

# North Skye Broadband Steering Group Meeting No. 19

10<sup>th</sup> November 2016 - SLCVO 18:00

## Minutes

### **Attendees:**

Roy Bennett (Chair) (RB), Geoff Semler (part)(GMS), Elgar Finlay (EF), Moira Scobbie (MS), Charles McCrimmon (CM) and Hugh Ross in attendance. Via Skype Robin Crorie (RC), Prof Dominic Houlder (DH), Niall Till (NT), Nick Duffill (ND) and Nigel Redfern (NR).

Also present for part of the meeting, from HIE, Douglas Cowan (DC) and Ian Philp (IP), from CBS, Archie MacDonald (AMcD) and Zoe Laird (ZL) and from Atkins, Neil Watt (NW).

The main purpose of this meeting was for CBS (Community Broadband Scotland) to present to the Steering Group of NSB how they can help NSB to achieve their objectives. The presentation was emailed to the online attendees.

DC introduced the meeting, and explained that it had arisen out of the previous meeting that he and ZL had had with GMS in Inverness. He then invited AMcD to give his presentation.

The presentation, questions arising out of it and discussion were documented in the briefing note produced by EF following the meeting.

Following the departure of the HIE/CBS attendees and GMS, the meeting continued with the members of the Steering Group only.

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted unanimously with two minor corrections.

The remaining members of the SG agreed that they are asking the Directors to arrive at a date on which a final decision can realistically be taken on whether to persevere with the 1GB network, or settle for a hybrid CBS solution.

With a view to this decision being taken at the next meeting (subject to all the required information being available), EF agreed to get together cost figures for the network, a rough business plan and a fundraising strategy and route, to be presented at that meeting.

Date of next meeting; Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December @ 18:00 hrs, at SLCVO.