

Draft Minutes of Trust Meeting 11 3 11

1. Apologies. H. Grainger, S. Ferguson, W. Fraser.
2. Present. A. Sutherland, F. Ellam, M. Houston, I. Brown, M. Bateman, F. Ross, A. Holt.
3. The minutes of the meeting held on 22 2 11 were moved for approval by A. Holt and seconded by M. Houston.
4. Matters arising from the minutes. It was noted that the financial summary figures had not been included and those were provided by the Treasurer. Cash at hand as at 22 2 11 was £92,541 made up of the Glendoe fund of £66,476, and General fund of £26,065.
5. Appointment of Treasurer. Due to potential difficulties over attending meetings during the working day I. Brown agreed to step down from the post and hand it back to F. Ellam who had agreed to carry on with this important role within the Trust. This was unanimously approved by the Directors present.
6. The Secretary gave an update on the white goods offer to residents which will also be covered in the next edition of the B. Bulletin. S.S.E. will administer the scheme along the lines of their Fort Augustus action.
7. Reduction of residential qualification for Directors voting rights. After debate it was agreed that the Secretary should ask the Community Council if they would agree to amend the Trust's Business Plan requirement to be reduced from 8 to 5 years.
8. Glendoe Energy Fund. The meeting had been convened at fairly short notice because the Inverness Energy Saving Trust were about to issue a letter to all households in the area inviting them to take part in a PV installation at a bulk negotiated reduced price. I. Brown had met with

fellow Director S. Ferguson and J. O'Donovan to examine the issues and had prepared a short paper which was presented to the meeting. The main points were as follows:

- a) The payback time on the quoted figures was likely to be 10 to 12 years without any support from the Trust.
- b) These figures were probably based on optimal conditions and there will be variation between property locations and types.
- c) The scheme was likely to be attractive to individuals who are able to make this capital investment.
- d) Doubts were expressed about the Government's guaranteed income support for power produced and the reliability and maintenance of the installations.
- e) This is the third and most difficult phase of the Trust's efforts to utilise these monies for the benefit of the Community and is likely to involve significant investment by the house holder in more complex installations.
- f) It was felt that any Trust support should also cover solar thermal, ground, and air source heat pumps, wood fuel heating, replacement boiler installations, wind turbines and double glazing.
- g) Discussion took place around the possibility of acquiring and managing a wood fuel lot in the area, however the storage and handling aspect of log fuel may not suit many households, particularly more elderly residents. There would also need to be ongoing management and distribution.
- h) There is a problem in providing independent advice to householders and there was discussion on providing and training a local surveyor to

carry out surveys and to provide advice. The possibility of directors going around their areas was also discussed but could be a very open ended commitment. The Energy Saving Trust had already carried out household surveys in the area but it was felt that their advice was generalised and not tailored sufficiently closely to the property inspected to help form a considered choice beyond the obvious such as more insulation.

- i) It was agreed that the Trust could afford to offer up to £3000 per household towards further energy saving schemes such as those discussed and we should make it known to the Energy Saving Trust that local applicants to their scheme should be asked to contact the Trust. This decision was based upon an estimate that we might get up to 50 applicants based on the older non local authority or Albyn houses in our area which might wish to take this further. If this were to exhaust the Energy Saving fund we would look at drawing down other monies from the Trust's resources. However I have just spoken to S.C.F. and they wouldn't approve use of their Glendoe money for energy saving on domestic households.
- j) It will be necessary to check with SSE that the proposed grant to households meets with their approval.

- 9. An update was given on the Dunmaglass Community Benefit negotiations which are ongoing and nothing has yet been agreed.
- 10. The Wade Bridge at Whitebridge improvements are now complete and a further application may be forthcoming for the next stage of restoration.
- 11. The Trust has £87,880 in the bank of which Glendoe makes up £62,976 and the general fund stands at £24,904. SSE owe the Trust £551 in respect of insulation works carried out by Logical.

12. The Treasurer submitted a bill and received payment for his services over the last 4 months for £328.

A. Sutherland (Secretary)