

## **Minutes from Board Meeting of Coigach Community Development Company,**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2011**

**Present:** Nick Clooney (Vice Chair), Ian Macleod, Richard Williams, Ben Walton, Phil Shaughnessy; Peter Muir & Julia Campbell (LDOs), Susan Christie, Ish Pendred, Sara Nason.

**1. Apologies** received from Iain Muir, Linda Macleod, Ann Macleod and Steve Husband.

**2.** NC then introduced Susan Christie of IOTA (Inverness Old Town Art) who gave a presentation of IOTA's projects. IOTA has been awarded funding from Creative Scotland's Rural Innovation Fund and Susan was seeking the CCDCs support for an art project for Coigach

Ish agreed to co-ordinate local meetings and/or discussions and to liaise with Susan. Susan, Ish and Sara then left the meeting (duration 40mins).

**3. Minutes** of meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> October were approved. Proposed by PS, seconded by BW.

Minutes of Directors' Extraordinary Board Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> November were approved. Proposed by PS, seconded by BW.

**4. Matters Arising: 4b.** JC has informed Phil Waite of CCDC decision to leave Polbain Paths work to Highland Council. **5a.** RESOLVED that the wind energy company be called Coigach Wind *Power* Ltd. **7.** RESOLVED that piers & harbours users be informed by email about the LEADER application. **Action: JC.** **8.** RESOLVED that donations received for Hydroponicum be ring-fenced for land projects. **Action: BW.** RESOLVED that possible refunds be discussed with John McGhee and Chris Bown. **Action: SH.**

**5. LDO Reports:** The ATMOS contract was signed and posted on 18<sup>th</sup> October, the grid connection application for the 900kW wind turbine was submitted on 20<sup>th</sup> October.

**6. Energy Sub-group:** Options for corporate structure were presented. RESOLVED after brief debate that this required further discussion and advice. **Action: PM**

**7. Land and Housing:** Letter received from Scottish Government informing the CCDC that Moulton Ltd had withdrawn the hydroponicum and land from sale but that the community's interest would be retained. RESOLVED to explore other options including land below Island View offered for sale by Alan Graham.

**8. Piers and Harbours:** Harry Hassall has presented BW with correspondence archive relating to piers .

**9. Finance:** It was **agreed** that procedures for payment of rent and wages need to be improved.

**10. Correspondence:** Letter from Ian Heron, SG Community Assets Branch has been copied and filed.

**11. Date of next meeting: Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December.** The meeting closed at 9.15pm