

Minutes of The Coigach Community Development Company

Director's Meeting 22nd December 2010, 7pm.

Present: Iain Muir (Chairman), Nick Clooney (Vice-Chair), Julia Campbell, Ben Walton, Ian MacLeod, Phil Shaughnessy; Linda MacLeod, Peter Muir (Local Development Officers). Apologies: Ann MacLeod, Anne MacLeod, Steve Husband, Richard Williams.

1) The Board welcomed new directors Julia Campbell and Ben Walton.

2) **Minutes** of Meeting of 15th November were approved, proposed by NC, seconded by PS.

3) **Matters Arising:** Brief discussion about way marking at Achlochan and signage, in particular 'No Dogs Off Leads' 'No Dogs During Lambing'. JC confirmed that the tourist association is very much in favour of more paths. During investigations into access issues it emerged that there may be decrofted land for affordable housing around the old village hall. The board felt there was an obligation to register a Community Interest in that land. **Action:** PM to progress registration CI of that land. Linda now able to update website. Iain felt the content should be serious, not stuffy – and should invite feedback. The costs of £85k for the EIA were provided by Atmos.

4) **Discussion on 2020 Vision.** Vision well received despite its length. Maritime tourism, social care, artists centre, yachts, seaweed harvesting were other points put forward for consideration.

At this point (8:00pm) BW and PS left meeting.

5) **LDO Report**

PM reported insurance paid. Meeting with planner cancelled. CCDC listed on DTAS website, and SCVO membership applied for. PM had phoned a number of development officers, primarily on Orkney and found the community wind turbines paid about 5% net income to landowners. Another source suggested the figure was closer to 3% to 4%.

PM and LM met with Mark Foxwell from SWT, which resulted in a number of outcomes: An Aspen tree planning day is planned for 18th March, location to be

decided; the next CALL meeting is to be held in Coigach on 2nd February, with an event planned for the evening to introduce CALL to the community. LM has drafted a letter to be sent to all businesses in Coigach by way of introduction to the CCDC, and to invite them to link with our website and facebook pages and form an email group.

6) **Community Energy:**

6a) **Site agreement:** SH has produced a map suitable for planners and legal agreement. SH had suggested an 'exclusivity agreement' would be the way forward. This would allow for access, temp met mast and tests. Only if we proceed do we draft concrete detailed [and costly] legal agreement. Iain made point we don't need agreement for bird survey. Ian MacLeod suggested we should send a letter to the grazing committee too.

6b) **Environmental Impact Assessment: No developments**

6c) **Turbine: No developments.**

7) **Land & Housing:** It was decided to write to all local landowners and common grazings committees to investigate if they would consider setting aside some land for housing. This is a model employed successfully elsewhere - each crofting township in a community providing land for community-owned housing so no single landowner or common grazings is carrying the burden for the whole community.

8) **Piers & Harbours No developments.**

9) **AOCB**

Iain wondered if there should be a tourism subgroup. NC reported staff paid, hope to do standing order. Targets and timeline not finalised. JC enquired about survey.

Action:

Date of next meeting 17th January 2011 at 7pm. The meeting closed at 21.20.