

MINUTE 22 JANUARY 2015

**Draft minute of meeting of Kilbraur Wind Farm Community Benefit Trust
held on Thursday, 22 January 2015
at The Golspie Heritage Centre, Golspie at 7.30pm**

PRESENT Bob Meeres (Chair), Campbell Port (Vice-chair), Ronnie Sim (Treasurer), Iain Miller, Jonathan Hedges, Bill Honeyman, Linda Robichaud (Secretary)

APOLOGIES Erin Gentilucci (Falck Renewables), Euan Fraser (Falck Renewables), Hannah Brown (Falck Renewables)

OBSERVERS

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1	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES	
	Bob Meeres welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies had been received from Erin Gentilucci (Falck Renewables), Hannah Brown (Falck Renewables) and Euan Fraser (Falck Renewables). It was noted that Hannah Brown would be going on maternity leave at the end of February 2015 and that arrangements would be put in place as to who to contact during her leave.	
2	MINUTES OF MEETING 2 OCTOBER 2014	
	Bob Meeres asked for any comments concerning the minute. No comments were forthcoming. The minute was then approved as an accurate record having been proposed by Bill Honeyman and seconded by Campbell Port.	
3	TREASURER'S REPORT	
	The Treasurer, Ronnie Sim, provided a hand out giving a comprehensive breakdown of the current financial position of the Trust. It was noted that another two payments could be expected from Falck Renewables in March 2015.	
4	REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING APPLICATIONS	
4.1	<p>Application reference: 2014/15/022 Submitted by: East Sutherland Citizens Advice Bureau Amount requested:£766.99</p> <p>It was noted that a previous application had been made – application ref: 2011/12/007 for volunteer and staff expenses, salaries, admin costs etc. The application had been unsuccessful.</p> <p>Bob Meeres gave a brief summary of the application. East Sutherland Citizens Advice Bureau provides free, confidential and independent advice to those suffering poverty or hardship and relate to such issues as welfare</p>	

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	<p>benefits, employment, housing or debt. The organisation now require funding to promote their activities.</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed that an award of £500 be made specifically for the gazebo, banner display and feather flags and that the award would be paid on production of receipted invoices. The proposal was supported unanimously.</p>	
4.2	<p>Application reference: 2014/15/023 Submitted by: Golspie Golf Club Amount requested: £5,300</p> <p>It was noted that the organisation had made previous applications to the Trust. Application ref: 2013/14/026 for clubhouse renovation for which £10,000 had been awarded; application ref: 2011/12/004 for which an award was made of £8,400 for a new mower and application ref: 2013/14/005 for which a donation of £3,000 was made for insurance excess on a storm damage claim.</p> <p>Bob Meeres gave a brief summary of the application: Golspie Golf Club is a community body dedicated to providing the game of golf and other recreational services. Golspie Golf Club now require funding to put a rehabilitation programme in place following an outbreak of the fungal infection of fusarium.</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed that an award of £5,300 be awarded specifically for the items of fungicide (£1,500), lawn sand (£400), seeds to resow surfaces (£3,000) and fertiliser (£400). The proposal was supported unanimously.</p>	
4.3	<p>Application reference: 2014/15/024 Submitted by: Golspie-in-Bloom Amount requested: £3,942.72</p> <p>It was noted that previous applications had been made to the Trust. Application ref: 2013/14/002 for which an award of £1,898.40 had been for self watering barrels for displays and application ref: 2011/12/008 for which an award of £2,565 had been made for barrel planters.</p> <p>Bob Meeres gave a brief summary of the application: Golspie-in-Bloom grows on plants for their hanging baskets and planters to give pleasure to locals and tourists. They now require funding to move forward with the community garden, provide more self watering hanging baskets and replace their current trailer.</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed that an award for the full amount of £3,942.72 be made. The proposal was supported unanimously.</p>	

