



Minute of Annual General Meeting of North Uist Development Company
at Carinish Hall
on 1 February 2020

Present: Peter Keiller, Catherine MacLeod, Ada Campbell, Uisdean Robertson, Mustapha Hocine, Andrew Ross, Pam MacPherson, Stuart MacPherson, Jean Archer, George Jackson, Rosemary Jackson, Jessie Morrison, Margaret Cowie, Louise Cook, Charles Fraser, David Newman, Jean Newman, Diane McPherson, Colin McPherson, Alastair MacLeod, Gwen Evans, Peter Cooper, Mary Morrison, Jan MacPherson, Sandra Hutton, Douglas Hutton, Kirsty MacLeod

Apologies: Gill Dunn, Norman Dunn, Ruth Thomas, Henry Morrison, Jimmy Matheson, Gloria MacKillop, Ameena Camps, Sarah MacLachan, Nev Thomas

1. WELCOME

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the directors. Mustapha explained that our Development Officer was currently off-island due to a bereavement, and the directors might not be able to provide full detail on all projects.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous AGM (March 2017) were approved. The Charity has not held an AGM since 2017, due to the fact that the wind turbine project has been very demanding and quite difficult for the directors and staff over the past two years and it had not therefore been a priority. Minute proposed: Catherine MacLeod
Seconded: Ada Campbell

3. CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Chair ran through a verbal report covering the period since the 2017 AGM, in which he thanked the directors and volunteers for their work, as well as the members for their continuing support. At the time of the last AGM the An Torc project, supporting the Lochmaddy Hospital group was still continuing. Mostly the Charity has been supporting the work of its trading subsidiary in developing the wind turbine project over the past period. NUDCT had been reconstituted as a Community Benefit Society in 2018 to enable it to carry out a community share offer. NUDC had also continued to be involved in issues such as housing, lobbying on ferries and contributing to the Uist Economic Task Force. NUDC has so far maintained a neutral position on the issue of Space Port.

The other major project continues to be the former Lochmaddy School, which NUDC hopes to acquire from the Comhairle during 2020, with a view to develop a mixed-used community project, including an environmental centre, teaching space for TC projects, community space and a bunkhouse. A number of community consultations have been held, a Stage One application to the Scottish Land Fund has been approved and a Stage Two application is on the point of being submitted, which will enable acquisition of the building and also make a contribution towards redeveloping the building.

Malcolm Turner left NUDC employment early in 2018 and was replaced by Ameena Camps. Andrew Ross left NUDC's employment at the end of 2018. During 2019 Ameena Camps worked four days a week for NUDC. These posts of been funded by HIE through its Community Account Management programme, for which the directors remain grateful. In late November NUDC

recruited Sarah MacLachlan to work two days a week as admin assistant. This post is supported through NUDC's own funds.

4. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS TO Y/E 31 MARCH 2019

Copies of the company accounts to the end of March 2019 were made available to the meeting, which had been filed by the accountant at Companies House at the end of 2019.

Report proposed: Ada Campbell

Seconded: Catherine MacLeod

5. APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS

Normally a third of directors are required by the constitution to retire in rotation at each AGM, but are able to stand for immediate re-election. Since there had not been an AGM for three years, it was agreed that all directors would stand down and be eligible for re-election en bloc.

All directors stood down and were re-elected en bloc:

Mustapha Hocine

Catherine MacLeod

Kirsty MacLeod

Jean Archer

Peter Keiller

Stuart MacPherson

Pam MacPherson

Proposed: Andrew Ross

Seconded: David Newman

The chair encouraged any others who wished to become directors of NUDC to make themselves known, but there were no further nominations at the meeting.

6. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS/ACCOUNTANTS

Mann Judd Gordon were reappointed to the above position.

Proposed: Rosemary Jackson

Seconded: Catherine MacLeod

7. AOCB

The importance of the turbines remaining under control of NUDC was stressed.

It was stated that communication with investors in the wind turbine project was important. Investor communications are planned to go out more or less monthly, there is work under way to update the website, social media is in use and an article in Am Paipear is planned, which should mention the relationship between NUDC Charity and the Community Benefit Society.

8. DATE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING – tbc. It was agreed we would find out know when Ameena Camps will return to the island, and set a date based on that.