

## North Skye Broadband Steering Group Meeting No. 17

1<sup>st</sup> September - SLCVO 18:00

### Minutes

#### **Attendees:**

Roy Bennett (Chair) (RB), Geoff Semler (GMS), Elgar Finlay (EF), Niall Till (NT), Moira Scobie (MS), Charles McCrimmon in attendance, and via Skype Nigel Redfern, Robin Corrie.

Apologies: Hugh Ross, Steve Varwell

**Previous Minutes** from 7.7.16 were accepted unanimously.

#### **Matters Arising:-**

Review of finances – see below.

Phone Co-op – see below

Meeting objectives – see below.

#### **Directors Report:**

Distributed prior to the meeting, so GMS asked for any queries or comments. CBS are now doing legal work for contracts, etc., in house. GMS to keep in touch with external lawyer re Ts&Cs. Rhoda grant is expected to be meeting with Fergus Ewing tomorrow. HIE has approved a £40k budget for provision of services.

#### **Project Manager's Report:**

Also distributed in advance of the meeting. EF also wished to thank NT and CMcC for their assistance with the community engagement events over the summer. Meetings have been held with potential suppliers and have been very positive. A draft map has been used as a basis for discussions. **Action: Steve Varwell (SNH) has agreed to help identify the landowners who would be involved.**

The Scottish Rural Parliament people are due to meet Fergus Ewing tomorrow.

Community Benefits Society is now registered and a legal entity.

Has also applied to Plunkett for support.

Draft documents for ESPD were provided yesterday. **Action: EF to circulate, requesting responses back by 12.09.16.**

NDA with Co-op Phone Co signed. No further work required at present, put on back burner at present and pick up again when appropriate.

Also invited to Rural Connectivity Meeting in October, which he would like to attend. **ACTION: RC to try and ascertain objectives of this meeting.**

#### **Date of Next Meeting:**

Next meeting to be held at SLCVO (TBC) on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September.