

## Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Lochluichart Community Trust – 18 August 2015

### Attendees:

Directors: Jennifer Haslam (Chairman), Jean Bailey (Treasurer), Hamish Leslie Melville, Gordon MacKenzie, Kenny MacLean

Members: John Bedwell, Simon Bedwell, Jeanette Fenwick, John Fenwick, Christopher Hamilton, Tricia Hamilton, Eliza Leslie Melville, Bertha Logie, Flora MacKenzie, Brenda MacPhail, Murdo MacPhail, Ann MacRae, Chris MacRae, Phyllis Manson, Pamela Morrison, Dorothy Tarr, Ed Tarr, Sue Tarr, Marion Taylor, Jackie West, Ruari Matheson (part)

Guests: Alpin Stewart (George Street Law)

Company Secretary: Peter Gormley

Apologies: Guy Madgwick

1. Jennifer Haslam (Chairman) opened the meeting, welcoming the Members.
2. Jennifer Haslam gave her Chairman's Report, outlining the following:
  - 11 formal meetings and one informal meeting had been held over the year,
  - 7 project applications for LCT funding had been approved,
  - Some projects had to be rejected because the applications were incomplete,
  - It was agreed that, in future, the secretary will check the completeness of applications before submission to the Board,
  - The 31 March and 30 September would be strict deadlines for applications,
  - In line with Members wishes, resolutions would be considered at this AGM to increase the number of Directors and to amend the rules on retirements,
  - The new project application form would replace the original 17 page document – this is now available on the LCT website,
  - The Community Council were looking into setting up a development company to manage project applications to overcome existing constraints on projects,
  - The church development project would be acceptable to all parties as long as it was not supporting a religious group,
  - The energy project submitted by Community Energy Scotland will go ahead following the consideration by Members,
  - A meeting had been held with Strathpeffer Spa Pavilion explaining the reasons for turning down their project application.
3. There was substantial support from Members to accept the Special Resolution to amend Article 41 to increase the number of Member Directors from 5 to 6. There were no votes against the resolution and 3 abstentions.
4. Similarly, there was substantial support for the Special Resolution to amend Article 49 to enable Directors to determine which ones are to retire by agreement or some

random method. There were no votes against the resolution and 4 abstentions.

5. On the Ordinary Resolution to receive the accounts for the period ended 31 March 2015, there was substantial approval by the Members, with no votes against and 3 abstentions.
6. Jennifer Haslam then announced that two existing Directors, Jean Bailey and Kenny MacLean would be retiring.  
There was then an Ordinary Resolution to elect 3 new Directors to the Board. The three nominees – John Bedwell, Christopher Hamilton and Ruari Matheson – all received substantial support from the Members present, considerably in excess of the 50% requirement, and were congratulated on their appointments.
7. Jennifer Haslam then gave details of the successful projects awarded funds over the last year, and pointed out photos in the hall illustrating the use of the funds.  
It was clarified that successful project organisations were requested to give feedback – this is 6 months after the award, using a simple form.  
It is hoped that a noticeboard for the LCT in Garve will be approved by Highland Council shortly, enabling local residents to keep up-to-date with progress.
8. The Chairman gave a brief update on issues raised at the informal Members meeting held on 21 May:  
It will not be possible to develop a template for organisations' constitutions,  
A new organisation may be set up to develop projects, this is being pursued by the Community Council,  
This would enable bursaries, etc to be proposed for approval by the LCT,  
The new project application form will immediately replace the old 17 page document,  
The idea of appointing all eligible residents as Members is not permissible,  
The scoring system for project applications is under consideration – this will be concluded by the new Board.
9. Jennifer Haslam then informed the Members that Guy Madgwick, the Appointed Director from Eneco was standing down, and would be replaced by Zoisa Walton from Eneco.  
She then thanked both Jean Bailey and Kenny MacLean for their valuable contribution to the LCT Board and the Community over the last 3 years – the Members applauded both Jean and Kenny.
10. The 3 new Directors were then invited up to the front of the hall, to be presented to the Members.
11. Christopher Hamilton asked the Chairman if there was an LCT objective to keep a fund reserve as an endowment to support future years, beyond the life of the windfarm. Alpin Stewart (Solicitor) clarified that the community benefit agreement

stipulates that the fund should be spent on projects, if possible, rather than retained for investment.

12. Jennifer Haslam thanked the Members and guests for their contributions, and closed the meeting at 19:45.