

North Skye Broadband Steering Group Meeting No. 25

18th May 2017 - SLCVO 18:00

Minutes

Attendees:

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

1. Apologies: None.
2. Declarations of Interest: None
3. The Minutes of the previous meeting (13.04.17) were proposed by NT and seconded by CM.
4. Actions arising from the minutes: See below.
5. **Directors Report:**- GMS reported that there does appear to be fibre available at Dunvegan – 10gb @ £16k versus 1gb @ £10k.
A meeting was held with a potential partner and CBS (Zoe Laird & Archie MacDonald) to broker the relationship between them and discuss the possibility of a pilot scheme. This was followed up with a visit to the island the following day.
Work on the Public Procurement process has been ongoing and the vision statement will continue to call for a design that supports a 1gb symmetrical service.
6. **Project Manager's Report:**- EF reported that **Community Engagement** activities have continued, with all data packs now having been issued. Glendale, Struan and Waternish all have volunteers to cover this. There is now a 6 week activity to complete this activity. Feedback from the communities is that they are amazed at how inaccurate the data currently is!
It was suggested that the completed data should be offered to the respective Community Councils, for their information.
On the **Public Procurement** front, EF has met with Alistair Nicholson and A McD to discuss the data for the public procurement exercise. However the SAPC has still not started (due 8.05.17) as the OMR shows only 500 premises (which everyone knows is incorrect!), but this needs to be resolved before it can proceed.
The **Com Ben Soc** will have to be activated in order to facilitate the Public Procurement process. CBS are supporting this and are largely responsible for it.
Proposed **Pilot scheme** will be to cover the area from Dunvegan – Uiginish – Skinidin - Colbost. A first draft of this proposal has now been produced. A further draft is awaited before it can be taken to CBS for funding. It is anticipated that this will initially be free at the point of use, and cover as many properties as possible.
The final report from Broadband Vantage is expected the end of this week or early next week.

7. A.O.B. – None.

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