

Island of Hoy Development Trust Meeting Minutes

REMOTELY VIA ZOOM

OPEN
MEETING

DATE 16/02/2022 TIME 7:30PM

Meeting Called By	Debs Jaques
Minute Secretary	Deanna Johnston
Type of Meeting	Open Board
List of Board Members	Debs Jaques, Scott Johnston, Moira Cossar, Lindsay Hall, Alex Sinclair, Christine Bolton, Keith Dobney
NON BOARD	Deanna Johnston, Brian Clegg, Denize Lace, Kieran Sinclair
APOLOGIES	Liz Davidson, Max Collop

Topics

1 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING DEBS

Summary of Discussion	<p>BOARD MEETING</p> <p>The minutes of the November 2021 open board meeting were circulated to the Board prior to the meeting. The minutes were proposed as correct by Moira Cossar and signed by the Chair. The minutes will be seconded at the next Board meeting scheduled for 16.03.22.</p>
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2 MATTERS ARISING ALL

Summary of Discussion	<p>There were no matters arising.</p>
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3 YM KIERAN & MOIRA

Summary of Discussion	<p>Moira informed the meeting attendees that funding for a Community Development Officer for 4 days per week for 2 years has been secured which includes admin cover for the additional workload for the IoHDT. Moira will create the job description in order to begin the recruitment process. Moira is now hoping that with the increase in project size and developments, HIE may look favourably on the project and potentially commit funding in future.</p> <p>A leak has developed in the YM roof which JMF Groats have been asked to repair, Moira is awaiting an estimate for the works after initial investigation has taken place.</p> <p>Moira confirmed that the order for items paid for by the Island Communities Fund has now mostly arrived. Moira is liaising with Lucy (Aspiring Scotland) around what can be done with the underspend. The YM group are set to meet again Saturday 19th February, with a hope to elect a Treasurer and Secretary. Debs thanked Kieran on behalf of the IoHDT for his work towards the project and the YM.</p> <p>Alex requested volunteers to assist with removing some of the kitchen equipment and other general tasks to get the YM prepared for the new installations, Moira agreed that this would be raised at the meeting on the</p>
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	19 th , Kieran and Christine have also asked for advice from Cassie Tulloch and Maureen White around how best to set the kitchen layout for optimum usage.
Conclusions	Funding for a CDO has been secured for 2 years, additionally, funding towards admin has also been granted. Roof repairs are set to take place shortly. ICF items have almost all arrived and are stored at the YM. Meeting to carry projects forward is set to take place on the 19 th February, the team intend to elect office bearers.

4	FINANCE	DEBS
Summary of Discussion	Debs made reference to the finance meeting held in January, otherwise there were no points to add in Liz's absence.	

5	HEALTH & WELLBEING	MOIRA/DENIZE
Summary of Discussion	<p>A bid for £2500 worth of funding towards room hire and refreshments for the groups (among other things) through VAO has been submitted. The closing date for this was 14th February 2022, Moira and Denize will keep the Board up to date with any developments, however, Denize has concerns due to the amount of bids the funding team has received.</p> <p>Prior to the meeting, Moira circulated a report for the most recent quarter end (December 2021) demonstrating the main themes and figures around the project.</p> <p>No news to date about the funding for the project moving forward, Moira and Denize will continue to keep the board updated.</p> <p>Denize informed the meeting attendees that this year will see the project attempt to move away from 1:1 meetings, in the hope that Denize can focus her efforts on the wider issues, including community projects such as a day centre and social care provision. Denize is hoping to hold a balance class for the elderly after recently being awarded the certificate for the course that she attended. Denize also hopes to develop mental health services on the island, inviting guest speakers to address mental health issues locally.</p> <p>One of Denize's greatest concerns at present is around the increase in energy costs to lower income families, adding that she is having to signpost families to services such as THAW, however, the agencies in question are struggling to support the sheer number of applicants who are asking for help.</p> <p>Brian asked Denize if she has detected any effects of increasing energy prices within the local community and whether or not these people are coming forward and asking for help. Denize confirmed that this is absolutely the case and that she has learned that on average it costs 27% more to live on an island. Lindsay asked if Denize is able to provide figures around the amount of people who have come forward, Denize respectfully declined based on confidentiality, Brian added that a 'frame' might be required if and when an attempt to ask for higher support might be made but data protection boundaries would be respected.</p>	
Conclusions	Project funding has been applied for but Denize remains realistic about the probability for success. Denize continues to support the island and hopes to move away from 1:1 meetings in order to focus on the wider community issues. Soaring energy prices continue to concern Denize.	

