



Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday 6th July 2017 in Lieurary Hall

1. Present

George Carson (Convener), Jillian Bundy (Secretary), George MacDougall, Ian Grant, Bill Brown, Donald Omand, Councillor Struan Mackie

2. Apologies

None

3. Convenor's Remarks

George welcomed everyone and congratulated Councillor Mackie on his recent appointment. He welcomed Donald Omand to his first meeting and Donald's co-option was confirmed by all present.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd March 2017 were approved by George MacDougall and seconded by Ian Grant, subject to correction re Item 12.

5. Police Matters

No Police Report had been received.

6. Correspondence

Various communications from Highland Council were read and noted.

7. Planning Officer's Report

There were no significant new applications for the CWCC area.

8. Licensing Issues

None.

9. Treasurer's Report

Balance is currently £4523.42

10. Renewables Developments

- Jillian provided an update on the Limekiln and Drumhollistan developments;
 - Drumhollistan had recently been refused by the HC Planning Officer and would now be determined by ECDU following Public Inquiry.
 - Limekiln was presently awaiting the date for the Public Inquiry
- George C advised that applications would be submitted for three new developments at Forss and Shebster
- The committee again raised concerns at the proliferation of wind farms in the county and particular, the CWCC area. Councillor Mackie noted the concerns and agreed to raise this as appropriate at HC meetings.

11. Dounreay Stakeholder Group

George M provided an update on the Stakeholder Review and advised that recent consultation events had been held in Thurso and Reay regarding the planning application construction and demolition in support of Interim End State activities.

12. Village Officer

The previous minutes had identified that funding for the VO role had been reduced to £250 – this should actually have been £750. Ian again noted that the cost of being self-employed and holding public liability insurance meant it was not viable for him to continue in the VO role.

George C agreed to take on the role on a temporary basis to ensure continuity of funding from HC.

13. A.O.B.

- Ian noted concern at the length of time (approx. 3 weeks) it was taking to secure a doctor's appointment in Thurso. Councillor Mackie outlined some of the issues with staffing in practices across the Highlands.
- Councillor Mackie provided an update on the City and Regional Deals initiative within Highland Council, particularly in relation to broadband coverage and the further improvements expected.
- George M had received a request for letters of support from Lieurary Hall Committee and Caithness Broch Project in relation to funding applications. It was agreed that letters should be provided and George agreed to action this.
- George C again raised the on-going issues with a garden in Glengolly and explained that this was also impacting public areas in the vicinity. George requested approval for VO funding to be provided to pay for clean-up of the common areas. Following discussion, it was agreed that a more appropriate course of action would be to approach Baillie Windfarm to request funding for an increased remit for the VO – for example to cut grass in the 3 designated cemeteries and also occasional ad-hoc tidying of other areas within the CWCC area. Jillian agreed to contact BW to request funding.

- Now that all arrangements were in place to establish a Limited Company through which to channel community benefits, it was agreed that Jillian should again contact the owners of the Clatequoy Windfarm to pursue payments.

14. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 24th August 2017 in Lieurary Hall.

Jillian Bundy
Secretary

Summary of Current & Outstanding Actions

Reference	Action	Responsible
6.7.17 - 1	Contact Clatequoy owners to pursue Community Benefits	Jillian
6.7.17 - 2	Contact Baillie Windfarm re Community Benefits to fund VO.	Jillian
6.7.17 - 3	Provide letters of support for Lieurary Hall Committee and Caithness Broch Project	George M