Meeting)

APOLOGIES

Mr Keith Dodson (Elected Director, Lewis)

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms Lesley-Ann McDonald
 Mr Allan MacDonald

Welcome and 1 The Chairman welcomed the directors to the meeting and confirmed Apologies that the meeting was quorate.

Discussion with 2 Kathleen MacDonald and Kirsten MacDonald (further to an invite from Community Energy Scotland ("CES") the Board) attended the meeting and made a presentation to the directors in respect of their proposal to work with WIDT (as per the papers submitted by CES at the April 2016 meeting). CES said it was open to counter proposals from WIDT. The proposed management fee would require to be in the form of an arrangement to provide support services rather than a grant from WIDT. It was agreed that WIDT would interrogate how best this proposal would be managed and work up a possible model. This would be discussed with CES before being taken back to the Board for a decision

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Discussion with the 3 Jennifer Ellis of the Paric Trust (further to an invite from the Board) Pairc Trust attended the meeting and made a presentation to the directors in respect to their request for assistance for housing projects on the estate (as per the papers submitted by CES at the April 2016 meeting).

It was agreed that WIDT was interested in the projects the Trust had proposed and would be happy to receive an expression of interest once the Trust had undertaken more work on the details.

Minute of Meeting of 4 The Minute of Meeting of 27 April 2016 was approved as to accuracy. 27 April 2016 That meeting was not quorate and decisions taken at that meeting would have to be reconsidered.

Matters Arising	5	There were no matters arising.
Reconsideration of decisions taken at the Meeting of 27 April 2016	6	The following applications (discussed at the previous meeting) were scored by the sub group and the directors present decided as follows: 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. 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) – Authority given to the scoring Sub Group to seek clarity on one issue of concern (whether the funding would be required on an annual basis) before making a decision on the application (the scoring group confirmed on 1 June 2016 that WIAMH should be awarded £10,000.00 in respect of its application). e. Western Isles Foyer – unsuccessful. Expressions of interest: a. An Lantair – it was felt that the application did not fit sufficiently with the stated energy efficiency objectives of WIDT. Unsuccessful and will not be sent application form.
Applications for Funding	7	The following application was scored by the sub group and the directors present decided as follows: a. West Harris Trust - to be awarded £10,000.00 grant and £10,000.00 loan (once the loan scheme was operational) towards the Pairc Niseaboist energy efficiency project.
New expressions of interest received.	8	There were no new expressions of interest received.
Current financial position and report on transfer of funds to deposit accounts	9	The recommendations in the Report (item 9 on the Agenda) were approved, namely: (a) The Report was noted. (b) It was agreed to open accounts with the following banks and transfer up to £75,000.00 into each (or any number of them): 1. Buckinghamshire Building Society; 2. Market Harborough Building Society; 3. Scottish Widows; 4. Virgin Money; and 5. TSB. (c) It was agreed that the signing mandate for the RBS current account should be updated to provide that the following directors would be authorised signatories on the account and further that one authorised signatory would be required for amounts up to £1,000.00 and two authorised signatories would 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).
Date of Next Meeting	10	It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Wednesday 29 June 2016 at 6pm at the same venues.