# SCBF Directors Meeting

# 14th August 2024 at 1800

# Via Zoom

**Present**: John Dally, Paul James, Graham Booth, David Cooper, Colin Clark, Jamie MacBeath, Alistair Laurenson, John Parry, Jim Milne and Jim Anderson

**In Attendance**: Eleanor Gear, Fund Manager and Emma McKay, Administration Officer.

**1. Apologies**

Chris Bunyan, Aileen Brown, Kenny Pottinger and Alistair Christie-Henry

**2. New declarations of interests**

None

**3. New Directors/Observers**

No new directors/observers however, Graham Booth was welcomed to his first meeting after being elected at the AGM.

**4. Minutes 10th July2024**

Proposed by David, seconded by Jamie. Agreed.

**Matters arising and not covered by Agenda**

Agricultural Show feedback – Jamie MacBeath provided feedback from Walls Show saying there was a mixture of friendly questions, from asking if their projects were eligible for funding, to individuals giving their opinions on how the funds should be allocated differently. Was interesting to show and demonstrate to the visitors the information regarding AGS funding for projects in the Sandsting and Aithsting and Sandness and Walls Communities. John Parry agreed with Jamie saying the Voe Show was similar with mostly positive feedback. Quite a few approaches from visitors asking how to get funding, a very packed and good show.

**5. Audit and Governance Group**

Nothing to report

**6. Administration**

**(a)** Nothing to report

**7. Financial Report**

**(a)** Report on 2024-25 income and expenditure

Report noted.

Colin Clark asked what happens to unspent AGS funds and committed grants, Eleanor Gear confirmed the AGS funding will get carried forward and added onto Community Grant Scheme.

**8. Legal and Accountancy Advice**

Still awaiting information from HMRC and further advise from RSM.

**9. Viking Energy**

Expecting to hear a commissioning date soon.

**10 Fund Management Group**

New website is ready to go and schedules to go launch on 15th August, all applications will be online but are on hold until the Community Grant Scheme is live.

Further discussions are being help with stakeholders on the strategic priority areas to see if any initial project ideas that are going to becoming forward for when the Community Grant Scheme does launch.

Feedback regarding the leaflets that was distributed via Royal Mail, Eleanor has had quite a few phone calls asking if projects are eligible for funding via Community Grant Scheme.

**11 AGS**

**(a) Application Summary Report – (circulated)**

Report noted.

**12 Shetland Aerogenerators Community Benefit Fund**

Nothing new to report, hoping this will progress soon with it being the new school year.

**13 Other Commercial Renewable Energy Schemes**

PUBLIC – The sub-group continue to maintain contact regarding proposed local developments.

**14 Any other business**

None.

Meeting closed at 1820 hours

Date of next meeting will be Wednesday 11th September 2024.