

Minutes from Board Meeting of Coigach Community Development Company,

Monday 25th June 2012 7pm

Present: Iain Muir (Chair), Steve Husband, Ben Walton, Phil O'Shaughnessy, Ian MacLeod; Peter Muir & Julia Campbell (LDOs).

- 1. Apologies:** Linda Macleod, Richard Williams, Ann Macleod.
- 2. Minutes** of meeting on 24/5/12 were approved.
- 3. LDO Reports:** PM: Our Coastal Communities Fund application was not successful. Attended local crofters meeting on £500 offer for resumption of land for hydro scheme, agreed 1.5% p.a. for crofters. JC: 2nd Claim to Leader for piers study has been submitted and have contacted Munro Ross at Highland Council about bridging loan. Attended WRA meeting in Achasheen on 19th June to report to LEADER committee on progress.
- 4. Community Energy:** Wind: Engineer visited turbine site to make some final suggestions on lay-out – and we are now in Design Freeze. Hydro: Atmos is working on grid connection issues. Turbine house location still to be finalised. Agreed to pay £50 to BMH for our shares in the company.
- 5. Land & Housing:** Cllrs Richard Green and Ian Cockburn assured us prior to CCC AGM that the schoolhouse is being transferred to HC housing stock and will not be sold – but the letter from education department was not so reassuring. **RESOLVED** unanimously (by show of hands) to register a CRTB interest on our schoolhouse. **Action: JC.** Letter to be sent to local councillors on housing.
- 6. Piers & Harbours:** Piers questionnaire has been circulated. It was agreed to hold an informal consultation to allow respondents to discuss further. JC to organise on 25th July.

7. Finance: Unanimously agreed (by show of hands) to open an account with Co-op bank.

8. AGM Date & 2012 Membership: AGM date 27th Aug agreed.

9. Summer Isles Festival Application Mairearad Green asked if CCDC could apply to Ward Discretionary Fund on her behalf. CCDC felt financial and management information was weak or missing. CCDC very supportive, but could not support the project at such short notice this year.

10. Correspondence: Email, dated 21 June from Hugh Fraser, Director of Education.

11. AOCB: Director's statement: The directors recognise that a number of them are shareholders in the local common grazings, and that as shareholders they stand to benefit from any financial arrangements made with the local renewables projects. CCDC directors are satisfied that good governance is being maintained as the financial arrangements will be in the public domain, and modest and fair. Moreover, non-shareholders are in the majority on the boards of the renewables companies Ben Mor Hydro Limited and Coigach Wind Power Ltd. which are the contracting parties.

12. DONM: Monday 23rd July, 7pm Coigach Community Hall