

**MINUTES OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**  
**Glendalough Hotel**  
**Wednesday 18 February 2009**

**Present:** Dermot Hand – Chair, John Byrne, Sean Byrne, Claire Chambers, Michael Cogan, Pearse Connolly, Pat Dunne, Sean Eustace, Pat Ewen, Pearse Foley, Philip Geoghegan, Michael Keegan, Eileen Kennedy, Tim Kyne, Philip Maguire, Sean Malone, Richard More-O’Ferrall, John Power, Mervyn Sunderland, Joe Walker.

**In attendance:** Colin Murphy.

**Apologies:** Stephen Arthur, John Flynn, Tony Flynn, Daire Gilvary, Edmond Kenny, Brian Kehoe, Peter Galvin.

	Issue	Decision/action
1.	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE DIRECTORS' MEETING HELD ON 19 NOVEMBER 2008.</b></p> <p>John Power expressed concern that detail of comments made by him at the November 2008 meeting were omitted from the minutes.</p> <p>Chair said that the meeting had devoted a lot of time to discussing many items on the agenda – particularly the Directors Duties &amp; Responsibilities - and that it would be impossible to include all comments in detail. The minutes were intended to record all decisions and actions.</p> <p><b>Minute 12 b, CCTV in Roundwood.</b></p> <p>Sean Malone clarified the CCTV plans and requested that the detailed comment be deleted.</p>	<p><i><b>Minutes approved on the proposal of Sean Eustace, seconded by Philip Geoghegan.</b></i></p>
2.	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.</b></p> <p><b>5. Membership Renewal/PR</b></p> <p>Meeting agreed to adopt the PR Strategy and to discuss it fully at the March 2009 meeting.</p> <p><b>6. Dublin Mountains Partnership</b></p> <p>Philip Maguire and others reported on presentation to South Dublin/Bohernabreena IFA meeting by Bill Murphy. There was a consensus that community/landowners consultation was at a minimum. IFA members confirmed that they had postponed decision on whether to take seat DMP committee.</p> <p><b>7. Submission to County Development Plan</b></p> <p>Colin reported that his attempt to get a consensus among members of the working group for a submission proved unsuccessful. A long discussion followed ranging from expressions of annoyance and discomfort to a realisation that consensus does not yet exist on issues such as wind energy, house design etc. Philip Geoghegan said that he went to a lot of trouble to work up ideas on landscape categorisation etc. that had been lost in the process. He had in fact turned this work into a personal submission to the process.</p> <p>In the end a consensus emerged.</p>	<p><i><b>Board to review and finalise Richard More-O’Ferrall’s 1 page PR strategy document at March meeting</b></i></p> <p><i><b>Colin Murphy to request Bill Murphy to give update to directors as soon as possible.</b></i></p> <p><i><b>Colin to circulate the draft paper and make sure that the issue was given proper time.</b></i></p>

	<p>a) This illustrates how difficult it is for WUC directors to reach consensus on some issues.</p> <p>b) It would not have been the end of the world if we had submitted a range of broad ideas and opinions.</p> <p>c) Some members felt again that they had not been listened.</p> <p>d) Although the local authority engaged well at the meeting, there was not enough time or in-house expertise to capitalise on the opportunity.</p> <p>e) All was not lost as there would be further opportunities to engage and we need to prepare well in advance.</p> <p>Chair thanked the members of the working group for attending the meeting with Planning Staff and for their efforts to produce a written submission.</p> <p><b>9. ECOAM</b> Colin reported on note form Lead Partner re. rejection of the proposal. News awaited on possible next steps.</p> <p><b>12. Wicklow Policing Liaison Committee</b></p>	<p><b><i>Lenka to re-convene the directors' Renewable Energy sub-group.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Colin to maintain contact. To be included in the agenda for the March 2009 meeting</i></b></p>
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS AND FUNDING</b></p> <p>The Hon. Treasurer gave a detailed report on 2008 outcome (Deficit of income over expenditure of c. €19,000 against a budget surplus of €12,000) and detailed 2009 budget. The latter, based on estimated income of €117,000 and a further €25,000 to be raised, indicates need to reduce expenditure by €79,000 over 2008 level. Assuming no extra income, this results in reducing salary costs to €82,000 and other costs to €50,000.</p> <p>As well as gratitude to the Treasurer for the accuracy and clarity of his presentation the meeting expressed regret at the 2008 outcome and 2009 downturn. The main effect would obviously be on staff incomes.</p> <p>Directors also expressed positive feelings that, if everybody worked hard, the difficulties could be overcome.</p> <p>The Board approved the Draft Budget for 2009.</p>	<p><b><i>Joe Walker to make management accounts available at each board meeting.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Directors to think of innovate ways to increase income and feed these to the finance sub-group</i></b></p>
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>PROJECT PLAN 2009-2011</b> Held over.</p>	<p><b><i>Colin to distribute latest draft.</i></b></p>
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS</b></p> <p>Agreed to hold monthly meeting on same evening: Executive 7.00pm – 8.30pm, Directors 8.30pm to 10.30pm. Papers to be distributed by email (with hard copy to be the exception to those so requesting), auto text reminder on the day.</p>	<p><b><i>All</i></b></p>
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>NEXT DIRECTORS' MEETING:</b> <b>Wednesday 18 March 2009</b> <b>Glendalough Hotel</b> <b>8.00pm.</b></p>	<p><b><i>All</i></b></p>

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