

North Skye Broadband Steering Group Meeting No. 24

13th April 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)

1. **Apologies:** Roy Bennett, Hugh Ross, Dominic Houlder and Nigel Redfern.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **The Minutes of the previous meeting** (16.03.17) were proposed by NT and seconded by MS.
4. **Actions arising from the minutes:**
Action: Community Councils have almost all been contacted; Struan, Waternish, Glendale, Dunvegan, Skeabost to meet 8.05.17. Press release was done and published.
Action: RC & EF action not yet complete, as source data was not provided in a useable format. Data sheets need to be compiled and sent out.
5. **Directors Report:-** GMS reported that a very good meeting was held with CBS (ZL/IP). Timescales for ERDF funding now means ITT needs to be issued by June 2017. The Planning Meeting Report was discussed and explained by GMS and the meeting agreed that the strategy of keeping all the options running, despite the extra work involved, so the proposal was agreed unanimously. GMS/EF to attend further meeting with CBS later this month. Broadband Vantage's first draft report was issued, but still awaiting further deliverables. Suggests that network should be built out from Dunvegan, rather than Portree. Access to fibre there is being investigated. Superficially costs are very much in line with the business plan.
6. **Project Manager's Report:-**

EF has progressed the community engagement and volunteers have now been identified in Glendale, Struan & Waternish. To continue with community engagement while waiting for progress in other areas.
We have still not received the promised data from CBS regarding the operational costs of the Connected Communities project.
7. A.O.B. – None.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 18th May at SLCVO at 18:00 hrs, and then on 15th June.