

## **Minute of a Management Meeting of the Shetland Community Benefit Fund Ltd.**

**Held in the VAS office, Harbour Street , Lerwick on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

**Present:** C.Bunyan (chair), N.Martin, A.Brown, A.Sutherland, J.Dally, A.Laurensen, A.Wenger, W. Moreland (observer for Delting), P.Fordyce (observer for Unst)

**1:Apologies:** A.MacDonald, G.Thomson, L.Odie, K.Pottinger, C. Clark, I. Walterson

### **2:Directors:**

There were no resignations or nominations

We still have no directors from Fetlar, Skerries, Delting and Sandness and Walls. These are to be asked again. It was suggested that Fetlar and Skerries could use Skype.

W. Moreland paid £1 for membership.

**3. Minutes of 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020** Approved A.Laurensen, seconded J.Dally

**4. Matters Arising:** These will come up during the meeting.

### **5. Viking Energy:**

The Chairman informed the problem he had had with SSE after putting the Heads of Terms on-line. He stated at no time had confidentiality been raised. After a discussion and hearing that it was not usual business practice to publish such documents it was agreed that reluctantly we would accept not publishing the Heads of Terms but would stress to SSE that we need progress soon.

The trip South organised by SSE was considered by C.Bunyan and N.Martin as very useful. SSE had provided other community organisations with good support as they wanted schemes to have a legacy. SSE were not over concerned with scrutiny for small projects, such as £250 or possibly £500 although they need to be able to be accounted. The need for suitable staff to administer the schemes was evident. The range of supported projects was also impressive. It was accepted that we invite the SSE Community Fund managers to our April or May meeting.

The next meeting will need consider having two tiered applications to Community Councils for funding. CB to distribute some SSE application forms that other schemes were using.

### **6. Consider other commercial developments:**

Peel Energy were reorganising after the departure of one of their staff and will get in touch shortly.

Statkraft (formerly Energy Isles) had had a meeting in Yell. At present it looks like community funds from that project will stay in the Northern Isles which questions our

future relationship with those area. For the time being The SCBF attitude remains that we are for all of Shetland. We would be happy for someone from SCBF to attend

The email from L.Odie questioning whether he had a conflict of interest being involved with both bodies. It was agreed that we saw no conflict of interest and hopes that he continues to be on the SCBF.

## **7.Consider review of SCBF rules**

The revised Rules with proposed changes indicated was presented to the meeting. The changes were agreed with the following alterations:

5. senior manager becomes executive manager. Also members can be 16 and over but committee members must be 18 and over.

33. Delete. Following clause numbers now change in future version.

39 (g) senior manager becomes executive manager

41 delete the piece questioning regarding a future fee.

47 Leave clause in

57 add "at the end of the financial year" as suggested. In (b) leave in "social and"

## **8 Other Business**

The Special general Meeting will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020