

Minute of Management Committee of Shetland Community Benefit Fund Ltd.

Held in the VAS office, Harbour Street , Lerwick on 27th November 2019

Present: C.Bunyan (chair), N.Martin (minutes), A.Brown, , K.Pottinger, A.Sutherland, A.Laurenson, A.Wenger, C Clark, A Christie-Henry, B Moreland (Delting Observer)

1:Apologies: A.MacDonald, G.Thomson, L.Odie, J Dally, J Garrick

2:Directors:

Resignations: Michael Fogerty resign as the director from Fetlar Community Council.

3. Minutes of 23rd October 2019 Approved A Laurenson and A Brown

4. Matters Arising:

Minutes: It was agreed that minutes should be sent out in draft form to only the directors and those observers present at the relevant meeting. In the past draft minutes have been more widely circulated to community council clerks etc and had led to confusion as they were only in draft form. Once approved minutes will be circulated.

Emails: There was a discussion about emails and whether some other form of communication should be used for circulating documents etc. There was no conclusions to the discussion so email will continue to be used.

Website: Chris reported that he was finding it difficult to find the time to complete a website so it was agreed the minutes could go on the ASCC web site, on a separate SCBF dedicated page.

5. Chairs Report: There was little to report from the Chair. Viking was now waiting for the regulator to decide on how much SSE/Hydro should pay towards cost of any new interconnector cable as this would save them from having to build a new power station for Shetland. Viking had been asked by Ofgem to submit a new 'needs case' to show the project was financially viable. If Ofgem approved this, then the 'final' decision would be for Viking to commit to the scheme financially.

6. Viking: SSE had now said 4 representatives from SCBF could go south to meet other similar groups administering funds from windfarm developments. But scheduling problems meant the trip was now postponed until the New Year. A Sutherland said Tingwall, Whiteness and Weisdale Community Council members considered the trip "a jolly" and waste of money. They wanted a report if the trip went ahead and suggested SCBF could get the same information from local organisations like the charitable trust. It was agreed to still accept the SSE offer but only send a maximum of three people.

7. Other Commercial Developments: Emails had been sent to both Peel and Energy Isles without response.

8. SCBF Rules:

There was no further report from the rules review group. There was a discussion regarding the role of 'members' and the election of directors for the management committee. It was agreed to clarify the apparent conflict in Rule 12(c) by changing it so all nomination must come from community councils, with one nomination per council. The following draft reflect the committee discussion and will be considered along with other proposed rule changes.

"12(c) Each community council in Shetland can nominate a director for the management committee and these nominations will be voted on by members at an AGM. If any nomination is rejected the relevant community council will be informed and asked to make another nomination which will be considered at the next management committee following its receipt."

At the suggestion of Alastair Christie-Henry it was agreed that we should hold a meeting where proposed rule changes were the only item on the agenda. This should be in plenty of time before the AGM, planned for after the end of the financial year (31st March).

9. Initial construction phase scheme.

Draft rules for this scheme were presented to the meeting by the Chair. This was approved unanimously with these changes - (which are included in the revised document circulated to directors)

1. In Section 4 it was agreed SCBF would not set any priorities etc for funding. These decisions would be left to each community council.
2. Any application for funding an individual or business must be approved beforehand by SCBF Management Committee
3. Delete sections prohibiting funding for fund-raising and businesses. And delete reference to unadopted roads.
5. If any application is rejected by SCBF it will (not "must") inform applicant and community council.
6. Add section that if SCBF reviews and revised these rules it will formally inform all community councils.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be at 6pm on 22nd January 2020 in Market house Training Room.