

# ECA committee meeting

## MINUTES

MARCH 5, 2014

2PM

COMMUNITY HALL

<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	ECA committee
<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>	Committee meeting
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	D Basford, G Cox, M Swindells, C Cox

### Agenda topics

#### COMMUNITY TURBINE

<b>DISCUSSION</b>		
The second tail fin was damaged in October 2013 and since then numerous requests have been made to B J Rendall (installer) Eoltec (manufacturer) and Pure Energy Shetland (warranty transfer). This situation remains unresolved. In order to get the turbine up and running ECA instructed B J Rendall to undertake a maintenance check and repair the fin.		
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>		
B J Rendall came out week commencing 03 March 2013 and the turbine is now running.		
The invoice for the maintenance check and fin repair will be paid from ECA funds		
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Monitor turbine	ECA committee	ongoing

#### COMMUNITY WI FI CENTRE

<b>DISCUSSION</b>		
D Basford received a letter from REWDT informing ECA that funding for the Line rental and Broadband would be withdrawn from 31 March 2015. Quarterly fees: BT line rental £51.12 Broadband £75.60 + Annual Total £506.88 (confirmed by Helen Castle email 6/3/14)		
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>		
This will be reviewed December 2014 when we know if the community turbine will provide a reliable source of income. In the meantime we will check out BB providers to see if we can get a cheaper rate		
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Review prices for phone line and BB	ECA committee	End 2014

#### WATER SUPPLY AT COMMUNITY FACILITY

<b>DISCUSSION</b>		
We have had intermittent problems with the cold water supply at the community facility over a considerable period of time. This has been reported to OIC on several occasions. We have been notified that a contractor was sent out to check the problem and a part has been ordered and delivered. We have been assured that the work will be carried out in the next week or two.		
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>		
Chase up OIC and monitor the situation		
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Chase up Derek Allan – OIC 11/3/14	C Cox	asap
Monitor water at school	D Basford	ongoing

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DISCUSSION		
<p>C Cox attended a community council meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> February and a meeting at the Council Chambers 'Our Islands Our Future' on 3<sup>rd</sup> March.</p> <p>Subjects discussed at the Community Council meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Egilsay waste management – we requested new bins and our original 4 bins were replaced with two we have asked for a further two bins and have also asked for recycling facility for glass and tins – the requests have been passed via Democratic Services to the relevant OIC dept</li> <li>• Egilsay Pier – OIC were asked what was happening with regard to cleaning the pier and ramp of algae, seaweed and rocks. Correspondence has taken place with Brian Archibald at OIC and we are waiting a response.</li> <li>• Egilsay Ditches – OIC were informed that the roadside ditches on Egilsay were not cleared last year and are very overgrown, this is causing problems with water run off and once new growth starts this will exacerbate the problem – this has been noted by Democratic Services and we await a response</li> <li>• Egilsay School House – OIC were asked what the plans for Egilsay School House were – ECA have made tentative enquiries about possibilities for use in the future – we await a response</li> <li>• Egilsay War Memorial – some funding has been made to undertake repairs and this has been advertised via the Community Council in the Review. It is hoped that the work will be completed before 11/11/14.</li> <li>• Our Islands Our Future – Chris attended a meeting held for community councilors on 3<sup>rd</sup> March which included a presentation by Steven Heddle OIC convener and Alistair Buchan CEO OIC outlining the way the three island groups will present common issues to Central Government in the future. The general feeling that a combined voice is a stronger voice.</li> </ul>		
CONCLUSIONS		
<p>OIC informed of issues relating to Egilsay and we await response</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
<p>Egilsay waste management – chase up email sent to G Barr OIC 11/3/14                      Egilsay Pier – chase up email to B Archibald OIC 10/3/14                      Ditches – chase up Maureen Spence 19/2/14</p>	<p>C Cox</p>	<p>ongoing</p>
<p>Raise outstanding issues at next Community Council Meeting</p>	<p>C Cox</p>	<p>12 April 2014</p>

TV DOCUMENTARY

DISCUSSION		
<p>Paul Murton TV producer and Director contacted Egilsay Community Association via our website. His company is in the early days of research for a new series – Grand Tours of Scottish Islands this may include Orkney and Egilsay.</p>		
CONCLUSIONS		
<p>P Murton's email included in Review to provide information for anyone who would like to contact him                      Filming due – first week in May</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
<p>Await further details</p>		

RSPB EVENTS

DISCUSSION		
<p>Orkney Nature Festival 10<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> May – as part of this festival RSPB have an organized walk planned for Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 9:45 to 12 noon starting with tea and coffee at the community hall                      A separate RSPB event will take place on the morning of Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 45-50 people will be visiting and enjoying a simple lunch at the community hall provided by ECA</p>		
CONCLUSIONS		
<p>ECA Committee will arrange to provide tea and coffee for the first event and soup, rolls, cakes, biscuits, tea, coffee for the second event</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

Liaise with RSPB organisers to provide refreshments	C Cox M Swindells, G Cox	5 <sup>th</sup> / 17 <sup>th</sup> May
Chase up Water supply repair with OIC	C Cox D Basford	

**ECA BANK ACCOUNT**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>		
Total funds £ 10, 257.86 (Statement 15 Oct 2013 to 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2014)		
We are waiting for an invoice from B J Rendalls for turbine repair. Invoice for Public liability Insurance 2014 / 2015 from Highland Council Insurance £342.48		
It was noted that an offer of funding was made to families with children to attend the Christmas Pantomime in Kirkwall – Travel and tickets - There were no responses to the offer		
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>		
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Monitor revenue from turbine	ECA committee	ongoing

**AOB**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ECA committee decided that a newsletter be circulated including ideas discussed by the committee and requesting ideas from residents for events, suggestions for purchases to enhance the community facility.</li> <li>• The minutes of meetings will be downloaded To the ECA website and displayed on the notice board at the community hall.</li> </ul>		
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>		
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Produce newsletter and circulate	ECA committee	16 <sup>th</sup> March