

Carsphairn Renewable Energy Fund Limited

Meeting of Directors Lagwyne Hall, Wednesday 10th August 2016

Present: Davie McMillan, Steve Cowley, Sylvia Sinclair, Rory Clark Kennedy, Anne Rutherford and Rachel Seed

Apologies: Billy McCreath, David Gibbon

1. Welcome

Sylvia acted as Chairperson. The minutes from the last meeting were read and proposed by AR and seconded by SC.

2. Matters Arising

The bank account – addition of signatories and setting up of new account Actions: RS to continue

Windy Standard 2 community benefit fund – negotiation with Natural Power. Actions: SS to circulate final draft
SS provided an update on the last round of meetings and our request for
Natural Power / Fred. Olsen Renewables to cover CREFL legal fees.

Scottish Government Monitoring Forms / Scottish Government Register of Actions: AR to check the status of
Renewable Energy Projects. these forms / register and
update CREFL at the next
meeting

Community Council Ex Officio Director – agreed it was good practice to have Actions: RS to liaise with Sandy
the Chairperson of the Community Council as an Ex Officio Director of CREFL Moffat to have the current
to provide transparency and for the Chair to use the CREFL minutes to keep Chair added to Companies
the CC up to date. House

Wind Farm Fund Management Strategies – AR provided an overview of the Actions: RCK to draft application
information she had collated on how other communities handled the form for vocational
management of wind farm benefit funds. This investigation is being carried education grant. To include
out so that CREFL can consider any revisions that need to be made to the justification and limit to 2
way fund allocation is structured when they start receiving the benefit fund applications per person per
from Windy Standard 2. year.

- 143 wind farms with benefit funds on the register
- Varying models, however, they generally have a local panel
- Many have a tiered system based on the value of the grant being applied for
- Some involve their Community Councils to administer micro-grants
- Some fund energy efficiency house holder projects
- Natural Power are currently undertaking a study into energy storage

The aim is to present a draft of proposed new criteria at the 2017 public meeting.

3. Financial Report

Bank balance: £90,312.28 available

Notes: The Community Council supplied a cheque for £50 for unused funds for Secretarial Expenses.

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4. Applications

Application ID: 2016/7_01
Applicant: Heritage Centre
Title: Revenue Grant towards the ongoing costs of running the Heritage Centre
Declaration of interest: None

Proposed: SC **Seconded:** DMcM

Application ID: 2016/7_02
Applicant: Community Council
Title: Community Garden Upkeep
Declaration of interest: None

Proposed: RCK **Seconded:** DMcM

5. New Director Applications

A single application was received and reviewed. It was unanimously agreed that Mr Harry Hall would bring an excellent skill-set to CREFL. With so many current CREFL Directors involved in other Community groups it was also seen as an advantage that Mr Hall has no conflict of interest.

Proposed: RCK **Seconded:** AR

6. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 9th November 2016

Signed:(Chair) **Date:**