6	BUSES	DEBS
Summary of Discussion	<p>Debs informed the meeting attendees that BSOG is due to stop at the end of March 2022, however, a replacement funding pot is available and the Community Bus would continue to be eligible for roughly the same amount of funding under the new scheme. News of the Council grant is still anticipated, however, decisions for which have to wait for the OIC meetings to take place.</p>	
7	REFLEX	BRIAN
Summary of Discussion	<p>Brian advised that the data tracking is now in place which reports on miles done per month for both vehicles. Brian believed that there had been no confirmation received around any project extension, which Deanna confirmed. Brian advised that Feb 2022 would see the end of the hire agreements and the vehicles would be paid off and so owned by the trust. Brian made reference to the cashflow loan of £100,000 for ReFlex and advised that it would shortly need to be returned to HEL's bank account, this will need to be done before the end of the financial year, when Liz returns.</p>	
8	LONGHOPE PLAYPARK	DEBS
Summary of Discussion	<p>There was no update available.</p>	
9	WIND TURBINE	BRIAN
Summary of Discussion	<p>Discussions around 'worst case scenarios' relating Enercon have taken place. Options are being looked at for the disposal of the turbine, whilst it still has some intrinsic value, and then options around re-energising the site. Brian confirmed that on 2 separate occasions in recent weeks, all 5 community turbines were out of action because of Enercon faults - for the first time in 10 years - one of which has been of since early November, another from boxing day of 2021.</p> <p>Due to the power purchase agreement, in respect of energy sold in advance from the 5 turbines, which has not been supplied due to the lack of generation, will come back as an 'adjustment', i.e. a refund payment to NPower, HEL will await further information and update the Board accordingly. Brian advised that HEL are just hoping for more wind right now as it is essential for a month or two of good generation after our turbine was down for most of January 2022, and thus recoup some of the lost generation. Brian offered some figures around typical generation, advising that around 70% of the annual revenue was achieved in around 25% of the year so performance at this time of year is critical.</p>	
Conclusions	<p>HEL continue to look at possibilities and options moving forward as the lifespan of the turbine nears its end and Enercon faults continue to disrupt performance. In addition, there are likely to be losses through an adjustment as a result of forward selling energy and lack of generation.</p>	

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LEGACY PROJECT

BRIAN

<p>Summary of Discussion</p>	<p>The 5 pilot properties continue to produce data. Brian advised that additional earthing equipment will need to be added to the pilot systems, which will become standard for all future installations.</p> <p>Brian raised the topic of the ReFlex project and the recent communication that it has had with SSE, suggesting that it would like to 'do the same as the Legacy Project' adding that it intends to use batteries and 'let energy out to the grid'. This has resulted in Brian writing an open letter to all stakeholders involved with the Orkney grid to confirm what the Legacy Project is, and importantly confirm that it does not modify the load profile of the grid, nor does it export energy to the grid. SSE have asked Brian to meet with them to discuss the project, ensure that no rules are being broken and ensure that it is safe to sign off on the project.</p> <p>Denize asked Brian if the project is in a position to be rolled out Hoy wide. Brian confirmed that there is an agreed injection of initial funding coming to start the project off, and that there will be a new SCIO to manage the project, currently being registered. The SCIO 'Hoy Energy Matters' will be made up of some common directors but will be a separate legal entity from the IoHDT and HEL, with the remit of delivering the Legacy Project on a not-for-profit basis. Discussion took place around how soon the project can affect people island wide, Brian confirmed that he believes that the project can move beyond the pilot before the end of 2022, but as ever is subject to funding constraints.</p>
<p>Conclusions</p>	<p>Brian to meet with SSE for discussions after ReFlex's potentially confusing statement around the remit of the Legacy Project.</p> <p>Brian is confident that all being well, the project should move beyond the pilot stage before the end of 2022.</p>

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COMMUNITY FUND

ALL

<p>Summary of Discussion</p>	<p>Debs invited discussion around the LLMT application for funding which had been circulated prior to the meeting. Max had emailed confirming his support for the application. The Directors present confirmed their support for the application and agreed to the funding.</p> <p>Debs informed the meeting attendees of another application which was received for the Community Fund from a new group interested in creating an indoor bowling club. Despite general support for the concept, concerns were raised around whether or not the group had gained much island-wide support due to a lack of information available in media/posters etc. Furthermore, the conditions of the grant funding around constitutions mean that the group is ineligible at this stage to apply to the IoHDT for funding. Debs confirmed that it is important nonetheless to discuss these matters in the interests of valuing the Community.</p> <p>The meeting attendees reached agreement that the bowling club in time could potentially approach the YM SCIO to apply to the IoHDT for funding. Kieran offered to meet with the group to discuss further. Debs will send a formal response in the short term.</p>
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