

# ***Carsphairn Renewable Energy Fund Ltd***



## ***Minute of meeting of Directors***

***held in Lagwyne Hall on Tuesday 15 May 2013***

**Present:** Tom Scott (Chair), Frances Scott (Secretary/Treasurer), David Gibbon, Margaret Richmond (Minutes), Sylvia Sinclair, David McMillan, Billy McCreath, Nick Parry

### **1. Welcome and apologies**

Chairman Tom Scott welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Mr Peter Roberts, Developer Contributions Officer, D & G Council

**Apologies:** Agnes Holden, Anne Rutherford

### **2. Minute of meeting of 13 February 2013**

The minute was approved as an accurate record

**Proposed:** David McMillan      **Seconded:** David Gibbon

### **3. Matters Arising : None**

### **4. Community Benefits Policy (D & G Council)**

Mr Roberts outlined the background to the Council's 2011 policy on securing and managing Community Benefit funds. He informed us that a report of the review of this policy was presented to the Planning, Housing and Environment Services committee yesterday. Council members voted:

- to retain their policy of splitting use of community benefit funds in a ratio of 50:50% between the windfarm host communities and a region wide fund
- to set up a sub-committee to formulate proposals on the how the policy would function
- sub committee to report back to Council in June after discussion on method of receiving, managing & distributing funds

It was explained to us that Section 75 of the Planning Act (an agreement which goes with the land, not with the developer) would be used as a vehicle for securing any Community Benefit Fund and that it would be wrong to use securing a benefit fund as a condition of planning for a developer. Discussion followed, during which it was confirmed by PR that, should a developer wish to, the whole 100% of a community benefit fund could be paid to the host community.

### **5. Financial Report**

The treasurer issued copies of a spreadsheet showing CREFL's current financial position. Points discussed:

- receipts had been received from the Heritage Group for £689.28 and payment for this amount made (ref. Minute 13 Feb 2013)
- receipts still awaited from the Christmas Party committee (ref Minute 15 Nov

2011), Anne Finlay to be contacted, and the Community Council Community Garden Group (ref. Minute of 14 Feb 2012), David Richmond to be contacted

- School mountain biking outing (ref. Minute of 13 Feb 2013) – not yet taken place.

## 6. Applications

<i>Applicants</i>	<i>Funding request</i>	<i>Total sum requested</i>
Carsphairn Tai Jitsu Club	Funding to cover purchase of equipment to enhance the level of Tai Jitsu training for club members	£2,390.50
Carsphairn Pastoral & Horticultural Society	Funding to cover costs marquee area for Show office and catering/hospitality on show day; portaloos; assistance in printing of main show catalogue	£854.48
Lagwyne Hall Committee of Management	Annual revenue grant to cover electricity, insurance, cleaning and loss of letting income	£3443.96
South of Scotland Shears	Funding to cover running costs of the 2013 competition	£1500
Carsphairn Church Social Committee	Funding to cover costs of fees, travel and subsistence for Phoenix Brass group	£1635
	Education Grant x 1	£250

These applications had been received by the latest deadline of 30 April 2013

### 1) Carsphairn Tai Jitsu Club

No declarations of interest

There was discussion. The chairman suggested the following and it was unanimously **Agreed:** to write to the group expressing our encouragement and suggesting that to fulfil CREFL's criteria for grant awards, the group needs to have a bank account and also a constitution, which, among other things, would state plans for disposal of equipment if the group were to fold.

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### 2) Carsphairn Pastoral & Horticultural Society

Declarations of interest from David McMillan, Billy McCreath, Nick Parry and David Gibbon.

Noted that this has been considered a suitable annual award for some years.

FS

**Approved.** Cheque to be issued

*Proposed:* Margaret Richmond *Seconded:* Sylvia Sinclair

### **3) Lagwyne Hall Committee of Management**

Declarations of interest from Sylvia Sinclair, David McMillan and David Gibbon

Noted this has also been considered a suitable annual award for some years.

