

Minutes



STEERING GROUP MEETING

7.30pm 25th November 2010 – BALNAIN HALL, GLENURQUHART

Attendees:

Anne MacDonald, Mary Brook, Mike Girvan, Mhairi Gordon & Erik Trelfer
 Apologies: Edward Redmond, Bill McDermott, Neil MacInnes, Paul & Kate McKinley, Peter Macdonald

Agenda topics

Minutes of Meeting 26th August 2010

Discussion: the minutes of the previous meeting were agreed amended and signed

Current Situation

Anne MacDonald

Funding – CES have just paid in the funding for the buy in to the Corrimony Energy Project. Big Lottery Growing Community Assets Fund application has been lodged and acknowledged by them. We should have a reply within 6 weeks as to whether we will qualify and can go on to stage 2.

Social Investment Scotland Fund – following the Government spending review £3 Million has been allocated to the fund this year so we may be able to benefit from this. Continue to monitor EU Funding and Climate Challenge fund as possible sources of grant funding

Membership – 4 new members have joined. Membership application forms lodged with Bog Cotton Café in the hope we can attract more members from the Strathglass end. Erik has begun recruitment campaign to get more folk to join

Finance – Mike Girvan was presented with our cheque for the buy in.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Excell Spreadsheet recording grant funding/expenditure/balances	P Trelfer/Anne	soon
Directors to supply Anne with details of their skills/experience	All Directors	Soon
Recruit more members	Erik (and all Steering Group)	Soon

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Mike Girvan

- 1) Mike advised he had spoken with Gordon Mooney of Planning Dept who advised they have still not yet written up their formal response. Appears consent will be given so hopeful that we may hear by the end of December
- 2) Wayleave/lease negotiations now completed and cost will be around £28,000 (annually)
- 3) Grid Connection – no further forward. Last SSE estimate was around £1.2 Million but hopeful that it may be done for less in the end. It may be necessary to get folk to do some lobbying if this looks like becoming unduly protracted.
- 4) Mike has had further meetings/talks with Chris Rodgers of Co-op Bank and he would like to arrange a meeting with us to go over what will be required. As Lindsey will be away to New Zealand from January a meeting in December is needed.
- 5) Anne to ask AJB Scholes to hold off preparation of accounts model as Co-op may have some input to this in particular as regards interest rates etc.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Arrange meeting with Chris of Co-op Bank	Mike Girvan	December
Advise Scholes not to start accounts modelling pro tem	Anne	soon

Matters Arising and Any Other Business

None

Conclusions: N/A

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
None	None	n/a

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS: Thursday 27th January 2011, 24th February and 24th March 2011

Chairman:

Anne MacDonald

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Clerk to the Board:



28/10/10

Erik Trelfer

Date: