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23 APRIL 2020

Minute of meeting of Kilbraur Windfarm Community Benefit Trust
held online through “Zoom” software on Thursday, 23 April 2020 at 2.00pm

Please note that due to Covid-19 this was an abbreviated meeting

PRESENT Ronnie Sim, Iain Miller (Chair), Linda Robichaud (Secretary), Sandy Crawford, Mary Nicol and Christine Ross

APOLOGIES Cllr Jim McGillivray
OBSERVERS Erin Hunter (Falck Renewables)

ITEM		ACTION
1.0	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES	
1.1	Iain Miller welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies had been received from Cllr McGillivray.	
2.0	TREASURER’S REPORT	
2.1	<p>Ronnie Sim, the outgoing Treasurer had previously sent a copy of the year end accounts to the Trustees. RS pointed out that on page 11 of the accounts regarding the Sutherland Sports Council the amount outstanding was £2,500 as Campbell Port had drawn down £1250. RS confirmed that there had been no other changes to the set of accounts distributed at the end of January 2020.</p> <p>Sandy Crawford is to sign page two of the accounts. The accounts will then be handed to accountants Mackay & Co who will forward them to OSCR.</p> <p>RS stated that OSCR understand that we currently cannot currently meet face-to-face to get things done.</p> <p>RS informed the Trustees that he would provide IM with files relating to his tenure as Treasurer. IM would then pass them to CR.</p> <p>The Treasurer, Christine Ross, had provided a handout prior to the meeting which contained a comprehensive breakdown of the current financial position of the Trust.</p> <p>Included in the Treasurer’s report were the following remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• £2,717.07 had been paid out in response to Covid-19• £6,021 had been paid to the North of Scotland Kart Club	

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	CR stated that all figures matched with the online banking statements and that the transition to online banking, in conjunction with Mary Nicol had gone quite smoothly.	
3.0	HARDSHIP FUND	
	<p>Erin had provided a press release which she had received from Falck Renewables based in Italy. The press release had appeared in the “Northern Times” but the trustees felt that it was slightly ambiguous.</p> <p>Following discussion and by consensus of opinion it was decided that an updated press release should be put together by the Trustees. It would then be forwarded to Erin for approval. On approval it would be put on each of the community council Facebook pages and other appropriate publicity outlets.</p> <p>It was then asked, “What is hardship?”</p> <p>CR said that CAB would refer to VGS (who are to administer the fund) and VGS would refer to CAB. CR had compiled a draft application form which she showed on-screen. It stated that referrals could be taken from other agencies. We clearly need to have criteria in order to satisfy OSCR requirements. VGS cannot ask people for financial information we just need to know the support they require.</p> <p>It was decided that the Trustees should come up with ideas and develop a template. Consideration would also need to be given as to how data would be captured.</p>	
4.0	REVIEW OF APPLICATION RECEIVED	
4.1	<p>Application reference: 2020/21/001 Submitted by: Sutherland Women and Girls Football Club Amount requested: £9,437.46</p> <p>IM gave a brief summary of the application. The Sutherland Women and Girls Football Club promotes health and well being through the sport of football. The club now require funding for equipment and to train volunteers to deliver the coaching sessions.</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed that an award of £3,522 should be made for equipment only at this point in time. The situation regarding coaching and travel cost funding would be reviewed. The review would most likely involve the Sutherland Women and Girls Football Club reapplying. The proposal was supported unanimously.</p>	
4.2	<p>Application reference: 2020/21/002 Submitted by: Rogart Development Trust (RDT) Amount requested: £10,000</p>	

