

## RESOLUTION

I would hope that everyone present agrees that Community Benefit funds are payments made to the whole community from the surrounding windfarms and that how and where these funds are being spent is a matter for the whole community.

As far as the Trust is concerned, each Director is elected to that position by the Members and, in my opinion, are responsible to the community for the way in which windfarm community benefit is being spent, not just to the Members of the Trust but to the whole community.

As these benefits are granted to the whole community i.e. they belong to all of the public in the area the Trust covers and, in my opinion, it is reasonable and right that the local population have easy access to clear, timely and unambiguous information on the use of community benefit including how and by whom the decisions are being made to ensure public accountability and openness.

Such accountability and openness are not unusual for Development Trusts in Scotland, nor Dumfries and Galloway, with numerous Trusts, even those responsible for decisions on Grant Applications for community benefit funds, publishing their agreed Minutes of meetings.

To ensure that there is proper member scrutiny and accountability surrounding the decisions made on what the vast majority of windfarm community benefit is being spent on I am proposing the Resolution that the Trust publish, on their website, the agreed Minutes of each Directors meeting from this date onward.

Such agreed Minutes should, of course, be redacted to protect the commercial confidentiality of organisations/companies who are tendering for work for the Trust, but each agreed Minute published should contain:

- Names of Director's present.
- Names of Director's tendering apologies.
- Names of Staff present.
- Names of Directors Declaring an Interest, on which item to be discussed their Interest relates to and whether they will leave the meeting during discussion of that item.
- Brief updates on each project that the Trust is involved in.
- Decisions made by Directors and, where it occurs;
  - the vote outcome, including details on how each Director voted.
- Where tenders/quotes for work are being discussed and decisions being made;
  - the name of each organisation/company submitting a tender/quote,

- the details of the organisation/company selected to carry out the work, and where it occurs;
  - the vote outcome, including details on how each Director voted.
- I further propose, given that these are not publicly available from the Trust at this time, that:
    - the agreed Minutes of all past Annual General Meetings and.
    - all past Accounts for the Trustare also published on the Trust website.