*Proposed:* Nick Parry *Seconded:* Billy McCreath

**FS**

**Approved.** Cheque to be issued

### **4) South of Scotland Shears**

No declarations of interest.

There was extensive discussion.

**Agreed:** not approved.

*Proposed:* David McMillan *Seconded:* Billy McCreath

Secretary to write to applicant and explain that the application did not meet with CREFL's criteria as it could not be seen to be of significant benefit to this community.

**FS**

### **5) Carsphairn Church Social Committee**

No declarations of interest.

After much discussion, in particular regarding the high cost of the proposed concert and the fact that the application did not satisfy sufficient criteria, it was -

**Agreed:** not approved

*Proposed:* Sylvia Sinclair *Seconded:* Nick Parry

Secretary to write to the group

**FS**

### **6) Education Grant**

No declaration of interest

**Agreed:** not approved at this time. Application to be resubmitted to a future meeting of directors after student's matriculation has taken place and should enclose appropriate supporting evidence as outlined in CREFL's guidelines for applicants.

**FS**

### **7) Lagwyne Hall Committee of Management**

This application had been received after the latest deadline.

Declarations of interest from Sylvia Sinclair, David Gibbon and David McMillan

**Funding request to be considered in detail at a future meeting:**

- To extend Lagwyne Hall by adding a lounge area to rear
- To improve main entrance of hall and install ramp for wheelchair access
- To re roof existing kitchen

**Total sum to be requested:** £60,000

There was discussion and it was agreed that this would be a very worthwhile use of the fund.

**Agreed in principal:** to look favourably on this application at a future meeting

*Proposed:* Tom Scott      *Seconded:* Nick Parry

Secretary to inform the Lagwyne Hall Committee and to request further details regarding the date when the Building Warrant was expected, when a start is expected to be made, and whether stage payments would be required rather than one payment.

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## 7. Wetherhill Agreement

This has still not been signed despite the efforts of our secretary to bring the matter to a conclusion.

## 8. Report: CREFL liaison group meetings with Burcote Wind, Vattenfall & Eon

The group has met with the above developers but there has not been much progress.

## 9. CREFL's structure & future remit

- Minutes of meeting of 5th March (previously issued): précised by the chairman. Noted that a reply is awaited from the Community Council to our letter of 11 March 2013 (see last para of minute of 5/3/13). Discussion took place regarding the appointment of new directors of CREFL. **Agreed:** To review current arrangements for the appointment of new directors and to discuss these at greater length at the next meeting.

- Resignations: letters of resignation from Margaret Richmond (with effect from May), Tom Scott and Frances Scott (with effect from August) were read out. **Agreed:** New directors should be appointed.

- The name of a possible new Secretary/Treasurer was put forward. **Agreed :** this position should now be a paid one. The applicant to be asked to meet with TS and FS prior to the next meeting.

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- Mailshot & distribution: Deferred till next meeting
- Public meeting: discussion on appointment of directors and the format of the public meeting

**Agreed:** to hold an extra meeting at which these and other related matters could be discussed prior to the public meeting.

Date for the extra meeting to be arranged and draft Mailshot and Public Notice to be prepared

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## 10. Correspondence

- Burcote Wind: re. 2 exhibitions and meetings with the liaison committee
- Vattenfall: re. South Kyle Windfarm liaison meeting 28/5/13– email from CC Chairman
- RWE Npower Renewables: use of photo of opening of Community Garden as

part of publicity material.

- Eon: re. Quantans Hill info session, Lagwyne Hall, 21/5
- Request for comments on Scoping Report re. proposed Shepherds' Rig Wind Farm. **Agreed:** email to say we have no comments

**FS**

#### **11. AOB**

- There was discussion on a possible future extension to Windy Standard windfarm and whether or not Carsphairn should receive any further community benefit from it.

**Agreed:** It was agreed that it was more appropriate for this discussion to be taken forward by the community council rather than CREFL.

**SS**

#### **12. Date of next (extra) meeting : Thursday 27 June 2013 at 7.30 pm**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Chair)      Date \_\_\_\_\_