

North Skye Broadband Steering Group Meeting No 6

5th November 2015, HIE Offices Portree – 18:00

Minutes

Present

Roy Bennet (Chair), Charles McCrimmon (Deputy Chair), Moira Scobbie, Elgar Finlay, James Caldwell, Nial Till, Brian

Apologies were received from Geoff Semler, Nick Duffill, Hugh Ross and John

Previous Minutes for 22nd October 2015 were accepted, proposed by Charles McCrimmon, Seconded by Moira Scobbie.

Declaration of Interest

Elgar Finlay declared his interest in the Project Managers role.

Actions

Project Managers job listed completed and posted, found in the West Highland Free Press and on the Universal Jobmatch portal. Closing date 16th November, interview dates unknown. At the time of the meeting there had been 4 expressions of interest in the position so far.

Company bank account status still unknown.

Marketing and Branding document has been started and will be fleshed out by the PR Group for the next meeting (19th November)

Discussions within Meeting

HIE and CBS working on High Digital documents which should bring additional postcodes into community projects.

State aid public consultation document process was raised by Elgar Finlay, It was discussed and agreed that Elgar should start work on the document using the Fife community broadband project document as a reference.

Marketing and Branding discussions around the document provided by Elgar Finlay, with the base document being explained and discussed before agreement by the PR sub-group of having it fleshed out for the next meeting.

Discussions about exactly which type of community company we wish to be brought up by Nial Till.

Discussion around the company structure, with Roy Bennet going to discuss this directly with the board for clarity.

ITT Document was brought up, but was agreed at a previous meeting that this was one of the roles/duties the Project manager when hired will fulfil.

HIE Progress

Funding progress is continuing with no real progress to report at this stage, though rough income figures that the community project expect to make once up and running have been requested.

Secretary Post

Secretary post for the steering group meetings is still unfilled.

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ITT document discussions was introduced by the Chair, for consideration as an agenda Item for the next meeting (19th November).

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Nial proposed we start to discuss and seek legal advice on which type of community company we want to be and possibly to start seeking legal advice on this subject.