

MINUTE ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING 22 MAY 2023

**Draft minute of Annual Public Meeting (APM) of Kilbraur Windfarm Community Benefit Trust held online through “Zoom” software on Monday, 22 May 2023 at 7.00 pm
Meeting hosted by VGS/Treasurer of the Kilbraur Windfarm Community Benefit Trust**

PRESENT	Iain Miller (acting chair), Liz Allan, Alison Cameron, Frank Roach,
OFFICERS	Linda Robichaud (Secretary), Christine Ross (VGS/Treasurer)
APOLOGIES	Cllr Jim McGillivray
ATTENDEES	Cllr Richard Gale, Becky Clay, Sandy Crawford, Erin Murchie (Renantis)

ITEM		ACTION
1.0	WELCOME, APOLOGIES AND AIM(S) OF ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING	
1.1	<p>Iain Miller welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Apoloiges had been received from Cllr Jim McGillivray</p> <p>Iain Miller stated that the aims of the Annual Public Meeting included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • presenting a statement • informing everyone about the work that had been carried over the past year 	
2.0	MINUTE OF APM 23 MAY 2022	
	Iain Miller asked for any comments regarding the minute of the APM 2022. As no comments were forthcoming the minute was proposed as an accurate record by Liz Allan and seconded by Iain Miller.	
3.0	CHAIRMAN’S REPORT <p>Iain Miller pointed out that he was acting Chair as George Gunn who had been Chair had stepped down from his position as Chair. Iain Miller assumed the position as he was vice-chair.</p> <p>The Chair then proceeded to give his report.</p>	
3.1	The Trustees <p>During the year George Gunn and Margaret Mackintosh, both representing Brora, had stepped down as a Trustees.</p> <p>Brora Community Council (BCC) had nominated two representatives for the Kilbraur Windfarm Community Benefit Trust. This had been recorded in the appropriate approved Brora Community Council minute.</p> <p>Liz Allan and Frank Roach were the Trustees representing Rogart.</p>	

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	<p>Iain Miller and Alison Cameron were the Trustees representing Golspie.</p> <p>Fellow Trustees were also to be thanked for the time and commitment they gave to the Trust.</p>	
3.2	<p>Thank You</p> <p>Iain Miller said how much he appreciated the work of the Treasurer, Christine Ross/VGS, the Secretary, Linda Robichaud of Foxridge Secretarial Services and Erin Murchie, the Community Relations Manager at Renantis.</p> <p>Falck Renewables had been bought over by IIF and rebranded as Renantis. The name of the community benefit trust remained the same.</p>	
3.3	<p>Grants Awarded</p> <p>The Chair highlighted that three primary schools had received funding from the Trust. This included the funding of an electric car kit for Rogart Primary School.</p> <p>A banner had been provided by the Trust with the appropriate branding for the Trust. This was kept in storage to be used at any relevant events. It had its first outing at the recent Golspie Rowing Club's, "Three Peaks Challenge".</p>	
3.4	<p>Zoom meetings</p> <p>Throughout the year meetings had continued to be conducted online using Zoom software although it was anticipated that the next main meeting would be held face-to-face.</p>	
4.0	<p>TREASURER'S REPORT</p> <p>A copy of the year end accounts to 31 January 2023 had been emailed to those present prior to the meeting.</p> <p>The Treasurer provided a brief summary of the accounts, highlighting the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £162,118.79 had been received from Renantis – formerly known as Falck Renewables. This was an increase of £12,392 from the previous accounting year. • Grants of £128,872.52 had been paid out in the accounting year. These funds had supported 24 projects. • There are grants totalling £72,244.70 which have been agreed but not yet claimed. • Total funds carried forward are £389,913 <p>The Treasurer also pointed out that things were now "picking up".</p>	

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5.0	ROTATION OF POSITIONS OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR	
	<p>IM stated that, in accordance with the Trust Deed, the position of Chair is rotated each year with each parish taking it in turn to nominate the Chair.</p> <p>Iain Miller explained that, at present, his official capacity is that of vice-chair from the parish of Golspie. As George Gunn had stepped down from being a Trustee and Chair the position of chair had become vacant. Iain Miller, as vice-chair, had therefore assumed the role of acting chair.</p> <p>A Golspie Trustee is next in line to become the Chair. Alison Cameron, the other current Golspie Trustee, had asked Iain Miller to take on the role of Chair should he be nominated for another year by Golspie Community Council.</p> <p>A Rogart Trustee would then become vice-chair.</p>	
6.0	THANK YOU FROM CHAIRPERSON AND ERIN MURCHIE	
	Erin Murchie and the Chair both thanked everyone for attending and there being no further business the meeting closed at 7.15pm.	