Minutes

Meeting of Point and Sandwick Development Trust

17 August 2010

7pm Aird Hall

Present: Donald John MacSween, Liz Chaplin, Donald Macdonald, George K Macdonald, Kenny D Macdonald, AJ Murray, Andrew Mackenzie, Donald Macritchie, Donald Taylor, Willie MacFarlane, Calum MacDonald. Apologies: Scott Connor, KD Macdonald, Nan Morrison.

1. **<u>Minutes and Matters Arising.</u>**

   There were no matters arising.

2. **<u>Grid Connection Update.</u>**

   The Committee warmly welcomed the success of the grid connection lobbying campaign. Ofgem had now instructed SSE to connect all seven of the consented community schemes ahead of the proposed subsea transmission link. We were currently waiting to get notification of our connection date and conditions from SSE, which SSE said would be sent to us within weeks. It was agreed that we now needed to get the final agreements with the turbines suppliers, balance of plant contractors, technical advisors, legal advisors and bank lenders in place. The next step was to get final bids from the key players so that the Committee could make a final selection. ACTION: CM

3. **<u>Stornoway Trust Lease and Related Issues.</u>**

There was still no response from the Factor to our request for a draft lease, nor had a meeting date been offered. Our wait for a meeting with the landlord (which was originally proposed by the Trust as a precondition of agreeing a Lease) is now extending into its 14th month! The Committee again deplored the delay. It was decided to send a further request jointly signed by the PST Committee and the North Sandwick Grazings Committee, as the latter were also very anxious to see a draft lease. ACTION: CM

There was an extended discussion of the proposed new Amec scheme and a map of the affected areas was discussed. It was clear that the majority of the area was in apportionments belonging to townships in the Point and Sandwick area. It was reported by Donnie Macdonald and Willie MacFarlane that the Grazing Clerks of the affected townships were very angry that they had not been consulted prior to the signing of the

new lease with Amec. A meeting of some of the clerks has taken place to decide what to do about it and another meeting was due on the 25th to which the Stornoway Trust had been invited. After lively discussion, the Committee decided that the initiative on this matter had to come in the first instance from the relevant Grazings Committees but that PST would supply them with any information that they requested.

4. **<u>Bank Account and Finance.</u>**

The new bank accounts for PST and PSP were now open at the Royal Bank. The first payment from the Climate Challenge Fund had been paid in and that was being used to pay some outstanding bills.

5. **<u>Membership Database.</u>**

The Point Show stall had been a great success with 90 membership forms having been signed. The membership list was being transferred by Diane onto a new computer program which would allow mail-shots etc to be made. The collated list was now up to 173. Diane Murray, Scott Connor and Donald Macritchie in particular were thanked for their work on the stall. Donald M was to check if there were any more paper records to be handed over to Diane. ACTION: DM Macdonald

6. **<u>Registration of Directors.</u>**

The Directors were now up to date.

7. **<u>AOB.</u>**

CM announced that he wished to step down as Vice-Chair of PST in order to concentrate on his role as Executive Director of PSP and to oversee the delivery of the Beinn Ghrideag wind farm. His resignation was accepted and it was agreed that Duncan Mackay be appointed as the new Vice-Chair of PST. Given that the wind farm was now likely to be producing revenues by 2012, it was suggested that Tom Clark's experience as Chairman of the Point Community Council would be useful in planning for the management of the PST Community Plan. It was accordingly agreed that Tom be invited to join the PST Board. ACTION: DJM
