**Minutes of the Point and Sandwick Development Trust held on 23.8.11**

Sederunt: Alexander Murray, Murdo D Macleod, Willie Macfarlane, Andrew Mackenzie, Donald MacRitchie, K.D. Macdonald, Scott Connor, Liz Chaplin, Tom Clark, George Macdonald, Alex John Murray, D.J. Macsween, Roddy Cunningham, D.C. Taylor, M.A. Macleod, A. McCormack

Apologies: K. Morrison, C. Buchanan, D. McBain, Donald Macdonald, Calum Macdonald

The Chair urged all present to ensure that people recruited members for local Community Councils. Elections are imminent.

Minutes:
The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Finance: .
The Coop Bank has agreed in principle to loan PSDT £13.6 million. A press release will shortly be issued. The final cost could be nearer £15 million including development work since 2005.
Financial close should be attained by mid December 2011. This timing is agreeable to Enercon.
PSDT will seek up to £1 million as its share of the funding from lottery, Social Investment Scotland, etc but the Coop Bank will be our safety net.
The Comhairle is close to agreeing a loan of £62,271. Could be released by 2 September. This will be repaid post financial close.

Future Organisation and Resources:
R. Cunningham introduced his paper and sought questions. Roddy indicated that the paper was ambitious but set a vision for the way forward. After some discussion the paper was approved.
Roddy congratulated Calum Macdonald for the excellent work he had done to date.
Roddy agreed to compile an Action Plan based on the paper. A key action will be Board Training.
The chair thanked RC for his work on behalf of PSDT.

Stornoway Trust Lease and Beinn Ghrideag Update
DJ had signed a letter of indemnity for the Stornoway Trust legal costs. Matters are more or less complete. The solicitors are almost in agreement. A meeting of PSDT will be held to record the signing of the lease. Enercon is still on track for Financial Close. Discussions with SSE re connection are going well.
The contract for the civil engineering works has been issued. Four local firms - RJ Macleod, UB, Bardon and Alec Murray - had attended a briefing and site visit hosted by Sgurr Energy. Closing date for tenders is 5 September 2011.

Sidhean Mor Planning Application
The application has been held up due to AMEC copyright issue.

Grazings Committee Updates
The meeting noted that CM had attended the Sheshader Grazings Committee and it

had agreed unanimously to join PSDT.
CD is to speak at the Crofting Law Group Annual Conference on 22 Sept on the subject of the need for a Crofting Renewables Act mirroring the Crofters Forestry Act to strengthen the right of crafting communities to develop renewables on common grazings. He has also been asked to address the Crofting Assessors Conference. The Crofters Commission is very interested in what PSDT is doing with Beinn Ghrideag.

Membership Update

No formal update but the figure is well over 200.

Registration of Directors Update and proposed Amendment

PSDT unanimously agreed the new version of Article 19 as follows

This meeting resolves to amend Article 19 of the Articles and Memorandum of Association to read:

Article 19

'The minimum numbers of directors shall be three. Unless otherwise determined by Ordinary Resolution of the Company Board shall consist of not more than twelve Directors (subject as after mentioned) all of whom shall be elected in accordance with Regulation 20 hereof and who are herinafter referred to as 'Elected Directors' and such further number of Directors not exceeding twelve at any one time as may be appointed by Nominated Members in accordance with Article 22 hereof and who are hereinafter referred to as 'Nominated Directors'.

AOB

DM is holding a renewables event in Stornoway. Members are asked to attend. There is to be an event in Lews Castle College on renewables sponsored by the Hebridean Marine Project.
PSDT needs quality materials for publicity.
Applications for Funding: all island people may apply to PSDT for funding. No other group has adopted this position to date. PSDT already has agreements with Bethesda, An Lanntair and Hebrides Alpha for example. Citing such examples was also useful for the Big Lottery application.