



Coigach Community Development Company

Minutes of Directors' Board Meeting

Date: Monday 25th February

Present: Iain Muir (Chair, IFM), Iain Scott (Vice Chair, IS) Ann Macleod (AAB), Richard Williams (RW), Seumas Hitchings (SHi), Ben Walton (BW), in attendance LDO Julia Campbell (JC)

Declarations of interest: with the wind turbine operational formal interests have been declared by directors Steve Husband, Alison Sinclair (Coigach Wind Power Ltd and Coigach Community CIC), Ben Walton and Julia Campbell who all shareholdings of Achiltibuie Common Grazings. JC is also on the board of Highland Small Communities Housing Trust. Several directors are pier users. RW is a director of Summer Isles Enterprises, Seumas Hitchings is an employee of Scottish Sea Farms (SSF). Julia Campbell and Steve Husband also declare an interest in Acheninver Footpath.

1. **Welcome and Apologies:** IFM welcomed all to the meeting which was then chaired by IS. It was agreed that CWP Bank account was to be closed and dividend paid to CCDC. Apologies from Phil Shaughnessy (PS).
2. **Minutes of Last meeting;** Minutes of January 7th Prop by AAB, Sec BW.
3. **Matters Arising:** will be dealt with as they appear on the agenda.
4. **Finance:**
 - a. **Coigach Community CIC:** IS will arrange transfer of cash to CCDC. Interest on Triodos account will be due in March. IS has delegated authority to transfer funds from CIC to CCDC as charitable donations.
 - b. **CWP Ltd**
 - c. **CCDC Trading Ltd:** Invoices (Jan, Feb rent) to be raised to SSF. SHi will ask SSF accounts department if we are on the approved contractors list yet. Electricity account to be transferred to SSF. Action: JC
 - d. **CCDC:** Kinellan Building (retention) bill for schoolhouse to be paid now snagging is complete: Action JC
 - e. **Community Grants:** IS has requested legal advice regarding grant aid or loans to businesses.

Work Plan

1. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Land near Island View: Site visit - David Fraser, HSCHT estimated cost of access would be in the region of £80k. JC to speak to AG and appraise him of the situation.

Schoolhouse – Norscot have been informed and will be out to measure and start work soon.

Site for sale – site visit with David Fraser, HSCHT. Action: IFM to contact Ali Macleod to discuss possible inclusion of a Coastguard hut and to discuss with Margaret Mackenzie. Action: JC request pre-planning consent work from HSCHT.

Housing Needs Survey: Good response so far but worth a final push on Facebook etc. Action: JC

2. PIERS AND HARBOURS

Coigach Piers & Harbours Group The new CPHG have met and are looking at possibilities of taking ownership of Old Dornie. Rory Dutton, DTAS attended the last meeting to provide advice. It was agreed that provision for DM's time could be included in the groups funding application. Action: IFM will send out letter of support to the Harbour Board Meeting on 6th March. Tanera Mor propose taking on the lease of Badentarbet Pier.

3. COIGACH & ASSYNT LIVING LANDSCAPE (CALLP).

Acheninver Path – RW will liaise with OATS about crossing plans.

Foxpoint Path – Phil Waite THC has seen the draft report.

The Soil Beneath Our Feet – Abigail Anne progressing.

4. SMOKEHOUSE BUILDING

Lease still under discussion. Action: LDOs to ask SLF about conditions of sale. IFM/DM to draft letter to enquirer regarding use as smokehouse. JC/SHi to liaise regarding clear-out.

5. GRANT GIVING

Reports from recipients required by 31st March. Action: LDOs to follow up and to ensure groups display logo. Christine McCallum's Living Well Dying Well event scheduled for 28th Feb.

6. NEW DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Successful open day held on 19th January; Kate McKinley is drawing up report.

7. RENEWABLES

SHi will ask Brian Christopher about signs for turbine, schoolhouse and future CCDC projects.

8. FINANCE

– appears as Item 8 on workplan but is discussed above.

9. ADMINISTRATION

10. AOCB: none

Date of next meeting: Monday 8th April 7pm

