Point and Sandwick Power
and
Energy Company Limited
Special General Meeting
9th February 2009, Aird School, Point

Present

D. J. Macsween
Angus McCormack
Donald Taylor
Donald Macritchie
Donald John Macdonald
Alex John Murray
George Macdonald
Scott Connor

Apologies

Jenny Pain
Richard Pain
Catherine Mackinnnon
D.M. Macdonald
K.D. Macdonald
Jean Staines
Calum Macdonald

1	**Minutes of the previous meeting** held on the 15th December 2008	Approved by : Donald Macritchie Donald Taylor
3	**Matters arising** No Matters were arising that would not be covered by the meeting	
3	**Special resolutions** Discussion proceeded around the special resolutions proposed as per below. Donald John Macsween explained the reasons why the company had to move in the direction of trust status. When the company was originally set up there was a lack of foresight as to the long-term operation of the company. As such it has come to light that by setting the company up as a charitable trust the we will be able to access dispensations, charitable funds and tax breaks that would otherwise have been unobtainable. Donald John recommended to the meeting that we approve the resolutions as they will enable the company to drive forward its original aims in the most efficient way possible by creating an operating arm to work with and for the trust to maximise effectiveness. The resolutions were approved unanimously by the meeting and it was agreed that the articles of association would be amended forthwith. INSERT RESOLUTIONS HERE	Approved by : Unanimous
4	**Matters arising from the approval of the resolutions** Approval was sought to proceed with an application to the Office of	Approved by : Unanimous

	the Scottish Charity register (OSCR) Approval to send letters to Point Community Council, Sandwick Community Council and Sandwick North Street Grazing Committee to request that they all nominate a director to the new trust	 Approved by : Unanimous
5	**Update on planning application** Nothing to report apart from we are still awaiting the bird study from ATMOS. Calum Macdonald is chasing it up. There is an April deadline for this round of applications otherwise will will be waiting until June for the next round.	
6	**Grid connection application and business plan** Calum Macdonald is arranging a meeting with Simon Baker of AMEC in an attempt to access the wind data which they collected adjacent to our proposed site. SSE have dropped the grid connection charge of £7,000 but we still require a technical study to be carried out. It was agreed that the best people to do this would be ATMOS as they have been handling all our affairs in this regard. The estimated cost is £750. The meeting agreed a spend of up to £1,000 to meet this cost and approved that we push on. ATMOS are to be engaged at some future point to translate all work into a business plan. The meeting agreed to pursue this and obtain a price.	 Approved by : Unanimous Approved by : Unanimous
7	**Halcrow Fox Report** The report highlights a few dangers for our company/trust, they are as follows : There is no cognisance of the existing four companies. Emphasis is still on a major company developing Identifies the land areas to the south and east of our own proposal as the best location and proposes a private sector development. It was discussed that the Stornoway trust in recent years have not been as supportive of community developments as in previous years. The meeting felt that there had been a negative attitude towards our development and that the Stornoway Trust were making punitive and unreasonable demands, mainly financial on the proposed development, bearing in mind the aims of what were are trying to achieve for the community whose land the Stornoway Trust are entrusted to benefit. There was also disappointment that we (Point power and Energy company Limited) have carried out all the groundwork and lead the way and now there appears a danger that some 'other' developer could reap the rewards.	

	In light of these dangers agreement was sought to contact the grazing committees whose land falls adjacent to our development with a longer term aim of encouraging them to work with us to achieve maximum community benefit. Discussion surrounding whether there will be an interconnector for our proposals. It was highlighted that with the developments already in the pipeline that the Halcrow report expected an interconnector to be present.	Approved by : Unanimous
8	**AOB** Community engagement – Donald Taylor was keen that the company could show transparency at all times and sought assurance from the chair. The chair gave 100% assurance and guaranteed the meeting that the company have gone beyond what is required to maintain transparency. The meeting was satisfied with this explanation	
9	**DONM** It was agreed to await the result of the bird study and the planning permission update before deciding the date of the next meeting. All business being concluded the meeting ended at 20:45	