

MINUTE 23 JANUARY 2014

**Draft minute of meeting of Kilbraur Wind Farm Community Benefit Trust
held on Thursday 23 January 2014
in The Heritage Centre, Golspie at 7.30pm**

PRESENT	Iain Miller (Chair), Ronnie Sim (Treasurer), Campbell Port, Jonathan Hedges, Bob Meeres, Linda Robichaud (Secretary)
APOLOGIES OBSERVERS	Erin Gentilucci (Falck Renewables), Cllr Graham Phillips Hannah Brown (Falck Renewables), Euan Fraser (Falck Renewables)

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1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES	
	Iain Miller welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies had been received from Erin Gentilucci (Falck Renewables) and Cllr Graham Phillips.
2 MINUTES OF MEETING 10 SEPTEMBER 2013	
	Iain Miller asked for any comments concerning the minute. No comments were forthcoming. The minute was then approved as an accurate record having been proposed by Iain Miller and seconded by Ronnie Sim.
3 TREASURER'S REPORT	
	The Treasurer, Ronnie Sim, presented a handout showing the current financial position which included a comprehensive breakdown of awards made but not claimed.(4) and awards pending (3). Ronnie Sim then asked Hannah Brown why total income re production had dropped by 14.59%. Hannah then stated that she would send information to the Secretary.
4 REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED	
4.1 Application reference: 2013/14/021	Submitted by: East Sutherland Sea Angling Club Amount requested: £7,850 It was noted that a previous application had been made by the East Sutherland Sea Angling Club: application ref: 2012/13/027 which had been successful with an award of £2,565 being made for a new boat trailer. Iain Miller gave a brief description of the application. The aim of the East Sutherland Sea Angling Club is to provide sea angling from Brora Harbour and wherever possible to accommodate sea angling for visitors to the area. The club now requires funding for a new build boat, its transportation to the area and an engine.

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	<p>Bob Meeres questioned the amount put forward for transportation and Campbell Port responded by pointing out the significant size of the boat.</p> <p>Following discussion Ronnie Sim proposed that an award of £6,000 be made. The proposal was supported unanimously.</p>	
4.2	<p>Application reference: 2013/14/022 Submitted by: Friends of Rankin Dance and Theatre Club Amount requested: £1,185</p> <p>Iain Miller gave a brief summary of the application: The aim of Friends of Rankin Dance and Theatre Club is to advance the health, social welfare and education through dance and theatre of young people in the Brora KW9 area by providing equipment and aids for use within the club. They now require funding for "hoodie" jackets for each child. This would include the embroidery of their name and dance school.</p> <p>The Trustees had previously requested, due to safety concerns, that a quote be presented for hoodies with only the name of the dance school being embroidered. This had been received. It was also put forward that without the child's name, the items would be able to be passed on to future members of the club.</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed that an award of £1,185 be made with the proviso that the most recent quote (received by email), which does not include personalisation of the hoodies to include a child's name, be used. The proposal was supported unanimously.</p>	
4.3	<p>Application reference: 2013/14/023 Submitted by: Rogart-in-Bloom Amount requested: £2,828.80</p> <p>It was noted that previous applications had been made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) application ref: 2010/11/027. An award had been made but had not been claimed. The award allocated had subsequently been returned to the fund. Rogart-in -Bloom then asked for award to be re-instated. This became application ref: 2012/13/020 which was approved. iii) application ref: 2013/14/ for additional units to those already in place. Requested £3,006 but £618 awarded for specific items. <p>Iain Miller gave a brief summary of the application: The aim of Rogart-in-Bloom is to promote a "brighter" Rogart and enhance the environment to its full potential for the benefit of the public through flower displays throughout the parish. Funding is now required to complete the project.</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed that £2,828.90 be awarded. The</p>	

