

GBCDT Monthly Meeting 17/09/25

Start time 19:30 @ Bernera Hall

Present: Calum Fraser, Zoe Macinnes, Anna Macdonald, Helen Strong, Melanie Muir, Catherine Muir, Mark Bryant (via web call)

- 1)** a) Register directors, Mark to gather new Director information and send to Donna at CIB services.

b) Support new Chair and Treasurer: Calum to pass on email details to new Directors to access emails. Documents are handed over to the relevant directors.

- 2)** Communications
 - a) Trust emails – Jo to take on email communications/admin. Looking into a system to organise and forward emails to the relevant members. Zoe to take on role as Minute Secretary, along with Melanie as Treasurer and Catherine as Chair.

 - b) Website, Helen is continuing to work on the website development with a team of community members who responded to the callout. A meeting has been held.
 - Helen has provided a document stating the Aims, accountability, deadline, costs, and skills each of the website team can bring to the website. Helen to liaise with us via whatsapp group on website communications.
 - Deadline for the website is 31 March 2026.
 - The Trust has agreed the £40 one-time payment of the website and the annual costs of the website.

 - c) Liaising with BCA, BCC. Catherine as Chair will pass on any communications with the Chairs of our other committee groups. The Trust will continue with cross-committee meetings, and liaise with BCA and BCC when needed.

- 3)** Membership list. Anna has been handed over the Membership list from the AGM. If possible, we will move communications with members to via email, so that the Trust has a clear method of communicating.

- 4)** Buyout. John Porteous (absent tonight) has extended an invitation with the relevant figures re. buyout meeting.

- 5) Development Officer.** We do not currently have a Development Officer, a part-time or full-time Development Officer would vastly help the Trust. It is worth looking into grants, perhaps there are grants we can apply for with the other organisations.
- 6) Grants.** The money for the Dubth Thob equipment has come in, so we can look at purchasing this for the Dubth Thob. Callum Macaulay will know what specific equipment is needed for this and can advise us on what to purchase.
- 7) Dubth Thob**
 - actions required, 3-5 people needed to gather the materials and complete the work before we can get the completion certificate for the shower block. Possibility of buying the land at the Dubth Thob, we would be buying the land from the council.
 - As suggested by Callum Macaulay, we will look into purchasing equipment to ensure the smooth running of Dubth Thob, such as security cameras, appropriate signage.
 - Catherine suggests that the Council may help with signage, Catherine to liaise with Callum Macaulay for this.
- 8) Northlands Wind Farm - 5 Estate Trusts** are involved in negotiations with the Northlands Wind Farm, should it be approved.
- 9) Articles - Mark** has covered the Articles.
- 10) Gain the trust of the community - Welcoming thoughts** on what else we can do to improve transparency. As a Trust we are to keep working steadily, communicating with the community. Ensuring we consult with the community on any new projects, funding opportunities, such as the completion of the Dubth Thob, any new information on the Wind Farm projects, and any upcoming grants. Flyers, the Bernera Bulletin, and regular updates will help with communications in the community.

Meetings held every 3rd Wednesday of the month. Next meeting 15th October