

# Island of Hoy Development Trust Meeting Minutes

OPEN  
MEETING

23 MAY 2018

20.00

NORTH WALLS COMMUNITY  
ROOM

Meeting Called By	Deborah Jaques
Minute Secretary	Deanna Johnston
Type of Meeting	Open Meeting
List of Board Members	Lindsay Hall, Ian Davidson, Debs Jaques, Moira Cossar, Max Collop
NON BOARD	Brian Clegg, Liz Davidson, Deanna Johnston, Peter Rickard (THAW)
APOLOGIES	Jayne Traynor, Keith Dempsey, Keith Dobney

## Topics

1	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING	DEBS
Summary of Discussion	<p>BOARD MEETING The minutes of the May 2017 closed meeting are to be presented at the next meeting on the 27th June 2018.</p> <p>The minutes of the closed meeting from the 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018 were proposed as correct by Lindsay, seconded by Max and signed by the Chair.</p>	
2	MATTERS ARISING	DEBS
Summary of Discussion	There were no matters arising.	
3	THAW	PETER RICKARD
Summary of Discussion	Peter Rickard presented to the Board a slideshow regarding fuel poverty and well being in Orkney, with a view to requesting £5532 from the IoHDT to continue with funding and becoming a partner with the Trust.	
Conclusions	The Board would discuss this at the end of the open meeting.	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Discuss funding possibility.	Board	N/A

4	COMMUNITY FUND / TRAINING AND LEARNING FUND	DEBS
Summary of Discussion	<p>Debs advised the Board that the PEP had reviewed the custodian application for the lifeboat museum and it had been approved.</p> <p>Debs has discussed the larger application with Kevin who advised Debs that the funding would not need to cover all works to be done and that smaller areas could be funded which the museum would be grateful for. Debs gave the handrails (£8600) as an example. Money for fundraising was also discussed which Kevin felt was a very good idea and it will be reviewed at the next lifeboat museum meeting. The application to HLF for funding towards the total has not yet been submitted, neither has an expression of interest. Lindsay felt that there was a conflict of interest and therefore further discussion was moved to a closed meeting at the end of the open meeting.</p>	
Conclusions	The custodian application was approved. Further discussion regarding the museum application moved to a closed board meeting.	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
To discuss larger application on a closed meeting basis.	Board	23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2018

5	ACCOUNTS	LIZ
Summary of Discussion	<p>Liz requested approval for this years budgets which was given by Lindsay. Liz advised the Board that the audit was scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> week in August. There were no further questions regarding the accounts. Ian asked if there were any questions regarding the forecasts, there were none.</p>	
Conclusions	This years budgets are approved. The audit is to take place in August.	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Audit preparation to continue.	Liz/Deanna	August

6	WIND TURBINE	BRIAN
Summary of Discussion	<p>Brian had circulated monthly reports for the community wind turbine ahead of the meeting.</p> <p>Brian highlighted that by April this year, the community turbine had only produced half of the output that it had done by the same point last year, and that the turbine had been off for 3 days due to an SSE power failure, additionally the long term weather forecast did not suggest much improvement ahead in terms of higher wind and/or yields.</p> <p>In respect of the OIC Hoy Wind Farm Proposal, Brian advised that potential wake effect could result in a 10% reduction in wind leading to a 30% drop in energy production which in turn could render the community wind turbine project commercially non-viable. Additionally, induced turbulence between turbines can cause premature wear and tear leading to increased maintenance costs and component failure. Brian advised that the answer is to obtain a WECA (Wake Effect Compensation Agreement) during the planning process to ensure that any such losses would be negated.</p> <p>Brian confirmed HEL have already successfully negotiated WECA's with two other developers looking to erect turbines on Ore Brae and has recently met</p>	

