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**Minute of meeting of Kilbraur Windfarm Community Benefit Trust
held on Thursday, 3 October 2019
at The Golspie Heritage Centre, Golspie at 7.30pm**

PRESENT	Ronnie Sim (Treasurer), Iain Miller, Linda Robichaud (Secretary), Sandy Crawford (chair), Jonathan Hedges, Scott Morrison, Ruwan Uduwerage-Perera
APOLOGIES	Richard Gale
OBSERVERS	Erin Hunter (Falck Renewables)

ITEM	ACTION
1.0 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES	
1.1 Iain Miller welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Erin to RUP. RUP was asked to supply a minute of the RCC meeting regarding his position as a Trustee for Kilbraur Windfarm CBT. It was agreed that if the meeting went well tonight then there would not be a requirement to have a meeting on the 17 October 2019.	
2.0 TREASURER'S REPORT	
2.1 The Treasurer provided a handout giving a comprehensive breakdown of the current financial position of the Trust. Included in the Treasurer's report were the following remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Under the heading "funds agreed but not yet claimed" was an amount of £5,146 relating to Rogart Community Council. RS suggested writing the money back into the fund but ring fence for the RCC until they find something suitable. RUP said he would come back within a week, having found out what the money was for. RUP also suggested taking back the money and hold for another project within the terms of the original application.RS is to have a word with Louise Nadin and Pat Sutherland regarding the East Sutherland Schools Association.IM had received a bill regarding the Fountain in Golspie which he did not agree with and another bill had been issued.Golspie Sutherland FC – the gate is currently being built.RUP said that the Rogart Development Trust (RDT) was waiting for planning permission to go through regarding the Rogart Mart project. The RDT should know the outcome in days.	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Money had been paid out to the Brora and Helmsdale Medical Fund. • The Engaging with Activity Group now have their shed halfway up. • There had been no further word from Carol Blanchard at the Kart Club. IM is to follow this up. • Iain is to follow up the situation regarding the tables and the Golspie and District Community Association. • It had been agreed that Fyrish Gymnastics would receive what they had asked for up to a value of £600. Any increases would be covered by Fyrish Gymnastics. No letter had been received from the organisation confirming that items would stay in Golspie. • Iain Miller is to follow up on the situation regarding Sutherland Sessions. <p>Position of Treasurer As intimated at previous meetings of the Trustees, RS stated that he would be stepping down as Treasurer. He would, however, stay on as a Trustee. RS would handover as Treasurer when the accounts to 30 Jan 2019 were completed. RS would also "sit in" for three months to assist the new Treasurer. IM would chase up contact re Christine Ross of VGS and her role as the new treasurer.</p>	
3.0	REVIEW OF APPLICATION RECEIVED	
3.1	<p>Application reference: 2018/19/021 Submitted by: Brora Golf Club Amount requested: £25,000</p> <p>Ronnie Sim declared an interest as a member of the Brora Golf Club.</p> <p>It was noted that previous applications had been submitted by the Brora Golf Club:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Application ref: 2010/11/028. An award of £10,000 was made for fairway mower. ii) Application ref: 2012/13/011. An award of £10,000 was made towards a replacement greens mower. iii) Application ref: 2014/15/006 Application withdrawn on 20/3/14 by email. 	

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<p>iv) Application ref: 2014/15/019. Grant of £10,000 awarded for replacement carpeting.</p> <p>v) Application ref: 2015/16/002 for which an award of £10,000 was made towards new curtains and furniture to complete refurbishment.</p> <p>vi) Application ref: 2015/16/027 for Drainage to resolve water problem on 17th hole for which an award of £8,000 was made.</p> <p>vii) Application ref: 2018/19/006 Towards purchase of a set of verticut units. £5,000 awarded.</p> <p>IM gave a brief summary of the application. Brora Golf Club provides golf and food and beverage services for 650 members and 6000 visitor rounds per year. 25 staff are employed to ensure a high level of customer satisfaction through the provision of quality playing services and a modern and comfortable clubhouse. They now require funding to purchase the freehold of the golf course which is currently leased.</p> <p>Iain Miller began the discussion by stating that he thought £70,000 was a "good deal" for the purchase.</p> <p>RS clarified that the land was being purchased from the Honourable Martin Janson and Trustees. The landowner (not Sutherland Estates) had approached the club regarding the possibility of purchase based on the land being grazing land. RS said that matters would be sorted by March 2020.</p> <p>JH asked what status the Brora Golf Club had. It was a not for profit club.</p> <p>RS said that about half of the members of the club were local.</p> <p>SC said that he was happy with the application as the Club provides employment.</p> <p>RUP stated that he was concerned about the application. Although he could see the benefit of the application he wondered if the application fitted the criteria of the Trust.</p> <p>It was pointed out that the Trust works under the Trust Deed.</p> <p>RUP felt he could not comment further on the issue of the criteria of the Trust as he did not have a copy of the Trust Deed. IM said he would put a pack together.</p> <p>SM then volunteered, for clarification, that the entity he worked for at Dunrobin Castle (OSCR charity) was separate from any other entity. Therefore there was no conflict of interest.</p>	
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	<p>IM saw no real problem with the application. It was a reasonable moneyspinner for the whole area with B&Bs and hotels benefitting.</p> <p>RS said that until now the club had survived on 20 year leases.</p> <p>Following further discussion it was proposed that an award for the full amount of £25,000 be made. The proposal was supported by a majority decision (four votes to two).</p> <p>JH then stated that perhaps the constitution should be reviewed.</p>	
3.2	<p>Application reference: 2018/19/022</p> <p>Submitted by: Northbound</p> <p>Amount requested: £3,027.99</p> <p>It was noted that a previous application had been made by Northbound:</p> <p>Application ref: 2019/20/006 for purchase of a PA system for which an award of £3,245 was made.</p> <p>IM gave a brief summary of the application. The function of Northbound includes providing young musicians with the chance to perform in public in the local area and the opportunity to learn new skills. They now require funding to purchase a new stage piano and a means by which to transport it.</p> <p>It was pointed out that that the method of transportation was not an actual van but a trailer.</p> <p>SC began the discussion by asking who would own the trailer.</p> <p>SM then asked who would have the licence to tow it and who would pay for insurances.</p> <p>IM pointed out that there was need to find out more including where is the piano to be kept and whose house would it be kept in.</p> <p>It was decided that IM would follow up the application with Northbound for further details which would include obtaining a copy of the constitution. The information would then be disseminated.</p>	
3.3	<p>Application reference: 2018/19/023</p> <p>Submitted by: Golspie Rowing Club</p> <p>Amount requested: £5,875.00</p> <p>It was noted that the Golspie Rowing Club had submitted previous applications:</p>	

