POINT AND SANDWICK DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Minutes

of meeting held at Tiumpan Community Centre, Tuesday 27 October 2009

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

SEDERUNT Calum MacDonald, DJ MacSween, Angus McCormack, KD MacDonald, Scott Connor, Donnie Taylor, George MacDonald, Andrew MacKenzie, Willie MacFarlane, Norman MacLeod, Alex Murray, Donnie MacDonald.

APOLOGIES Katherine MacKinnon, Jean Staines, Jane MacKintosh, Jenny Pain.

CURRENT BUSINESS

a) **Special Resolution**

To amend the Articles of Association as follows:

The expression 'charitable purposes' shall mean charitable purposes under section 7 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 which are also regarded as charitable purposes in relation to the application of the Taxes Acts.

Proposed by DJ MacSween
Seconded by KD MacDonald

…….and carried unanimously.

AOCB The Chairman thanked Calum MacDonald, Vice-Chairman, for all the work that he has done on behalf of the Trust over the past few months. He reminded the members that all profits generated by this exciting venture will go directly into the community. Outline planning permission has been granted and in the coming year the Trust will be seeking finance in order to further proceed.

The Company has certainly come a long way since 2005.

ORDINARY MEETING

MINUTES The minutes of the last meeting were read out and approved.

MATTERS ARISING The report from the Forestry Commission Business Unit on the Beinn Ghrideag site was distributed. The FC had suggested an alternative layout for the roads and turbines to avoid areas of deep peat. They estimated the cost of the roads and concrete bases required for the turbines to be around £400,000.

CURRENT BUSINESS

a) **Atmos**

They are happy with the proposed layout of the site. A member asked if it was possible to have seven turbines on the site. This number was unlikely for specific, technical reasons.

CM indicated that it would be useful to have a quarry on-site.

b) **NATC**

They are still raising objections as regards the dangers to transatlantic flights they perceive would be prevalent should the wind turbines be erected on the proposed site (Pentland Road crossroads). They claim that little research has been done on the matter so they do not have the relevant facts. From their point of view the problem lies with the towers and not the blades. The latter are not affected by secondary radar whereas the towers are.
Contact Department of Transport if Quinetiq unhelpful. **ACTION: CM**

'Farm Energy' had commissioned Quinetiq to conduct a survey and their findings were accepted. It was agreed that the Trust should approach Quinetiq for a copy of the data (preferably at no cost).
ACTION: CM

c) **AGM**
Preparations are underway for the AGM on Friday, 04 December at Ionad Stoodie. The Chairman will consult with his fellow ward councilors and suggest a contribution of £200 each towards the cost of the refreshments.

AOCB It was agreed that Roddy Cunningham would be invited to present the accounts at the next meeting.

DONM The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 17 November at 7.00pm.