

**Coigach Community Development Company: Minutes
Monday 25th October 7pm Coigach Community Hall**

Present: Iain Muir (IFM, Chair), Ann Macleod (AAB), Steve Husband (SH), Phil Shaughnessy (PS), Present Julia Campbell (JC/LDO) and Anne Campbell (AAC/LDO).

Declarations of interest: With the two renewable energy under construction formal interests have been declared by director SH, Alison Sinclair (Coigach Wind Power Ltd) and JC who are share-holders of Achiltibuie Common Grazings.

1. Welcome and Apologies: IFM welcomed all. Apologies Iain Scott (IJGS)
2. **Minutes of Last Meeting** (Mon 12th September) were approved. Proposed by PS, seconded by SH. Minutes of August Meeting (Mon 8th August) were also approved. Proposed by IFM, seconded by AAB. Matters arising: Newsletter draft to be completed, circulated to board, and published once approved. **(Action LDOs)**
3. **Finance:** Monthly Statement prepared by Iain Scott was circulated. Report to HIE **(Action: JC and AAC to update, discuss with Lindsay Simpson, HIE, then submit)**. Mandate for CCDC Trading **(Action: JC to complete form, then IFM, SH and IJGS to sign)**. Conversion to charity documents circulated by IJGS at previous meeting **(Action: All to read and send comments to IJGS by Friday 28th October)**. Conversion to charitable status – open for discussion at AGM. News announcement that HIE may be merging with Scottish Enterprise – **(Action: LDOs to ask Lindsay)**. De Minimus Payments **(Action: LDO's to check de minimus spending and limit with HIE)**
4. **Broadband:** It was noted that Highland Community Broadband (HCB) reached their target from founder subscribers, and have acquired office premises. **(Action: LDO's to contact HCB to monitor progress, and to enquire about Coigach involvement and future representation).**
5. **Land and Housing**
 - a. **Schoolhouse** on target for completion in December. **(Action: JC to circulate HSCHT allocation policy)**.
 - b. **Smokehouse:** two enquiries have been received regarding the smokehouse. **(Action 1: LDO's to respond positively to both. Action 2 : LDOs to meet with Alison to discuss plans)**.
 - c. **Enquiries about crofts:** we continue to receive enquiries from young people looking for crofts. **(Action: LDOs to write to Crofting Commission to press for action regarding absentee crofters)**
6. **Piers and Harbours:** Richard Williams is contacting pier users group to discuss feasibility study and possible developments **(Action: AAB to suggest PUG invite John Rae SSF in future discussions)**.
7. **Renewables:** Public update meeting was held Monday 10th October as part of Coigach Community Council's meeting.
Ben Mor Hydro: is progressing with a view to completion within their planned timetable.
Coigach Wind Power: Following financial close and securing funding necessary to complete the project, work continues on track. All funding now administered through the recently established Coigach Community Interest Company (CIC) which was established to comply with FITs regulation.
8. **Drumrunie** Funding application to BLF Small Grant is underway for landscape architect to look at plans for an attractive gateway for Coigach, include mention of NC500 and Geopark **(Action: AAC)**
9. **CALL** – LDOs continuing to attend meetings and progressing Coigach projects. The next meeting on 6th December includes Tom Campbell's NC500 presentation.
10. AGM provisional date: Tuesday 22nd November **(Action: LDO's to contact A9 to check date is suitable for Paul Capewell to attend and in order to circulate accounts to members 21 days prior to the meeting)**.
11. **Date of next meeting: Tuesday 15th November 2pm.**