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	<p>i) Application ref: 2014/15/014 for the purchase of two kits to build St Ayles Skiffs. An award of £6,355 was made.</p> <p>ii) Application ref: 2019/20/009 towards the cost of a one day regatta. An award of £2,800 was made.</p> <p>IM gave a brief summary of the application. Golspie Rowing Club is a community-based coastal rowing club set up in 2014. Its aims include the encouragement of outdoor activities and the development of boat handling and sea craft skills. They now require funding for such items as the building of a lean-to/skiff shelter, a replacement club gazebo and lighter oars for smaller people.</p> <p>RUP declared an interest as he is the member of the club.</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed that an award for the full amount of £5,875 be made. RUP abstained from the vote and the proposal was passed by a majority decision.</p>	
3.4	<p>Application reference: 2018/19/024 Submitted by: Royal British Legion, Scotland, Creich and Kincardine Branch Amount requested: £6,315</p> <p>IM gave a brief summary of the application. The Creich and Kincardine Branch of the Royal British Legion exists to further the aims of the Legion of Scotland as detailed in clause three of the constitution. Although formally the Highland Council own and maintain war memorials, limited resources there mean that the branch have also taken on a lead role in restoring and maintaining the memorials at Creich, Kincardine and Rosehall plus, since 2017 when they took over their neighbouring branch - Lairg and Rogart. Funding is now required for the refurbishment of the war memorial in Rogart.</p> <p>Ronnie pointed out that it was only right to assist with the Rogart War Memorial as funding as already been given to Golspie and Brora.</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed that the full amount of £6,315 be awarded. The proposal was supported unanimously.</p>	
3.5	<p>Golspie Sutherland FC provisional application ref: 2019/20/025</p> <p>IM had forwarded an email prior to the meeting which had been received from Golspie Sutherland FC.</p>	

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	<p>Following discussion it was decided that IM would contact the club to say that they should submit an application by the end of November 2019 for funding towards a new floodlight system which was required under new SFA guidelines.</p> <p>RUP stated that he had spoken to the club and said they would receive their money shortly for the building of the gate.</p>	
4.0	AOCB	
4.1	<p>After school activities at Golspie High School</p> <p>IM asked if he could attend, on behalf of the Trust, one of the parent Council meetings. This was in the light of the situation regarding after school activities and bus availability.</p> <p>RUP stated that he sits on the Parent Council. The situation is that cuts in the budget mean that a school bus is no longer available for after school activities. RUP has a meeting with Fiona from Gordonbush tomorrow with a request for funding. RUP is not sure of the full cost but he is trying to get absolute figure.</p> <p>IM stated that he had watched a Highland Council webcast. It was apparent that the Highland Council buses were sitting unused.</p> <p>RUP said that the school thought that the teachers could drive as volunteers. RUP is looking at the process and that it could be something the community bus could pick up on. RUP said that as of Monday after school activities will collapse.</p>	
4.2	<p>Ring fencing of Kilbraur Windfarm CBT funds for Rogart Community Council</p> <p>RUP, speaking on behalf of the Rogart Community Council (RCC), stated that the RCC would like to start taking action to ring fence Kilbraur Windfarm CBT funding for Rogart. This would allow a "pot" to be built for e.g. start ups etc. RUP stated that Rogart would be looking to receive money on the same basis as Gordonbush. Rogart receives 25% of funds from Gordonbush. Using this model the RCC would be requesting 33% from the Kilbraur Windfarm CBT. RUP confirmed that the RCC were aspiring to 33%.</p> <p>It was decided that there should be a meeting to discuss the ring fencing of funds. RUP is to send over the expectations of RCC to the secretary.</p>	
4.3	Changes to Trust Deed	

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	RUP asked if any changes had been made to the Trust Deed. No changes had been made.	
	There being no further business Iain Miller thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed.	