

North Skye Broadband Steering Group Meeting No. 23

16th March 2017 - SLCVO 18:00

Minutes

Attendees:

Charles McCrimmon (CM) (Chair), Geoff Semler (GMS), Elgar Finlay (EF), Moira Scobbie (MS) and Niall Till (NT) in attendance. Via Skype Robin Crorie (RC) and Nigel Redfern.

1. **Apologies:** Roy Bennett, Hugh Ross, Dominic Houlder.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **The Minutes of the previous meeting** (16.02.17) were proposed by NT and seconded by GMS.
4. **Actions arising from the minutes:**
Action: MS & EF did get together and collate information, so an email was sent out to all interested parties. (See below)
Action: RC & EF action not yet complete, as data has only just been obtained. Data sheets need to be compiled and sent out. **Further Actions:** to contact Community Councils – NT – Struan, CMcC – Skeabost, EF – Glendale/Dunvegan. EF to also draft a Press Release.
5. **Directors Report:**- GMS reported that contractor had been here for a week and that initial feedback may result in changes to the network design. Although originally the work was expected to take up to three elapsed months, it is hoped it will now be completed by late March/early April.
Nothing heard from CBS recently, but GMS has sent a note to ZL today about various matters, including that the operational cost data from Western Isles Connected Communities project has still not been provided.
Links with similar projects in other parts of Scotland continue to be maintained.
An issue regarding payments from HIE has now been resolved, but further funding from them still needs to be agreed ASAP.
6. **Project Manager's Report:-**
As mentioned above, EF has progressed the community engagement by sending an email to all those who expressed in interest in helping. Virtually all responses to date have been positive. Responses have also been received from people now outwith target areas, so further information has been provided to them to explain the current situation. A further email, together with data sheets is to be sent out shortly to gather premise information. At the invitation of Jake Sayles (NFU) EF + CMcC will be attending the inaugural "Skye Connect" event at Aros on 18.03.17.
Wayleaves; no progress with MacLeod Estates, still an issue regarding solicitors with Scottish Government.
7. A.O.B. – None.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 13th April at SLCVO at 18:00 hrs, thereafter on 18th May.