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	proposal was supported unanimously. It was noted that the secretary should state in the outcome letter to Rogart-in-Bloom that the award was given in order to complete the project.	
4.4	<p>Application reference: 2013/14/024 Submitted by: Golspie Youth Action Project Amount requested: £1,511</p> <p>It was noted that previous applications had been made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I) Application ref: 2010/11/017 for funding of staff salaries. Application was unsuccessful. II) Application ref: 2012/13/003 for tv, cabinet, shutters and software. Award of £1,692.78 made. <p>Iain Miller gave a brief summary of the application: The Golspie Youth Action Project provides social activities for young people including outings and somewhere for young people to learn new skills. They now require funding for a trip and to purchase equipment.</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed that £495 be awarded specifically for the purchase of a colour printer, camera kit and laminator & pouches. The proposal was supported by a majority decision.</p>	
4.5	<p>Application reference: 2013/14/025 Submitted by: Brora and District Action Group (BaDAG) Amount requested: £4,488</p> <p>Iain Miller gave a brief summary of the application: BaDAG is run by local residents to help improve the quality of life in the village and district of Clyne. BaDAG now require funding to construct a community website.</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed that the application be declined. The proposal was supported unanimously.</p>	
4.6	<p>Application reference: 2013/14/026 Submitted by: Golspie Golf Club Amount requested: £10,000</p> <p>Both Ronnie Sim and Bob Meeres declared an interest.</p> <p>It was noted that previous applications had been submitted by Golspie Golf Club :</p>	

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	<p>I) application ref: 2011/12/004 for which an award was made of £8,400 for a new mower</p> <p>II) application ref: 2013/14/005. A donation of £3,000 was made for insurance excess on storm damage claim.</p> <p>Iain Miller 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 to the residents of the parish of Golspie and neighbouring Rogart. Due to forthcoming 125th anniversary celebrations they wish to renovate the clubhouse and now require funding for the downstairs locker room/toilets and the upstairs lounge.</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed by Iain Miller that an award of £10,000 should be made. The proposal was supported unanimously.</p>	
4.7	<p>Application reference: 2013/14/027</p> <p>Submitted by: A Brighter Brora</p> <p>Amount requested: £2,967.20</p> <p>It was noted that previous applications had been submitted by A Brighter Brora:</p> <p>I) application ref: 2010/11/029 for which an award of £6,457 was made</p> <p>II) application ref: 2012/13/019 for purchase of Christmas lights for which an award of £2,520 was made</p> <p>Iain Miller gave a brief summary of the application: A Brighter Brora is responsible for both the supply and maintenance of village floral displays and village Christmas lights and trees. They now require funding for perennials/shrubs for the village entrance as well as annuals for planters/hanging displays.</p> <p>Iain Miller began by commenting on the good job that A Brighter Brora carries out. Following discussion it was proposed by Bob Meeres that the full amount of £2,967 be awarded. The proposal was supported by a majority decision. The Trustees requested that the secretary state in the outcome letter to A Brighter Brora that there can be no guarantee that any future funds would be available for plants.</p>	
4.8	<p>Application reference: 2013/14/028</p> <p>Submitted by: Brora Bowling and Tennis Club</p> <p>Amount requested: £1,480</p> <p>Ronnie Sim declared an interest.</p> <p>It was noted that previous applications had been submitted by the Brora</p>	

