

Carsphairn Renewable Energy Fund Ltd
Meeting of Directors
Lagwyne Hall Tuesday 14th November 2012

Present: Tom Scott (Chair), Billy McCreath (Vice Chair), Frances Scott (Secretary/Treasurer), Agnes Holden (Minutes), Margaret Richmond, David McMillan, Anne Rutherford, Silvia Sinclair, David Gibbon, Arnold Duggleby, Nick Parry

Apologies: No Apologies

Minutes

Minutes of last meeting 21st August 2012 approved.

Proposed: Margaret Richmond *Seconded:* David McMillan

Matters Arising

Online banking has now been set up.

We now have registration (for Windy Standard only) on the Scottish Government Community Benefits Renewables Register.

SPRUK discussions and Wetherhill agreement

Present at the meeting were Steven Lindsay and Clare Hamilton from SPRUK. Steven Lindsay confirmed that the pre commissioning payment of £10,397 would be paid to CREFL within 30 days and the wording of Pg 4, 4.1 of the agreement would be changed before signing. In paragraph 4.8 the word “visibility” will be removed. The “publicity ” referred to in this paragraph will be kept but removed to paragraph 4.6 (proposed by Frances Scott).

Steven Lindsay then outlined the social economic benefits of windfarms and some discussion followed. He was impressed with the set up and management of CREFL. Clare Hamilton explained that the extension feasibility study and environmental assessment for Wetherhill was currently underway. Following this a decision on the number of turbines etc would be made. The application process would be completed by the end of next year.

Grant Applications

Funding request Educational Grant £250

No declarations of interest

Application approved.

Proposed :David Gibbon

Seconded: David Mc Millan

A late application had been submitted from the Hall Committee for a revenue grant and a retrospective application for outside emergency lighting. It was agreed to consider the application in two parts.

Funding request

Lagwyne Hall - Revenue grant for £2981

Declaration of interest from;
David McMillan, David Gibbon and Sylvia Sinclair

Application approved.

Proposed: Anne Rutherford

Seconded: Margaret Richmond

Funding request

Lagwyne Hall – Emergency Lighting for £744

Declaration of interest from;
David McMillan, David Gibbon and Sylvia Sinclair

Application approved.

Proposed: Arnold Duggleby

Seconded: Nick Parry

David Gibbon thanked the Committee on behalf of the Hall Committee.

Concerns were expressed that the lateness of application meant that advanced notification had not been given. It was agreed that the letter of award should highlight that applications should be submitted within date.

Financial Report

CREFL current balance is £55,467.70.

£50,000.00 is held in a 200 day fixed term deposit account. This account is due to mature on 14th Jan 2013. It was suggested that this account should be rolled over into another 200 day account which would not tie up the funds for too long. Frances to discuss with the bank and do what would be appropriate for the short term.

Meeting with Burcote Wind Renewables

A positive meeting had taken place on 25th October 2012 with Burcote Wind. Minutes of this meeting attached. As an outcome CREFL has agreed to set up a liaison group as requested by Burcote Wind. This group may be broadened to include members of the Community Council. If the membership was broadened in this way it could call upon expertise within the community to assist drawing up agreements with other windfarms, although CREFL would still have to sign any agreement and be solely responsible for the distribution of funds.

CREFL Liaison Group

This group will consist of Billy McCreath (Chair), David McMillan, Sylvia Sinclair and David Gibbon with the possibility that it may include Community Council members. An information gathering meeting will take place with Burcote Wind in early December.

Proposed Dates for 2013 Meeting

The proposed dates were accepted.

Correspondence

A letter had been received from RWE npower renewables asking for information for the Dept of Environment. Margaret Richmond to read it and respond.

AOB

Arnold Duggleby offered his letter of resignation to the Committee. It was reluctantly accepted. Arnold was thanked for his many years contribution to the committee.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 13th February 2013 in Lagwyne Hall at 7.30.

Signed _____ (Chair) Date _____