

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

**Held in the VAS office, Harbour Street , Lerwick on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019**

**Present:** C.Bunyan (chair), N.Martin (minutes), A.Brown, I.Walterson, J.Garrick, K.Pottinger, A.Sutherland, J.Dally, A.Laurenson, A.Wenger, E.MacPherson (observer for Gulberwick, Quarff and Cunningsburgh)

**1:Apologies:** A.Christie-Henry, A.MacDonald, G.Thomson, L.Odie, C.Clark

### **2:Directors:**

Resignations: Hubert Hunter (Nesting and Lunnasting) – the Directors wished to record their appreciation of the contribution by Hubert for the many years from the inception of SCBF.

Nominations: Alistair Laurenson for Nesting and Lunnasting unanimously accepted.

**3. Minutes of 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019** Approved N.Martin, seconded J.Daly

**4. Matters Arising:** The meeting with Morven Smith and Aaron Pries of VEFW was held recently and attended by C Bunyan and A Christie-Henry. The company are still confident that the project will go ahead and other items are covered later in agenda..

**5. Chairs Report:** The chair drew to all the letter published today from OFGEM. While the decision not to support the interconnector was disappointing it was not unexpected. The current arguments for the interconnector from SSE transmission company were based on a Contract for Difference award. As this had been unsuccessful it was to be expected Ofgem would say No. But Ofgem stressed they wanted to see a new Needs Case argument from SSE and the transmission company to convince them Viking (and other projects) would go-ahead and would be viable. This was now being done and SSE/VEWF are confident they can get Ofgem approval.

The chair queried that now there will be a further delay on whether the interconnector proceeds meetings of the SCBF should be bimonthly or quarterly. It was agreed that we will continue with monthly meetings as we will need to finalise the rules and prepare plans.

**6. Viking:** SSE had offered to take 3 representatives from SCBF south to meet other similar groups administering funds from windfarm developments. 5 names were put forward: C.Bunyan, N.Martin, A.Wenger, A.Laurenson, A Sutherland. SSE will be asked if we can take more than 3. The final numbers will depend on availability. Due to commitments it was suggested that the trip should be after 1<sup>st</sup> December.

**7. Other Commercial Developments:** An E mail had been received from Doug Wilson informing that Energy Isles had been taken over by Statkraft. It was hoped that a meeting with Doug will be held shortly.

**8. SCBF Rules:**

(a) There was a discussion as to whether we are members or directors and whether being a co-operative was the most suitable legal structure. It was agreed to include professional advice in an application for CARES funding..

(b) There was a discussion on the relationship of directors with the community councils and how their legal responsibilities to SCBF might conflict with community council membership. It was agreed this should be part of the review of SCBF structure.

(c) It was agreed that directors should resign after 3 years and the community councils replace or renominate their representative at the annual meeting. Only one third of directors would stand down each year. These would be in alphabetical order of the community councils' names. Again legal advice will be sort once we have sufficient funds.

(d) It was agreed that there would be no annual membership fee (Rule 6).

(e) Under rule 5(b) the office of any organisation admitted as a member should have its office registered in Shetland.

(f) Any reference of a fee for access to files should be deleted.(Rule 52)

(g) Directors wishing to have a proxy vote must contact the appropriate office bearer 7 days beforehand by email.

(h) A new rule should be put forward, similar to the one proposed at each AGM that the chair becomes independent of the community council he/she represented and that community council can nominate another person as a replacement.

(i) An elected SIC Councillor will not be eligible to be a director.

(j) Delete rules 47, 49 and 50 as they are duplicated elsewhere.

(k) Accounts to be on a website (Rule 52)

The next meeting will be at 6pm on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019