



MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE WESTERN ISLES DEVELOPMENT TRUST (COMPANY NUMBER SC271462)

Meeting of Board of Directors held in Council Chambers, Council Offices, Stornoway and by VC to Balivanich Council Offices and the Learning Centre, Barra on Tuesday 27 September 2016 at 5pm.

PRESENT

Angus Campbell (Chair) (Director and Nominated Member)
Gordon Murray (Director and Nominated Member)
Iain Mackenzie (Director and Nominated Member)
Norman MacDonald (Director and Nominated Member)
Keith Dodson (Elected Director and Ordinary Member)
Roddy Jardine (Elected Director and Ordinary Member)
David Muir (Director and Nominated Member)

APOLOGIES

Hector MacLeod (Director and Nominated Member)
Stewart Wilson (Director and Nominated Member)
Andy Dick (VC) (Elected Director and Ordinary Member)
John Macleod (Elected Director and Ordinary Member)
Rachel Mackenzie (Director and Nominated Member)
Carola Bell (Director and Nominated Member)
Iain Maciver (Director and Nominated Member)

IN ATTENDANCE

Lesley-Ann McDonald and Allan MacDonald

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

It was agreed that Norman MacDonald would chair the meeting whilst Angus Campbell was not present.

The Chairman welcomed the directors to the meeting. It was noted that the meeting was quorate.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of the meeting of 30 August 2016 was approved as to accuracy. It was confirmed that the application of the North Harris Trust had been refused (as per the minutes).

3. MATTERS ARISING

It was raised whether the criteria for funding could be amended, in particular to assist entrepreneurship from disadvantaged backgrounds. It was clarified that the Board did not currently offer support to private bodies/individuals. In respect to the current focus on the alleviation of fuel poverty and promotion of renewables, the Board had interpreted the criteria in a generous fashion (i.e. WIAMH) when it was reasonable to do so. Further, once the interconnector was in place and more funds became available to the Company the criteria could then be expanded.

Angus Campbell arrived at the meeting and took over as Chair.

4. APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

Norman MacDonald declared an interest and left the meeting for this item.

The application of **Community Energy Scotland (“CES”)** was discussed. The Board initially resolved that it was happy to consider what was as much a partnership arrangement as an application. It was confirmed that any funding to groups arising from this partnership would be required to meet with WIDT's criteria for funding. There was an acknowledgment that CES had worked well with communities in the past and they would be able to help groups on technical aspects of projects.

The Board resolved to agree to the proposal by CES which would require payment by WIDT of £28,445.00.

5. NEW EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST RECEIVED

There were no new expressions of interest received.

6. FINANCIAL POSITION

Since the report was sent to members the bank confirmed that the signing mandate had been amended. The outstanding cheques would be sent immediately to the grantees.

7. AOCB

The Chairman advised of an offer from Transocean Limited to assist the community of the Western Isles following the events at Dalbeg. They wished to donate £120,000 for community projects. Half of this was for the community of Dalbeg to deal with directly. Angus Campbell had suggested that the remaining £60,000 could be distributed by WIDT. The proposed criteria for funding was to support young people to travel to partake in sporting events and competitions. The Board agreed that it was for a good cause. It was also suggested that WIDT would only part fund applications in order that funding could also be drawn from elsewhere. A report proposing relevant criteria is to be produced for discussion at the next meeting.

It was agreed that WIDT could accept the payment and distribute it according to criteria to be agreed.

8. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 25 October 2016 at 6pm.

END.