

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

**Thursday 24 May 2012 7pm**

**Present:** Iain Muir (IM Chair) ,Richard Williams (RW), Linda Macleod (LM), Ann Macleod (AAB), Phil Shaughnessy(PS), Ben Walton (BW); Julia Campbell (JC) (LDO).

**1. Apologies:** Nick Clooney, Steve Husband, Ian Macleod, Peter Muir

**2. Previous Meeting** The meeting of 17 April was not quorate but we have notes. Minutes of meeting held on 15/3/12 were approved. Proposed by NC, seconded SH.

**3. Matters Arising** from notes: CCF fund application was submitted. £66K CARES loan has been transferred to CWP to pay ATMOS

**4. LDO Reports:** Piers Questionnaire still to be circulated. JC has written to Brian Drummond to explain we are unable to purchase the land offered but thanking him for support. JC/PM/IM/SH/P Drake & A Hitchings attended Scottish Highland Renewables Conference 26/4/12. Memberships due for renewal: action JC to send out reminders. JC&PM met with Stuart MacPherson, Lindsay Simpson (HIE) and Kenny Mackay (Business Gateway) who also met with local businesses to discuss possible HIE support. Stuart proposes holding surgery day at hall to offer advice to existing and prospective business owners.

### **5. Community Energy**

**I. Coigach Wind Power Ltd** A suitable lawyer has been chosen to advice on crofting land issues. Action IM to circulate Crofting info briefing papers to directors. PS explained that it is usually the crane company's responsibility to transport crane, and are only required to give 48hrs notice for a movement order. IM hopes to meet with SSE to discuss grid connection fee. Proposed route for poles is now all on SWT land, some cabling may be underground.

**II. Ben Mor Hydro Ltd** SEPA application for consent to extract water has been publicised. Action: JC to check if Achavraie plot for sale includes route for penstock.

**6. Land and Housing** HSCHT are working on advice leaflet for crofters and small communities. It was agreed to invite HSCHT to hold a public regarding housing including advice for crofters. IM met with Phil Morgan (SIF) and reiterated that CCDC are interesting in purchasing Smokehouse building NOT leasing it.

**7. Piers & Harbours** RW reported that Badentarbet Pier (middle landing stage) is now urgently in need of repair. HC are seeking quotes for repair work but Duncan Brown has warned this may take some time. CCDC may exert pressure if no action forthcoming. RW left the meeting at 8pm

**8. Finance** Action: IM will assist BW with cash flow forecast. Action: PM to investigate Co-op bank as alternative to Santander. It was agreed that CCDC loan CWP £10K (from Coigach Community Trust) on same conditions as CCT to CCDC. Action: BW will transfer by cheque.

**9. AGM** JC will check possible dates and circulate information regarding notice etc.

**Date of next meeting: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June  
8.40pm**

**Meeting closed**