



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

Meeting of Board of Directors held in the Leader's Office, Council Offices, Stornoway and by VC to Balivanich Council Offices Meeting Room and the Learning Centre, Barra on Tuesday 31 January 2017 at 6pm.

PRESENT

Angus Campbell (Chair) (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 (VC) (Director and Nominated Member)
Iain Maciver (Director and Nominated Member)
Andy Dick (VC) (Elected Director and Ordinary Member)
Carola Bell (Director and Nominated Member)
Iain Mackenzie (Director and Nominated Member)

APOLOGIES

Gordon Murray (Director and Nominated Member)
Iain Mackenzie (Director and Nominated Member)
John Macleod (Elected Director and Ordinary Member)
David Cameron (Director and Nominated Member) (Represented by Iain Maciver)
Hector MacLeod (Director and Nominated Member)
Stewart Wilson (Director and Nominated Member)

IN ATTENDANCE

Lesley-Ann McDonald and Allan MacDonald (VC)

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

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

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting of 25 October 2016 and 29 November 2016 were approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING

An update was sought on the Transocean payment. Paragraph 7 of the November 2017 minutes explains the position. The cheques for year 1 funding were to be sent in early course. The sports councils had been given the contact details of the relevant WIDT directors.

4. APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

- i. Carloway Estate Trust: **to be awarded £3,750.00 for LED bulbs (in collaboration with other bodies to promote energy efficiency measures).**
- ii. Community Energy Scotland application (delegated to the scoring group and decided on 27/1/17): **to be awarded £15,000.00 as a contribution to the WI Grid Study.**

- iii. Pairc Trust (Gravir Care Unit): **to be awarded £10,000.00 for additional energy efficiency measures in relation to the renovation of Gravir care unit to a family home.** It was stated that the the applicant should be advised that the proposal appeared to be an expensive way of providing a home and that other, less expensive options were available and should be considered.

5. NEW EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST RECEIVED

- i. Western Isles Instrumental Teachers Network: the application did not fit sufficiently with the stated energy efficiency objectives of WIDT.
Will not be sent application form.
- ii. Stornoway Amenity Trust Application 1 (Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow): the application did not fit sufficiently with the stated energy efficiency objectives of WIDT.
Will not be sent application form.
- iii. Stornoway Amenity Trust Application 2 (Iolaire): the application did not fit sufficiently with the stated energy efficiency objectives of WIDT.
Will not be sent application form.
- iv. Stornoway Amenity Trust Application 3 (Anchored to the Horizon): the application did not fit sufficiently with the stated energy efficiency objectives of WIDT.
Will not be sent application form.
- v. Community energy Scotland 'Uist Energy in Motion': *Carola Bell and Norman MacDonald declared an interest and left the meeting for this item.* **Applicant to be invited to submit full application.**

Concerns were raised that CES had already benefited from funding and should be asked to look at other sources. Any application would be required to clarify the other sources of funding. Concerns were also raised about the level of funding requested (although it was pointed out that this was small proportion of the total). The applicant should also be asked to contact the Comhairle re. European funding sources and discuss the project with the CPP.

6. FINANCIAL POSITION

The report was noted. The Chair stated that he had a visit from the chair of Point and Sandwich Power Limited who had asked whether they could convert the sums due to WIDT into LED lighting for the community. The Chair confirmed that the money due to be paid should be settled and any application for funding for LED lighting would be considered separately. The Vice Chair also advised that she would chase up a response to the WIDT letter from the Galson Trust.

7. AOCB

- i. The Chair indicated that there should be more publicity in order to promote the fund and to educate prospective applicants on the main objectives of the WIDT. There should be a press release in relation to the Transocean sports funding and a separate one in relation to the recent successful applications (incorporating mention of the previous ones). It was indicated that a photo with a successful applicant would be helpful. It was noted that a press release had been issued in respect of the CES Partnership and a general press release in respect of the groups helped by WIDT to date.
- ii. It was agreed that there would be discussion at the next meeting on the WIDT's current funding criteria and the £10,000 cap.

8. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 28 February 2017 at 6pm.

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