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	<p>Bowling and Tennis Club:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) application ref: 2011/12/025 for a verti-cutter. An award of £600 was made. ii) application ref: 2012/13/016 for a John Deere pedestrian greens mower. An award of £5,000 was made. <p>Iain Miller gave a brief summary of the application: Brora Bowling and Tennis Club provides bowling and tennis facilities for the community and visitors. They now require funding for a new sprayer for the green and new fire retardant blinds for the clubhouse.</p> <p>It was commented that the club do a lot of fundraising themselves and that the club was well attended.</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed that £1,480 be awarded. The proposal was supported unanimously.</p>	
4.9	<p>Application reference: 2013/14/029 Submitted by: Sutherland Sports and Recreation Hub Amount requested: £9,750</p> <p>Bob Meeres declared an interest.</p> <p>Iain Miller gave a brief summary of the application: Sutherland Sports and Recreation Hub is a charity for the advancement of public participation in sport and recreational facilities. They now require funding for two dugouts, football posts and hockey posts.</p> <p>Following discussion Iain Miller proposed that an award of £9,750 be made. The proposal was supported unanimously.</p>	
4.10	<p>Application reference: 2013/14/030 Submitted by: Brora Social Amenities Group Amount requested: £17,000</p> <p>It was noted that previous applications had been made by the Brora Social Amenities Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) application ref: 2010/11/01. An award had been made, subject to conditions, but had not been claimed. ii) application ref: 2012/13/017. An award of £5,379.06 made. iii) application ref: 2013/14/019 for "bucking bronco". The Application was unsuccessful. <p>Iain Miller gave a brief summary of the application: The objective of the</p>	

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	<p>Brora Social Amenities Group is to raise funds to benefit the amenities of Brora. They now require funding for a marquee and flooring.</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed by Ronnie Sim that an award of £10,000 be made. The proposal was supported unanimously.</p>	
4.11	<p>Application reference: 2013/14/031</p> <p>Submitted by: Brora Community Centre Management Committee</p> <p>Amount requested: £7.951</p> <p>Iain Miller gave a brief summary of the application: Brora Community Centre Management Committee provide facilities for a variety of activities e.g indoor bowls, disco dancing etc. They now require funding for new tables and chairs.</p> <p>Following discussion Ronnie Sim proposed that an award be made for the requested amount of £7,951.60. The proposal was supported unanimously.</p>	
5.0	<p>Application reference: 2013/14/020</p> <p>Submitted by: North of Scotland Kart Club</p> <p>Further information, which had been requested from The North of Scotland Kart Club following the 10 September 2013 meeting of the Trustees, had now been received.</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed that a donation of £3,000 be made. The proposal was supported unanimously. A cheque would be given to the secretary to enclose with the outcome letter.</p>	
6.0	ARMED FORCES' DAY CONTRIBUTION	
	<p>Funding was required to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the First World War.</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed that that a donation of £1,000 be made as a contribution. The proposal was supported by a majority.</p>	
7.0	SCHOOL LEAVERS' GRANT FOR CONTINUING STUDIES	
	<p>It was pointed out that the provision of grants to school leavers was within the powers of the Trust as laid out in the Deed.</p> <p>Iain Miller updated the Trustees regarding Euan Bregazzi who had received money from the Trust towards his training In Forest Machine Operation by stating that Euan now had a job.</p>	

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	The Secretary had written to the headmasters from both Dornoch Academy and Golspie High School asking for projected numbers of school leavers from the parishes of Rogart, Brora and Golspie. It was decided that any received responses to these letters would be discussed at the next meeting of the Trustees.	
8.0	CORRESPONDENCE IN The Secretary gave a brief summary of the incoming mail.	
9.0	WEBSITE It was decided that the Secretary would deal with the upgrading of the Trust website.	
10.0	UPDATE FROM GORDONBUSH WIND FARM The secretary informed the Trustees that she had spoken to Liz Barron who would provide grant approval information as soon as it was made available.	
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11.0	BREAKDOWN OF AWARDS MADE BY TRUST Jonathan Hedges informed the Trustees that Roger Hughes was in the process of providing Rogart Community Council with a report showing the split of funds awarded by the Trust to the individual parishes of Rogart, Golspie and Brora.	
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12.0	CLOSING DATE FOR NEXT ROUND OF APPLICATIONS The closing date for the next round of applications was confirmed as the 28 February 2014.	
8	ADVERT IN NORTHERN TIMES It was decided that the next advert should be placed in the next edition of the Northern Times.	
	DATE FOR NEXT MEETING	
	TBC	
	There being no further business Iain Miller thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed.	