

C&WNCBO SCIO AGM 25th Nov. 2020

Chair: Report

During the period since the Trustees were elected, much time and effort has been devoted to setting up a framework for managing the income from Tom nan Clach Windfarm for the next 25 years.

It is encouraging that over 100 residents have applied for membership and all are entitled to attend public meetings. Members are also eligible to be elected as Trustees.

The Trustees have held 9 meetings, most recently via zoom. We have negotiated and signed a contract with Greencoat PLC which ensures we receive £62370.00 per annum, increased annually by the RPI. This year an advance payment was granted which enabled us to pay off the loan from the Comm Council and we have recently received the balance of funding for 2020 which is available to meet qualifying funding applications. On that note we are particularly pleased that our first small grant application from Cawdor Primary School has been received and the requested funds awarded. This money will fund 3 workshops on Learning about Diversity by Zoolab and will benefit 61 children in P3-P6. We look forward to receiving further applications over the next year.

Any funds not disbursed will be carried forward to meet future large scale qualifying requests and we hope that after the 25 year period there will be a fund to which the community can apply in years to come.

With professional help from Aileen Cameron, we now have our website, www.windssofchangeawdor.com and this provides information on how individuals and organisations can apply for both small and large scale projects which will be of benefit to the community. Our aim is to disburse small scale qualifying applications monthly while applications for amounts over £500.00 are invited 3 times per year. Such applications will require Trustees to meet and discuss.

Thanks are due to all Trustee members and especially to Shaun Smith who resigns tonight as Treasurer, to Jenifer Walker for secretarial duties and to Richard Jones for his input setting up and managing Zoom Meetings as well as liaising with the NT. Many thanks also to Pauline Fraser for ably taking the Minutes of all meetings.

Margaret Robertson