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It was noted that a previous application had been made by the Rogart Development Trust: Application ref: 2019/20/010 for creation of a superfast broadband network. Amount requested £9,892 Rogart trustee - J Hedges said it was a poor application and to forget about it. It was therefore not pursued. 2. Application ref: 2018/19/015 for phase 1 of the Rogart Mart Project. An award of £50,000 made subject to conditions. <p>IM gave a brief summary of the application. The Rogart Development Trust is a SCIO whose purpose is to benefit the community of Rogart with sustainable community development and rural regeneration. Funding is now required for the renewal of the bridge which crosses the River Fleet between Rogart Vets and Dalmore. This project would contribute to the completion of the “Round Rogart Walk”.</p> <p>(At 14.40 the meeting timed out and resumed at 15.00)</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed that while the Trustees were happy to assist with this project they would not be able to move matters forward and confirm any award until the Mart project currently being undertaken by the RDT was completed. The proposal was supported unanimously.</p>	
4.3	<p>Application reference: 2020/21/003 Submitted by: Pittentrail Recreation Hall Committee Amount requested: £10,000</p> <p>It was noted that the Pittentrail Recreation Hall Committee had submitted previous applications:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Application ref: 2108/19/004 for modernisation of toilets. £8995.20 requested and awarded. 2. Application ref: 2014/15/003 for flooring and chairs. An award of £8,232 was made. 3. Application ref: 2013/14/010 for replacement of floor. An award of £10,000 was made. <p>IM gave a brief summary of the application. Pittentrail Recreation Hall Committee are responsible for the running, bookings, upkeep and maintenance of the hall. The Committee now require funding for the replacement of the old kitchen in order to bring the facility up to current standards.</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed that an award for the full amount of £10,000 be made. The proposal was supported unanimously.</p>	

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4.4	<p>Application reference: 2020 /21/004 Submitted by: Golspie Bowling Club Amount requested: £10,000</p> <p>It was noted that the Golspie Bowling Club had submitted previous applications:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Application ref: 2018/19/004 for purchase of a new mower and attachments. An award of £7,250 was made. 2. Application ref: 2016/17/017 for removal of trees from side of bowling green. An award of £3,120 was made. 3. Application ref: 2014/15/004 for £3,000 for raising edges of the green. An award was made for lesser of either £3,000 or 50% of total project cost. 4. Application ref: 2011/12/006. An award of £3,240 was made. <p>IM gave a brief summary of the application. Golspie Bowling Club promote and develop the game of bowls. The club now wishes to replace existing columns with overhead floodlights.</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed that the full amount of £10,000 be awarded. The proposal was supported unanimously.</p>	
4.5	<p>Application reference: 2020 /21/005 Submitted by: Move it Monster Club (MiM) Amount requested: £2,208</p> <p>It was noted that the Move it Monster Club had submitted a previous application:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Application ref: 2019/20/026. Funds required towards reduction in costs for parents whose children attend the Move it Monster after school activities club for autistic/ASN children. An award of £1,500 was made. <p>IM gave a brief summary of the application. MiM run after school activities for autistic additional needs children and now include those suffering from stress, anxiety or depression as recognised by health professionals and education staff. MiM now require funding to run a pilot scheme for children of primary age, currently attending MiM, in order to help with the transition to secondary school.</p>	

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	<p>Following discussion it was proposed that the full amount of £2,208 be awarded. The proposal was supported unanimously.</p>	
4.6	<p>Application reference: 2020/21/006 Submitted by: Brora Senior Citizens Xmas Party Group Amount requested: £1,500</p> <p>Ronnie Sim declared an interest.</p> <p>It was noted that the Brora Senior Citizens Xmas Party Group had submitted previous applications:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Application ref: 2019/20/002 for assistance to pay for a party. This application came from Brora Senior Citizens Party Group but assumed same organisation. A donation of £1,000 was made. 2. Application ref: 2017/18/027 for £1000 for which a donation of £1,000 was made. 3. Application ref: 2016/17/009 for £1,000 for which a donation of £1,000 was for made. 4. Application ref: 2014/15/005 for £500 for which a donation of £500 was made. <p>IM gave a brief summary of the application. Brora Senior Citizens Xmas Party Group hold an Xmas party for the senior citizens of the village. They now require funding to help pay for the 2020 Xmas party.</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed that an award of £1,500 be made. However, payment for this event – normally in July – would be paid subject to Covid-19 guidelines and situation nearer the time of the event. The proposal was supported unanimously.</p>	
4.7	<p>Application reference: 2020 /21/007 Submitted by: Golspie Community Council Amount requested: £22,500</p> <p>It was noted that Golspie Community Council had submitted previous applications:</p>	
	<p>SUMMARY OF PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS BY GOLSPIE COMM COUNCIL TO THE KILBRAUR WINDFARM CBT AS AT 6 APRIL 2020</p>	
	APPLICATION	OUTCOME

