Minutes

Meeting of Point and Sandwick Development Trust

2 November 2010

7pm Aird Hall

Present: Donald John MacSween, Liz Chaplin, Kenny D Macdonald, Donald Macritchie, Donald Taylor, Willie MacFarlane, Calum MacDonald. Apologies: Tom Clark, Duncan Mackay, Scott Connor, George Ken Macdonald, Nan Morrison, Angus McCormack, Donald M Macdonald, Katherine Mackinnon, Andrew Mackenzie.

1. **Minutes and Matters Arising.**

   Under Item 7 of the minutes of the last meeting, it was confirmed that Tom Clark had agreed to be co-opted to the Board.

2. **Stornoway Trust Meeting.**

   DJ reported back on the meeting with the Stornoway Trust. A minute of the meeting agreed by the Trust had already been circulated. It was agreed that it had been a constructive meeting, not going over old ground, but trying to move things on. It was agreed to action the relevant action points from the minute.

   ACTION: CM

3. **Grid Connection Update.**

CM reported that that a variation to the old grid connection offer had finally arrived from SSE, confirming that we would get connected under Connect and Manage, so avoiding the controversial transmission charges, although the connection date was still the same: October 2013. The confirmation that we would definitely get connected by that date at the latest was welcomed but it was agreed to contact SSE and try to get the date moved to 2012.

ACTION: CM

4. **Amec.**

Willie MacFarlane gave an update from the Melbost and Branahuie Grazings Committee. They had received a letter from Amec informing them that a 50 metre wind monitoring

mast was going to be erected on their apportionment. The grazings committee members had been very disappointed that there had been no consultation, far less a request for permission to erect the mast.
The Point and Sandwick Committee were also disappointed by this lack of consultation with the local community but were of the view that it was only to be expected from a large multinational with no interest in the community other than what profits they could make out of it. The PST Committee reiterated their disapproval of the decision by the Stornoway Trust to lease these sites to Amec rather than offer them to the community to develop.

5. **Bank Account and Finance.**

CM reported that a number of small bills had been paid.

6. **Membership Database.**

Donald M was to check if there were any more paper records to be handed over to Diane Murray who was collating the official list. ACTION: DM Macdonald

7. **Registration of Directors.**

Tom Clark had been registered as a Director.

8. **AOB.**

It was agreed to hold the AGM on Friday 3rd December. ACTION: DJ, CM.
