

Carsphairn Renewable Energy Fund Ltd
Meeting of Directors
Lagwyne Hall Thursday 21st August 2013

Present: Tom Scott (Chair), Billy McCreath (Vice Chair), Frances Scott (Secretary/ Treasurer), Agnes Holden (Minutes), David McMillan, Anne Rutherford, Sylvia Sinclair, and David Gibbon.

Linda Campbell in attendance

1. Apologies: Nick Parry

2. Minutes

Minutes of meeting of 15th May 2013 & 27th June 2013 were approved.

3. Matters Arising

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Community Garden

A letter from the Community Garden Project Leader outlined that there was a significant amount of money outstanding from the grant awarded in 2012/13. This was due to the fact that although there had been an increase in the insurance cover, the number of hours worked in the garden was less than estimated due to the bad weather last summer. The Community Council decided not to make another application to CREFL for 2013/14 but to ask if the previous years balance could be carried over to 2013/14 for the continued maintenance. This was agreed by the committee.

Proposed: David McMillan

Seconded: Billy McCreath

The Community Council needs to be notified that the money should be carried over.

Christmas Party Committee

It was noted that the Christmas Party Committee had not responded to several requests for receipts to be submitted to CREFL following a grant of £400 awarded for Christmas decorations. Due to the lack of receipts, it was not clear if there was any money left over following the purchases. It was agreed that a further letter should be sent requesting receipts and confirming that no further applications would be considered by the committee if the outstanding receipts were not forthcoming.

Windy Standard Extension

Further discussions are to be taken forward by the Community Council. David Buchanan at Natural Power Ltd will be attending the Community Council meeting in September.

4. Financial Report

Funds available in CREFL current account; £104,484.07. (Money on deposit is included in this figure).

5. Wetherhill Agreement Update

It was reported that CREFL had not received the pre commissioning payment. Although the agreement had been signed £10,307 was still outstanding. CREFL had been assured that the payment had been authorised and that the money should be in the account in a week or so.

6. Report from CREFL Liaison Group

It was reported from the Longburn Wind Farm CLG meeting that they have now submitted a planning application.

7. Applications

Funding request

Lagwyne Hall - hall extension £60,000

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

A detailed application and plans were circulated. Planning consent had been approved by the Council. The Hall Committee was praised for their full and detailed application.

Application approved.

It was agreed that £60,000 should be "ring fenced" and paid in three lots of £20,000 throughout the year as needed.

Proposed: Billy McCreath

Seconded: Anne Rutherford

Funding request

Carsphairn Heritage Group- Revenue Grant £1,753.88

Declaration of interest from;
Agnes Holden and Anne Rutherford

Application approved.

Proposed: Sylvia Sinclair

Seconded: Billy McCreath

Funding request

Carsphairn Community Trust £51,831.43

Declaration of interest from;
David McMillan and Sylvia Sinclair

It was agreed that the formation of this community trust was welcomed. The Trust was in the process of applying for charitable status. CREFL had questions regarding the Trusts long term plans and felt that a more detailed business plan was needed before a grant could be approved but it was acknowledged that the Trust had no time to put this together. It was agreed the purchase of derelict buildings in the village was something that could, in principle, fall within the criteria required for a grant application although the constitution would need to be checked.

It was proposed, and agreed, that a further meeting should take place (before CREFLs meeting in November) between CREFL and CCT.

Proposed: Billy McCreath

Seconded: Anne Rutherford

Funding request

Glenkens Gazette £1,700

It was agreed that the funding request for £500 towards a new personal computer did not fulfil the criteria. It was agreed that £300 (25% of the production costs) would be awarded.

Proposed: DavidMcMillan

Seconded: David Gibbon

8. Appointment of new Directors

A letter had been received from the Correspondence Secretary of the Community Council accepting CREFLs proposal for the Chair of the Community Council to become an ex-officio Director of CREFL. A formal invitation will now be sent to the Chair via the Correspondence Secretary.

Two applications had been received from members of the public to become Directors of CREFL.

Steve Cowley - no declarations of interest.

Proposed: Anne Rutherford

Seconded: David McMillan

Martin Holden - declaration of interest - Agnes Holden.

Proposed: David Gibbon

Seconded: Sylvia Sinclair

9. Further Appointments

Vice Chair

It was agreed that the appointment of the Vice Chair would be made by the new committee at their next meeting.

Secretary / Treasurer

It was agreed that Linda Campbell would be offered the post of Secretary/ Treasurer at £25.00 per hour (including travel) for the annual sum of £2,000, although this sum would be kept under review as it was difficult to determine the exact number of hours needed carry out the work. It was proposed that itemised invoices would be submitted after each meeting of the committee. A letter to be sent confirming the appointment.

10. Correspondence

Burcote Wind Farm - the agenda and Mins from 10th June meeting have been received and are available for reading.

Notification had been received of the Burcote planning application.

The Foundation Scotland event, which was due to be held at the Catstrand, has now been moved to the Crichton and will be on the 27th September 2013. David McMillan is going to attend.

Several letters had been received by CREFL from members (and one non member) of the Carsphairn Church Social Committee expressing their disappointment at not receiving a grant from CREFL in May 2013 for their application to hold a Bavarian evening. A letter had subsequently been received from the Minister, David Bartholomew in support of CREFL.

It was agreed that a letter would be sent in response to the Church Social Committee and the Kirk Session outlining why the application did not meet the criteria and why CREFL could not justify funding such an event to the wind farm funders. The Secretary will draft a letter and circulate for approval before sending. A separate letter is to be sent to the non-member of the Church Committee who had written to CREFL, saying that the reason for turning down the application would be sent only to the Church Committee who were the applicants.

A letter is to be sent to Margaret Richmond thanking her for all her hard work on the committee over many years.

11. AOB

Secretary's expenses

A claim was submitted from the secretary for administrative expenses of £79.21. A claim from Agnes Holden for £40.82 was also submitted for expenses incurred mounting the exhibition for the Public Meeting. Both were approved.

Tom and Frances Scott were thanked for all their hard work as Chair and Secretary /Treasurer respectively.

Date of next meeting:

13th November 2013 at 7.30 in Lagwyne Hall

Signed_____ **(Chair)** **Date**_____