

GREAT GLEN ENERGY CO-OPERATIVE LTD.

Minutes of Board Meeting held at The Lovat Arms Hotel, Fort Augustus on Tuesday 10th November 2009, 7.45pm

Present: Chair - Graham Strachan, Mark Jennison, Ian Whyte, Felix and Denise Paterson, 6 members of the GGEC and guest speaker Lynda Dodd of the Great Glen Ways.

1. Apologies

K. Knott and Andrew King (E4All)

2. Invited Guest - Lynda Dodd, Great Glen Ways

Lynda gave a presentation on the Monoliths used to display information of cultural, historical, geographical and natural significance along the Great Glen Way and stated that many questions about the Millennium Wind Farm are raised by route users. The Great Glen Ways are planning 3 additional Monoliths along the route. The one of interest to the Co-op would have information about the Millennium Wind Farm and be sited at Aberchalder, where there is a good view of several turbines. The Co-op is being given the opportunity to be a sponsor of this Monolith, with significant input as to the content of information displayed.

The Board viewed this suggestion favourably and asked Lynda to provide costing.

Lynda was also asked if the Great Glen Ways could help with the potential setting up of a Renewables Problem Solving Day for Schools. Lynda stated that they could have some involvement, but with regard to workbooks/information packs that there were various organisations that were more expert and gave some possible contacts. Lynda agreed to provide costings by the end of November. **Action LD/KN**

3. Minutes of previous meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Proposed FP. Seconded IW.

4. Matters Arising

3.9. MJ is still preparing a paper on options to develop new projects within scope of existing co-op rules. He advised that the Board needed to identify projects: i.e. Developer led, Co-op led or E4All led, as different projects have differing legal requirements. MJ will circulate his initial work on this item. **Action MJ.**

3.11 Co-op and formal relationship with E4All. GS will raise this issue at the E4All AGM later this month. Graham reminded directors that he had raised some of these issues before last years E4A get together but time had not allowed there full discussion. Kilbraur were also raising similar issues.

5. E4All AGM Event

We agreed that more discussion needs to be given to representation and video conferencing. Support the provision of postal voting. GS will raise questions at E4All

AGM. **Action GS.**

6. Co-op Non-Financial Work Programme

The possibility of sponsoring a Monolith on the Great Glen Way is being looked into. All board members are asked to give thought to the potential information to display. See item 2 above. Information is being gathered for the potential setting up of a Problem Solving Day for Schools. **Action GS/KK.**

By this point, all members attending for General Meeting had left.

7. Wind farm Performance

It was felt that 93% cumulative output was a good result to date. There are still issues with 3 particular turbines, which are being monitored.

8. E4A Written Resolution 28th October 2009

The Board agreed that the Chair would sign to approve written resolution. Duly done. Swift dispatch to E4All office required. MJ undertook to deliver. **Action MJ**

9 Minute Secretary

There has been no response to advertising. After a short discussion, it was agreed that those who felt able would take turns with minuting meetings.

10. AGM

The timetabled date for the GGEC AGM is Saturday 17 April 2010. A location within Inverness will be decided at the next meeting. It was felt by all that a good guest speaker would raise interest in the event. All to research possibilities. **Action All**

11. Date of next meeting

7pm on Tuesday 2nd February 2010, location to be confirmed. **Action GS.**

12. AOB

Director profile for next newsletter. DP will prepare an entry. KK will be reminded that he missed his slot last time and given priority. All to consider possible articles.

Action DP/All.

The meeting closed at around 9.30pm.

Signed as a true record of the meeting

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Graham Strachan
Chair

Date