

Coigach Community Development Company

Annual General Meeting 27th August 2012

Present:

Board of Directors: Iain Muir (Chair), Nick Clooney (Vice Chair), Ben Walton (Treasurer), Linda Macleod, Ian Macleod, Phil Shaughnessy, Steve Husband, Ann Macleod. **LDOs:** Julia Campbell, Peter Muir

Ordinary Members: Simon MacKenzie, Catherine Van Meel, Sandra Macleod, Bill Drake, Elaine Drake, Lesley Muir, Alison Sinclair, Annie Sinclair, Harry Hassall, Diana Hassall, Theresa Ross, Midge Drake, Peter Drake, Marilyn Mackenzie, Hector Mackenzie, Iain Campbell, Beryl Morgan, Evelyn Bolster, Julie Edwards, Maureen Fraser, Alastair Fraser, Sheileagh Luyken. **Associate members:** Anna Merton, David Treasurer. **Members of the Public:** Reiner Luyken

The Chairman's Welcome

The Chair's welcome was interrupted by Sheileagh Luyken reading out a prepared statement regarding the rejection of Reiner Luyken's membership and the apparent breach of Article 68 which requires copies of the accounts to be sent out to all members 21 days before an AGM.

The chair responded that on the question of the accounts not being circulated, the matter would be investigated. On the subject of Reiner Luyken's membership being refused, the chair explained that in the directors' opinion it would not be in the Company's interests to accept him. CCDC's Directors have a duty to promote the success of the company the Chair added. (Reiner and Sheileagh Luyken leave the meeting).

A member suggested that in a General Meeting context, it remains the power of the members to absolve the directors of any wrong doing in their obligation to present the accounts 21 days prior to the AGM.

The consensus of the meeting was that those present wished to continue the business of the meeting irrespective of any impairment in the notice and those members present voted to absolve the Directors of any wrong doing with respect to their obligation to present the accounts 21 days prior to the AGM. In favour 20 members, Against 0.

The Chairman then continued with his welcome to the meeting and commented on the draft minutes of last year's meeting that there was an error: i.e. hall rent is £20 per week, not £10 as stated. Alison Sinclair proposed that these minutes be adopted (with that amendment), seconded by Phil Shaughnessy.

1. Chairman's Report: (see separate item)

Harry Hassall asked how much the grid connection would be. Peter Muir explained it was in the region of £498K for the wind turbine project, and Iain added that the grid issues of both projects were currently being looked at again. Harry also asked if both profits and costs of the hydro scheme would be shared equally between CCDC and Scottish Wildlife Trust in their joint venture. The Chair confirmed that this would be the case.

Acceptance of the Chairman's Report was proposed by Harry Hassall, seconded by Peter Drake.

2. Treasurer's Report :

Ben Walton presented the prepared accounts, and talked through the income and expenditure for 2011/12.

Harry Hassall asked where the donations came from. Ben Walton explained these came from private individuals some who wished to remain anonymous. £5,000 had been donated, but returned when the hydroponicum purchase had fallen through.

David Treasurer asked where the liability of the loan lay if the loan is paid first to CCDC before being passed to Coigach Wind Power Ltd. The Chair confirmed that loan still needs to be paid back by CCDC.

The Treasurer's Report was proposed by Phil Shaughnessy, seconded by Steve Husband.

3. Fixing of Annual Subscriptions.

It was agreed that annual subscriptions for membership remain at £5. Proposed by Catherine Van Meel, seconded by Harry Hassall.

4. Election of Directors:

The Chair explained that in line with CCDC's Articles of Association, the following directors are stepping down: Phil Shaughnessy, Ian Macleod, Nick Clooney and Steve Husband.

Nominations as directors were received and voted on individually (and virtually unanimous on each vote) by those members present for the following: LINDA MACLEOD, THERESA ROSS, MAUREEN FRASER and BEN WALTON.

5. AOCB None

6. Questions and Answers

Q: Where are we with the planning application for the hydro energy scheme?

A: The final positions of the intake, pipe routes and turbine house have still to be confirmed. It's a matter of metres before we have a final plan.

Harry Hassall then proposed thanks to the Chair, Board and staff and all present applauded (enthusiastically!).