

# Carsphairn Renewable Energy Fund Limited

## Meeting of Directors Lagwyne Hall, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Signed: .....(Chair) Date: .....