

## CCDC Directors' Meeting 13 June 2016

Present: Phil Shaugnessy(PS), Iain Muir(IFM, Chair), Ann Macleod(AAB), Iain Scott(IS), Steve Husband(SH), Julia Campbell(JC LDO), Anne Campbell(AAC LDO)

1. Welcome and apologies from Alison Sinclair
2. Declarations of interest: With the two renewable energy projects advancing towards the investment and construction phases formal interests have been declared by director SH and employees AS and JC who are shareholders of Achiltibuie Common Grazings
3. The minutes of the last meeting were accepted and approved. Proposed by SH and seconded by AAB.
4. Staffing: Thanks to Linda Macleod for LDO cover. Welcome back AAC. Thanks to Peter Muir and best wishes for his retirement.
5. Finance: The March, April and May management accounts have been circulated to the board. In due course they will be submitted to the accountants to create the statutory accounts. **Action: IS Harper Macleod's review of CCDC companies' constitutions is ongoing.**
6. Broadband: AAC & JC attended North West Sutherland Broadband Group Meeting. It was agreed to continue lobbying MSPs, MPs, councillors etc and including groups such as Achiltibuie Tourist Association (ATA). **Action: IFM to follow up contact previously made to Minister responsible in SG- John Swinney now Fergus Ewing.** Meanwhile LDO to continue to work on the next steps with the Coigach Community High Speed Broadband Group. **Action: AAC to contact Callum Stiven Community Broadband Scotland**
7. **Land & Housing:**
  - Achiltibuie Schoolhouse: the lease has been signed but there is still the final pot of funding to be found. HSCHT has applied to the Rural Housing Fund for £30,000. **Action: JC to contact the Community Assets Manager, HIE about the shortfall.**
  - Smokehouse: JC and AS held productive meeting with HLF. New fund opening in July. **Action: JC, AAC and AS to meet to discuss further progressing with application.**
8. Piers & Harbours: Andrew Macneilage (SSF manager) has agreed to join the Pier Users' Group. **Action: AAC & AAB to contact HIE & HC for advice on how to progress**
9. Renewables:
  - BMH: work now underway
  - CWP: RM Energy visited and is happy with the site, the road and the crane hire. The Land Court Hearing took place on 9 & 10 May. The decision will be heard in due course. Progress of the development was discussed. **Action: SH to send Locogen's scope of works to various contractors**
10. CALLP: HLF Committee Scotland is due to make their announcement on 14 June about the 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase of CALLP funding. Meanwhile the various projects have been progressing with match funding.
11. Drumrunie: Coigach Community Council, Assynt Foundation and CCDC would wish to work together to create an attractive and safe entrance at Drumrunie to highlight the attractions of Coigach and Assynt. There are many aspects to take into consideration and it was decided that it would be in the best interests to consult a landscape designer. Proposed to ask HC Planning and SWT to allow retention of BMH compound at Achduart Junction for community benefit and SWT information/interpretation and ask BMH to redirect reinstatement budget to work at Drumrunie. **Action: AAC to contact CAM, HIE for funding for landscape design consultation. SH to approach HC Planning and SWT prior to RJM**

12. AOCB: SH pointed out that the decision by The Jerky Group to locate their new manufacturing facility to Forres, after rejecting CCDC's Smokehouse following their detailed appraisal, demonstrates the need for housing in Coigach as lack of workforce housing contributed significantly to their decision
13. Date of next meeting: 1 August 2016 at 7.00pm Coigach Community Hall, Achiltibuie