

## **COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT MANAGER UPDATE – 15<sup>TH</sup> May 2015**

*This item has been removed for confidentiality but will be restored when confidentiality is no longer required.*

### *Scarista Wind turbine*

OFGEM have approved accreditation. SSE are now processing the application for FIT payments.

### *Horgabost Wind Turbine*

A new planning application will be submitted shortly for the alternative turbine. Images of how the turbine will look will be provided to the Trust first.

### *Pairc Niseaboist- Community Building*

Work has started on site with the building area cleared and a roadway being created into the site. There appears to be a lot less rock than was expected which will reduce the need for blasting.

SSE have installed the alternative power route and will make the switch over on 28<sup>th</sup> May.

An application is being prepared for submission to the Low Carbon Infrastructure Transition Programme (LCITP) for funding a feasibility study to look at maximising the use and storage of energy on site linked to the wind turbine and a potential Albatern wave array.

### *Plot sales*

The disposition for 2 Pairc Niseaboist has been signed and payment will be received shortly.

The Housing Allocations Committee agreed to offer a plot at Luskentyre to a young couple.

The provision of a loan by CnES to WHT for the development of the Luskentyre sites was approved by the P&R committee. A draft agreement should be available in time for the board meeting .

### *Hook-ups*

The hook-ups went live at the beginning of May. Take-up has been slow so far with not many people knowing we are here. Lisa will market the site more strongly on her return from leave.

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