



**Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Lochluichart Community Trust
23 August 2018 at Garve Hall**

Present:

LCT Directors/Company Secretary:

Sharon Wright (Chair) Jean Bailey Karen Grant (joined meeting at 7.10pm)
Christopher Hamilton John Bedwell Jeanette Fenwick
Carol Smith (Company Secretary)

Members:

Margaret Ross Gail Grant Jacqueline West Jennifer Haslam
John Fenwick John Grant Patricia Hamilton Sheree Grant
Tayler Grant

Proxy received:

Moira Stewart Steve Jones

Non members:

Alpin Stewart (George Street Law)
Tina Hartley / Lucy Beattie (The Garve & District Development Company)
Caroline Venters / Alasdair Mackenzie

Apologies: None

1. Welcome

SW opened the meeting and welcome the members and guests

2. Minutes of last AGM – 23 August 2017

The minutes of the last AGM were proposed by Jeanette Fenwick and seconded by John Bedwell and were adopted

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

4. Director Resignation

SW formally accepted the resignation of John Bedwell and Christopher Hamilton as LCT Directors. Under clauses 47, 48 and 49 of the LCT Articles of Association 2 directors have to resign each year. Being the longest serving directors John and Chris have resigned as directors.

SW thanked them both for their time and support during their tenure as directors. SW thanked Chris Hamilton for his additional contribution as the Treasurer

5. Ordinary Resolution to receive the accounts

The ordinary resolution to receive the accounts was passed

6. Ordinary Resolution to elect directors

Following the retiral of Christopher Hamilton and John Bedwell 2 candidates have proposed themselves as directors, being Margaret Ross and Jennifer Haslam.

Following a vote by show of hands both directors were appointed

7. Chair's Report

SW presented the Chair's report detailing the following:

SLIDE 1 – GRANT SUMMARY

Grant	Value of grants	Number of grants
Total grants requested	£386,486	17
Total grants awarded	£346,178	16
Total grants rejected	£6,090	1 + 5 reduced grants
Total Grant income from Developers	£227,120	

SW explained that in the year 2017/18 £319,000 had been paid out in grants by LCT compared to £24,500 in the previous financial year. The current total available for new grants until September 2018 is £95,966. After Eneco's contribution in September, and payment of GDB FTTP remaining cash flow, there will be approximately £155,000 available until September 2019. Funding from EDF-ER is therefore crucial for the further growth of the community.

SLIDE 2 – MAJOR GRANTS AWARDED

Applicant	Project	Grant Awarded
The Garve & District Development Company	Recruitment of Development Officer	£30,685
	Creation of online community hub	£5,000
	Meet & Eat: Garve & District digihub	£11,383
	Children' Activities Taster Sessions	£1,995
	TOTAL	£49,063
Garve & District Energy Group	Energy Bill Rebate Scheme	£44,650
	Household Energy Scheme	£7,400
	New local energy assessment	£8,436
	TOTAL	£60,486
Garve & District Broadband Group	Fibre to premises Broadband	£243,400
	Self dig for fibre to premises	£36,200
	TOTAL	£279,600

LCT has worked closely with community groups and has provided grants totalling £386,149 as detailed above

SLIDE 3 – THE YEAR AHEAD

- ***EDF-ER Garve Agreement should be received by end of August***
The EDF-ER Garve agreement was received by LCT on 23 August and will be reviewed by the new LCT Board within the next 2 weeks. Once the agreement has been approved and signed the EDF-ER fund will provide 2 years of income being £314,731. Although the Corriemoillie windfarm was commissioned in 2016 there have been delays with the agreement, hence 2 years of funding being made available.
- ***Revised Eneco agreement to allow for ease of decision making***
Eneco have contacted the Highland Council to ascertain whether it is possible to revoke the current Community Benefit Agreement and to have a simplified agreement between 2 parties, being Eneco and Lochluichart Community Trust
- ***Creation of the Garve Development Plan will aid grant decision making***
As part of the grant decision making process the importance to the community is taken in to consideration. The current document for this is the community needs survey. LCT looks forward to the creation of the Garve Development Plan which will aid LCT in ensuring that funds are spent on the community's needs
- ***Work closely with community groups***
LCT continues to work closely with community groups and LCT members and is continually looking at improved communication. To this end LCT has created a flyer that details the work of LCT.

CLOSE OF MEETING: The AGM was closed at 7.15pm

Questions and Answer session

1. **With the money being limited for next year will it be ringfenced for the Garve area?**
The priority is the projects within the Garve & District Area that benefit the residents of the area. The second priority is those projects outside the Garve & District Area but which have benefit to residents of the Garve & District Area.

Within the community needs survey there were people who wished for the money to be spend outside the area. It could also be said that projects that benefit the whole of the Highlands will benefit the Garve Area.

In the recommendations that Foundation Scotland proposed, following their review on behalf of EDF-ER, it was suggested that 20% of the funds should be ringfenced for projects outside the Garve & District Area. This was rejected by the LCT Board.

It was also suggested by members that there should be consideration as to whether monies are available from other Trusts before providing grants to projects outwith the area.

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