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4.4	<p>Application reference: 2014/15/025 Submitted by: Feis Chataibh Amount requested: £3,576.50</p> <p>It was noted that previous applications had been made to the Trust:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I) Application ref: 2013/14/017 for £4,540.60 for harps, cases etc for which award made. II) Application ref: 2010/11/011 for ceilidh trail costs. Award of £3,690 made. III) Application ref: 2010/11/033 for masterclass workshops. Award of £2,500 made. IV) Application ref: 2011/12/016 for the running of a programme of events for which no award had been made. <p>Bob Meeres gave a brief summary of the application. Feis Chataibh promote interest, education and participation in Gaelic music and art for young persons. They now require funding for new and replacement instruments.</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed that an award of £3,576.50 be paid. The proposal was supported unanimously.</p>	
4.5	<p>Application reference: 2014/15/026 Submitted by: Sutherland Sports Council Amount requested: £5,000</p> <p>Campbell Port declared an interest as he was a committee member.</p> <p>Bob Meeres gave a brief summary of the application. Sutherland Sports Council encourage and develop interest and participation in sport in Sutherland. They now wish to introduce a trial Transport Grant Scheme (TGS).</p> <p>Bob Meeres began by stating the good work done by Sutherland Sports Council.</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed that £1,250 be awarded per quarter for one year and that the Sutherland Sports Council must, for their part, maintain records and send in such records at the end of the scheme which covers the expenditure of the award of £5,000. The proposal was supported unanimously.</p>	
4.6	<p>Application reference: 2014/15/027 Submitted by: Golspie Community Council Amount requested: £7,000</p> <p>It was noted that previous applications had been made to the Trust.</p>	

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	<p>I) Application ref: 2014/15/017 for reconstruction and improvement of lower paths of the big burn walk in Golspie for which an award of £10,000 was made</p> <p>II) Application ref 2014/15/010 for reinstatement of footpaths for which an award of £7,954 was made.</p> <p>Bob Meeres gave a brief summary of the application. Golspie Community Council would now like to buy some outdoor gym equipment.</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed that an award of £7,000 be made subject to the conditions that appropriate planning permission be approved and that the agreement of Sutherland Estates be obtained as Sutherland Estates own the land. The proposal was supported unanimously.</p>	
	UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING APPLICATIONS	
4.7	<p>Application reference: 2014/15/015 Submitted by: Golspie Sutherland Football Club</p> <p>Campbell Port gave summary of his visit and meeting with Golspie Sutherland Football Club. Campbell stated that everything was in order and that the outside work had been completed but the interior work remained to be finished. The club were extending by three toilets, one of which would remain unlocked.</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed that a grant of £4,745 be awarded and that this would be specifically for joiner work (£1,500), plumbing work (£2,100), handrail (£366) and tiling of the floor £779). The proposal was supported unanimously.</p>	
4.8	<p>Application reference: 2014/15/020 Submitted by: Golspie's Biblical Garden</p> <p>It was noted that Campbell Port and Iain Miller had met with representatives of Golspie's Biblical Garden in November 2014.</p> <p>It was stated that Seaforth House intended to move signage to the other side of their building and that a sign was to be put on the gate of the garden stating what the biblical garden is about as there is currently no explanation. Golspie's Biblical Garden had also been in touch with the Gala Week to ask for their assistance with the heavier work involved in the garden.</p> <p>It was proposed that an award of £5,000 be made. The proposal was passed by a majority decision.</p>	

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5.0	CORRESPONDENCE IN	
	The Secretary gave a brief summary of the incoming mail.	
6.0	CLOSING DATE FOR NEXT ROUND OF APPLICATIONS	
	The closing date for the next round of applications was confirmed as 28 February 2015.	
7.0	AOCB	
7.1	<i>Advert in Northern Times</i> It was decided that the next advert should be placed in the last week of January 2015 edition of the Northern Times.	
7.2	<i>Update from Treasurer</i>	
	The Treasurer provided an updated financial position for the Trustees which took account of the awards that had been made that evening.	
	DATE FOR NEXT MEETING	
	The date of the next meeting was decided as Thursday, 26 March 2015.	
	There being no further business Bob Meeres thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed.	