

## COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT MANAGER UPDATE – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015

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

### *Scarista Wind turbine*

A formal contract for FIT payments from SSE is still to be issued. A phone call last week resulted in a promise that a contract would be issued early in w/c 14<sup>th</sup> September and that a manual payment had been authorised for when the contract was received. SIS are aware of the situation and another delay in capital repayments will be made if required.

### *Horgabost Wind Turbine*

An outline proposal for funding the Xant turbine was received on 11<sup>th</sup> September and will be discussed at the board meeting.

### *Pairc Niseaboist- Community Building*

Initial ground preparation work has largely been completed allowing foundations to be started last week. The main sewer pipe is now being laid and the steel for the frame has been delivered to site.

### *Pairc Niseaboist- HHP Housing*

The article in De Tha Dol produced a positive response with 8 expressions of interest, at least 5 of whom are interested in exploring the shared equity option.

### *Pairc Niseaboist Community Energy Project*

Smarter Grid Solutions have nearly completed their study on the energy management options for the site. Hebrides Metocean have completed the seabed survey and have found that there is a suitable location for wave energy devices and a potential route to shore, although further work requires to be done. Burness Paul have been appointed to advise on legal structures for delivering different aspects of the scheme and Scott Moncrieff have been appointed to carry out financial modelling.

The Local Energy Challenge Fund (LECF) workshop in Glasgow for me on 7-8<sup>th</sup> September gave good insight into applying for capital funding with applications due in February. The meeting with representatives of the Renewable Energy Investment Fund (REIF) and the Green Investment Bank (GIB) was useful from the point of view of receiving general advice on developing integrated renewables projects. However as we had no firm proposal to present discussions were very general.

It is planned to meet with HHP at the end of the month to discuss the outcome of the SGS report and consider options for energy supply to the HHP houses.

### *Luskentyre Plots*

The legal work has all been completed and the electricity connection has been paid for. SSE estimate 6-8 weeks to carry out the work. Duncan MacKay's have been contracted to install the water main.

### *Horgabost Pontoon*

The pontoon has been removed from the water for the season.

*JMT Volunteers*

A party of about a dozen volunteers repaired a couple of sections of dyke in Scarista on Thursday and Friday 10th-11<sup>th</sup> September. They also identified other sections that could be repaired by future volunteer parties.

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