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1	Application ref: 2016/17/015 purchase of attendant powered wheelchair and two Rempods for the residents of Seaforth House, Golspie.	An award of £8,884.80 was made.	
2	Application ref: 2014/15/025 for improved accessibility of lower network path of the big burn walk and to carry out repair/drainage works to the path.	An award of £5,000 was made.	
3	Application ref: 2015/16/024 purchase of Christmas lighting to repair and enhance existing display (materials only).	An award of £7,000 was made.	
4	Application ref: 2014/15/027 for outdoor gym equipment.	An award of £7,000 was made.	
5	Application ref: 2014/15/017 for reconstruction and improvement of lower paths of the Big Burn walk in Golspie.	An award of £10,000 was made.	
6	Application ref: 2014/15/10 for reinstatement of footpaths.	An award of £7,954 was made.	
7	Application ref: 2017/18/013 for the Balblair access track.	An award of £10,00 was made.	
8	Application ref: 2017/18/014 for specialist cleaning of bronze plaques on war memorial.	An award of £6,996 was made.	
9	Application ref: 2017/18/015 for purchase of five picnic benches.	An award of £1,100 was made.	
10	Application ref: 2017/18/032 for the cleaning and repointing of the fountain on Fountain Road.	A grant of £10,000 was awarded.	
11	Application ref: 2019/29/014 for assistance with garden for recently bereaved children.	An award of £2,000 was made.	

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	<p>Iain Miller and Mary Nicol declared an interest as both were members of Golspie Community Council.</p> <p>IM gave a brief summary of the application. Golspie Community Council (GCC) is a Public Representative Body. The GCC now require funding to extend the “all abilities” roadside track from the entrance of the Balblair Woods walks to the Salmon Ponds area.</p> <p>It was decided to defer any decision on this application until quorate i.e until matters had returned to normal with Rogart Community Council appointees.</p>	
4.8	Other	
	<p>It was pointed out that Golspie Community Council had £650 outstanding regarding a shed allocated to a family in hardship. A decision on this would be deferred until quorate i.e until matters had returned to normal with Rogart Community Council appointees.</p>	
5.0	OSCR	
	<p>The Trustees were expecting a communication from OSCR and had been informed by OSCR that it would be sent to IM.</p>	
6.0	APPOINTMENT OF NEW CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR	
	<p>Under normal circumstances the current rotation of Chair would fall to Rogart. However, it was decided that in the absence of any appointed Rogart Trustees that IM would continue in his role of Chair until Rogart Trustees had been appointed.</p> <p>It was also felt, that with the agreement of the Rogart Trustees, it may be appropriate when Rogart Trustees are appointed that the rotation of Chair should go to Brora to enable the new Rogart Trustees to have time “to learn the ropes”.</p>	
7.0	MICROGRANTS	
	<p>It was decided that Rogart Community Council, Golspie Community Council and Rogart Community Council would each receive a microgrant of £4,000. This is subject to details being obtained as to the previous year’s microgrant usage. This information was to be obtained from SC for Brora Community Council, CR for Rogart Community Council and MN for Golspie Community Council.</p>	
8.0	REVIEW OF CLOSING DATE FOR NEXT ROUND OF APPLICATIONS, ADVERT ETC	
	<p>It was decided that the Trust would continue as normal and that an advert would be placed in the Northern Times at the end of April/beginning of May 2020.</p>	

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9.0	AOCB	
	There were no items discussed under this agenda item.	
	There being no further business Iain Miller thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 15.33.	