	<p>with Shona Croy from OIC to discuss the OIC Hoy Wind Farm proposal in terms of a WECA, these discussions are to be ongoing.</p> <p>Brian also confirmed that the OIC wind farm proposal currently lodged with the Scottish Government for scoping opinion was inaccurate.</p> <p>Brian advised the board that currently SSE are discussing a maximum 66MW connection for the OIC to the new transmission grid, this would realistically mean that 16 x 4MW turbines could be erected by the OIC.</p> <p>HEL are to submit formal 'comment' to the Scottish Government in respect of the proposal and its potential to damage the community owned project.</p> <p>Following the HEL representation made directly to them, OIC have noted the submitted concerns, and indicated they will continue to update HEL on any developments, but have not confirmed they will enter into a WECA.</p> <p>HEL have confirmed to the OIC that any discussion between HEL and OIC should not be viewed as 'community engagement' as HEL is a commercial entity.</p> <p>The IoHDT board resolved unanimously to appoint HEL as the official point of representation for all matters relating to the OIC proposal and to be responsible to protect all relevant commercial interests of the IoHDT in this regard.</p> <p>The HEL board members present acknowledged and accepted the charge.</p>		
Conclusions	<p>HEL are to continue dialogue with OIC regarding the Hoy Wind Farm proposal. HEL are the official point of contact and representation for the IoHDT in matters relating to the proposal and are charged with protecting the interests of the IoHDT and other project stakeholders in the community owned wind turbine project at Ore Brae.</p>		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
Continued point of contact on behalf of IoHDT.	Brian	Continued	
7	BUSES	DEBS	
Summary of Discussion	<p>Debs advised the board that the IoHDT have secured the latest CTGS grant. Debs attended a recent transport meeting at North Walls School. 10/20 households responded to the schools consultation who focused mainly on ferries and associated costs.</p> <p>OIC have contacted the Scottish Govt. and have requested support towards ferry fares. If successful, the fares will be pitched between books of 20 and 50 tickets, resulting in no benefit to local residents. The subject came up in the recent IoHDT survey and it is widely felt that there should be a reduced flat rate for people who live/work on the outer isles.</p> <p>Issues from the transport consultation that came out about the local buses were the need for a Saturday service, Friday evening service and a nursery service.</p>		
Conclusions	<p>IoHDT have secured bus funding.</p> <p>OIC are awaiting a response from Scottish Govt. regarding ferry fares.</p>		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
Await further developments from Scottish Govt.	Debs	Continued	

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COMMUNICATION / PUBLIC  
ENGAGEMENT

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Summary of Discussion	<p>Ian advised the board that the infographics for the survey results had been produced in Glasgow by SCDC. The comments have now been sorted into 7 generic groupings. Deanna has worked through a newsletter summary for one of the topics, with a view to figuring out what we present, where and how. Further sorting of these comments will enable the Trust to get a good idea of what is within the IoHDT's remit and what the IoHDT can be facilitators for. Provisional discussion about when the results will be presented to the public suggest the start of July, a meeting will take place between Moira, Debs, Ian and Deanna to discuss this.</p> <p>A Support and Services Merkitplace is to be held at North Walls School on 24<sup>th</sup> May for local groups to attend on a drop in session basis for the community. IoHDT will attend with a view to advertising the funding which is available for the Island to utilize. Debs, Liz, Moira, Ian and Deanna will attend.</p>	
Conclusions	<p>Infographics have been completed, and comments are ready for further analysis. Meeting to be held to discuss next steps. Merkitplace event to be attended.</p>	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Discuss community feedback details.	Debs, Moira, Ian, Deanna	30 <sup>th</sup> May 2018
Attend Merkitplace event.	Liz, Debs, Deanna, Moira, Ian	24 <sup>th</sup> May 2018
Send Brian the survey data for turbine.	Deanna	ASAP

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## CORRESPONDENCE

ALL

Summary of Discussion	<p>Ian has received an email from Luke Fraser asking if the Trust would be interested in purchasing no. 33 St Colms Quadrant. Ian will respond and request further details as well as what heating system the property currently has.</p>	
Conclusions	<p>The board discussed the potential to purchase no. 33 St Colms Quadrant.</p>	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Respond to Luke Fraser for further details.	Ian	Next meeting

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## AOB

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Summary of Discussion	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Debs attended a resilience meeting which consisted of the community council, fire, coastguard, lifeboat, and the Dr. They met with Les Donaldson from OIC about emergency planning in the community whereby a big risk assessment and procedures in the event of a flood, power outage, etc were discussed. A draft is to be put together of a community plan in such an event. A Community asset register is to be created, consisting of people who are happy to be on it, such as first aiders and other things/people which can be called upon in case of an emergency.</li> <li>2. Max attended a planning meeting about how the Scottish govt. could best support the community. Debs thanked Max for attending.</li> <li>3. The attendees of the meeting discussed the presentation delivered</li> </ol>	
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	about THAW. The general feeling was that it would not be a wise investment, however, there is validity in helping people with affordable warmth. Deanna advised the board that from the survey, there was approx. 1 comment regarding affordable warmth. The board agreed that they would not be offering funding to THAW.	
<b>Conclusions</b>	Community emergency plan and community asset register to be created. Documentation will be placed in the office. No funding would be offered to THAW.	
<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Keep the board updated regarding community resilience planning.	Debs	Continued
Respond to THAW.	Debs	Next meeting

The meeting closed at: 22:00

Date of next meeting: Next Board Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – Closed meeting

Written by: Deanna Johnston  
Minute Secretary

Proposed for adoption by: *Moir*                      Seconded by: *Lan*

Signed (Chair) *S. D. Jacques*