

North Uist Development Company Annual General meeting

Monday 9 December 2024 7.00pm at Claddach Kirkibost Centre

1. Welcome and introductions

<u>Present</u>: Diane MacPherson (Chair), Ada Campbell, Jean Archer, David Porter, Peter Keiller, Cllr Uisdean Robertson, Cllr Mustapha Hocine, Antony McCord, Cheryl Taylor, Robert Taylor, Jessie Morrison, George Jackson, Rosemary Jackson

<u>Apologies</u>: John MacDonald, Fran Lett, Henry Morrison, Ruth Thomas, Pauline Prior-Pitt, Fran Leith, Catherine Macleod

Diane MacPherson welcomed all to the meeting, which was quorate.

2. Minutes of 2023 AGM

Previously distributed

Minutes approved as a true record

3. Chair's report 2023-4

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Chair thanked the other directors for their hard work during the previous year. Our two councillors were also thanked and for their support throughout the year.

Diane explained she is stepping down as Chair and from the board. A heartfelt thanks were given to Diane for her wonderful leadership of the board and all the hard work she has put into the role. She will be sorely missed.

4. Approval of the Accounts for Financial Years 2022-23 and 2023-24

Accounts for 2022-23 brought forward as they were not passed at the last meeting. 2023-24 Accounts also brought to the meeting. Query raised as to why no significant depreciation of assets seem to be within the 2023-24 accounts. AC will raise this with the accountants/auditors.

Accounts for 2022-23 approved by the meeting. 2023-24 accounts will be further scrutinised by the board before circulation for approval.

5. Appointment of Accountants

Meeting agreed to continue with existing accountants

6. Appointment of Directors

Diane MacPherson, Ada Campbell and Margaret McOull to stand down

Ada Campbell re-elected, Jean Archer, David Porter and Peter Keilller agreed to continue as directors.

7. Preparation and planning for the future Community Benefit Fund.

A joint Uist Wind and NUDC employed officer post is being established. The post holder will manage the operation of Uist Wind and the structures and procedures for the benefit fund.

Both boards are now working well together.

The involvement of the wider community is essential in deciding priorities for funding.

Cash flow from Uist wind is only one or two years away. A robust, accountable structure must by then be in place.

Community consultations will therefore take place over the next year.

8. Consideration of NUDC Community Development Plan 2023-26

See separate sheets distributed

An additional employed officer will be required to move forward this plan

9. DATON NUDC Board Meeting.

To be arranged for week commencing 6/1/25 of nearest alternative. DP tp circulate proposed date(s).