

## **COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT MANAGER UPDATE – 26<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

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### *Scarista Wind turbine*

The sum of £58,565.22 was received on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October for Feed-In Tariff payments from first registration in May 2014. Future payments should be made following quarterly readings. SIS will collect arrears on capital repayments at the end of October and then monthly payments thereafter. Total production on the turbine has passed 300,000kwh.

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### *Pairc Niseaboist- Community Building*

The frame of the building has been erected by specialist contractors and John Murray's own team are now working on the roof.

### *Pairc Niseaboist- HHP Housing*

HHP will shortly be going out to tender with an intention to start building in January.

### *Pairc Niseaboist Community Energy Project*

A community meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October was attended by about 30 people. An update was given of the progress on the community enterprise centre and potential for a mini district heating and private wire scheme with the HHP houses. David Campbell of Albatern presented the background to Albatern's technology and the possibility of a scheme in the Sound of Taransay. Jeeves Toor of Hebrides Metocean reported on the findings of the seabed survey he had carried out. The project was generally well-received although two people expressed concerns over potential visual impact. Future project development will take this into account.

Meetings have been held with employees of Burness Paul on legal issues and Scott Moncrieff on financial modelling. Reports are due in mid-November.

A second application has been submitted to LCITP for further development work. This will be considered by the end of October.

### *Luskentyre Plots*

Work on electricity and water supply is expected to start in November.

### *Horgabost Pontoon*

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

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