



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

Meeting of Board of Directors held in the Council Offices, Stornoway and by VC to Balivanich Council Offices Meeting Room and the Learning Centre, Barra on Tuesday 25 July 2017 at 6pm.

PRESENT

David Muir (VC) (Director and Nominated Member)
John Mackay (Director and Nominated Member)
Norman A. MacDonald (Director and Nominated Member)
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Keith Dodson (Elected Director and Ordinary Member)
Roddy Jardine (Elected Director and Ordinary Member)
Iain Archie MacNeil (Director and Nominated Member)
Carola Bell (Director and Nominated Member)
Colin Maclean (Director and Nominated Member)

APOLOGIES

Andy Dick (Elected Director and Ordinary Member)
David Cameron (Director and Nominated Member)
John Macleod (Elected Director and Ordinary Member)
Stewart Wilson (Director and Nominated Member)
Iain Maciver (Director and Nominated Member)

IN ATTENDANCE

Lesley-Ann McDonald
Allan MacDonald

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

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

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 30 MAY 2017

- The Minutes of the meeting of 30 May 2017 were approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING

The detail of the awards made by Lewis & Harris Sports Council from the WIDT grant had been emailed to directors. This would be further discussed under item 6.

4. APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

Urras Sgìre Oighreachd Bharbhais Community Company

The application was discussed and referred to as an innovative proposal which could lead the way for similar projects throughout the islands. There was an element of risk but it was felt that such risk may be worth taking. Further specific details were required before a final decision could be taken.

- Authority to take a decision on the application was delegated to the scoring group (not including Carola Bell who had declared an interest). Further

questions would be put to the applicant prior to a final decision being taken on the application for £10,000 for the 'Barvas Local Energy Supply Project'.

5. EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST RECEIVED

- (i) **Urras Sgìre Oighreachd Bharbhais Community Company** – a full application was submitted in relation to this EoI so the EoI did not therefore need to be discussed.

- (ii) **Comunn Eachdraidh Nis – 'Development of Comunn Eachdraidh Nis'**

Carola Bell and John Mackay declared a conflict of interest.

- **Applicant to be invited to submit a full application with greater emphasis on the 'renewables' aspect of the Project (perhaps with the application being based on the renewables alone). Further details required as to why the standard WIDT limit of £10,000 should be increased in this instance.**

6. CURRENT FINANCIAL POSITION

- **The Report was noted.**
- **WIDT to continue to press for PSPL payment. Norman MacDonald to contact PSPL directly.**
- **Further investigation required into the North Harris Trust wind project and the proposed contribution to WIDT.**
- **WIDT to continue to try to transfer some of the sums in the current account to other deposit accounts. A form for a Scottish Widows account was currently being circulated to relevant directors.**

The grants awarded by Lewis & Harris Sports Council from the WIDT grant had been emailed to directors. This was welcomed. David Muir advised that he would ask for a similar breakdown from the Uist & Barra Sports Council.

7. AMENDMENT TO THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION (TO APPOINT NEW DIRECTORS) AND RESIGNATION OF ELECTED DIRECTORS

The report was discussed and the recommendations approved. The details of the elections would be dealt with at a later date.

- **The Board approved the proposed special resolution to be issued to members and authorised all further necessary steps to amend the Articles to allow for further elected directors to be appointed.**

8. AGM

- **Venue was to be the Council Chamber with VC to Barra and Balivanich. A final decision of the date was delegated to administrators [22 August 2017].**

9. AOCB

The Board indicated it wished to advertise for more members. There should also be a press release to assist with a membership drive and to encourage applications. David Muir agreed that he would be happy to participate in a photo with Cothrom which would accompany a press release.

10. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting would take place immediately after the AGM [22 August 2017].

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