

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SHETLAND COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND (SCBF)

Minute of the meeting of the Management Committee of Shetland Community Benefit Fund on 14th December 2017 at 6pm in the Conference Room, Market House

Present:

Chris Bunyan (Chair), Neville Martin (Secretary/Treasurer), Alan Ockendon, James David Garrick, John Dally, Arwed Wenger, Gordon Thomson, James David Garrick, Barbara Cheyne, Kenny Pottinger

In Attendance: Laurence Odie, Yell Community Council

1. Minutes

The minutes of management committee held on the 13 December 2016 were approved by John Dally and Neville Martin with the addition of Arwed Wenger to those present.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Gary Laurensen, Hubert Hunter, Alan MacDonald, Linda Coutts, Steve Mitchell,

3. Matters Arising

4. Chairs report

The chair gave a similar report to the one he gave to the annual meeting. There had been little positive news that the Viking project and the subsequent community benefit might actually happen. We are currently waiting for a UK Government review of its policy although these seemed little reason to be hopeful. He had held several information meetings with Viking to discuss news but there had been no negotiations regarding any agreement.

5. Financial

The chair reported that following the last meeting he had approached Shetland Aerogenerators who had agreed to make a donation of £500 to Voluntary Action Shetland in recognition of its assistance to SCBF and had also agreed to recompense the chair for his personal payment of SCBF registration fee and to pay for the next two years registration through a payment to Chris who would then pay the fee. This arrangement was necessary as SCBF has no funds and no bank account.

6. AOCB

(a) There was a long discussion regarding the structure and status of SCBF and, in particular whether charitable status should be considered. It was agreed we needed to seek professional advice because none of the directors felt sufficiently competent on this various issues involved.

(b) The chair was asked to find out how other community benefit schemes were organised and, if possible, circulate copies of other community benefit agreements.

(c) The chair and vice-chair gave a report on negotiations with Viking during the previous year. Draft Heads of Agreement were nearly agreed and it was decided that once any outstanding issue were agreed the document should be circulated to all directors.

(d) It was agreed that Alan Ockenden should join Chris and Alan in negotiations with Viking.

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