

Meeting of SCBF 9th September 2020

Held using Zoom virtual technology over 3 sessions

Session One (6pm)

Present: C.Bunyan (chair), N.Martin (minutes), A.Macdonald, A. Christie-Henry, A.Brown, J. Garrick, C. Clark , G.Thompson, A.Sutherland, A.Laurenson, J.MacBeath, J.Anderson, J.Dally, R.Black,

1. Apologies: None

2 New declarations of interest: None

3. Directors: Arwed Wenger has resigned as the Lerwick Community Council representative. His place has been taken up by James Anderson who was proposed by C.Bunyan, Seconded J. Dally and unanimously approved.

4 Minutes of 6th August 2020 were approved. Proposed A. Macdonald, Seconded A. Christie-Henry

5 Matters arising. A discussion was held as to which virtual software we should use with the choices being Zoom or Teams. A.Christie- Henry proposed that we subscribe to zoom for a year seconded by N.Martin. This was carried by 7 to 4 vote.

(Second session starting at 6.40)

6 Chairs Report: The chairman proposed that the SCBF donate £200,000 to the MRI scanner appeal subject to contributions from SSE and Shetland Aerogenerators. A discussion was held on issues that arise with the following agreed with everyone agreeing in principle:

SSE should be asked if an advance payment of £200,000 from the first year's core funding for a donation to the MRI Shetland Appeal on the condition that SSE make a donation of 'new' money and that this decision did not create any precedent about advanced use of the core funds.

It was agreed that the donation required proper transparency and A.Macdonald and A.Sutherland agreed to prepare an application for the proposal and send to the MRI Appeal.

After a discussion directors also agreed that community councils should be informed of the decision and asked for their comments before any final decision because of the unusual circumstances of the issue.

7 Viking Energy: SSE were content with the changes proposed by Harper Macleod to the Minute of Agreement with the exception of the issue of confidentiality.

(K.Potinger joined the meeting at 7.05)

C.Bunyan proposed, seconded by G Thomson, that we note the Harper Macleod report on the draft Minute of Agreement, and note the changes SSE has agreed - except the confidentiality issue. It was agreed to wait for RSM's comments after which we will make a final decision.. There were no objections.

There will be a zoom meeting with SSE community investment team at 6pm Wednesday 16th September 2020.

Session3 (starting 7.20pm)

8 Advance Grant Scheme (AGS):

A discussion was held on whether SCBF can fund community council costs, such as organising participatory funding. Section 5 allows us to fund stakeholders activities.

It was proposed by A.Christie-Henry that community councils can draw down up to 5% towards admin expenses and promotions on provision of receipts. Seconded by Jim Anderson. The proposal was carried.

The discussion moved onto the additional work to be undertaken by community council clerks and whether they should be compensated. This received little support. It was agreed that the chairman will write to the Association of Community Councils explaining how the scheme will work highlighting that most of the work including payments will be handled by the SCBF or community councillors themselves. This will be reviewed during the first a year.

Time expired on the zoom session.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th October at 6pm.