
	MCDC Board Extraordinary Meeting Minutes APPROVED	
	Date:	Wednesday 4th June 2025
	Time:	
	Location:	Email
	Public/Board Only	Board only
Directors Attending:	<i>Angus Robertson (AR) (Chair)</i> <i>Miles Welsh (MW)</i> <i>Henriette Laidlaw (HL)</i> <i>Susan Taylor (ST)</i> <i>Keith Laidlaw (KwL)</i> <i>Bob Jones (BJ)</i>	
Staff attending:	<i>Suzanne Pender (SP),</i>	
Apologies:		
Chaired by:	<i>Angus Robertson</i>	
Minutes by:		
Meeting is quorate:	<i>(Minimum 3 directors, and majority are elected directors)</i>	
Declaration of Interests	<i>None</i>	
Members of public attending		

Agenda Points	Summary/Discussion/Feedback	Actions/Decisions	Person responsible	Due
1. MCDC 2025-6 Budget review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Total income projected to drop from £800,000 to £330,000 * Costs increasing from £259,000 to £382,000 * Only £17,000 surplus projected, leaving little room for new projects * £250,000 in donations expected from Morvolts * Budget still in draft form, needs further review with operations manager 			
2. MCW Woodland Project Support	For approval:	Decision:		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * MCW requested £15,000 pledge from MCDC for 2026-2027 to support project manager role * Board encouraged MCW to seek funding from Morvern Community Trust instead of MCDC * MCDC offered to provide management support and payroll services, contingent on capability * MCDC requested written commitment from MCW for first rights to develop potential solar farm on project land * Seen as mutually beneficial given MCDC/Morvolts' expertise in renewable energy project 	<p>MCDC pledges financial and in-kind support for a part-time Project Development Officer post for a period of one year, beginning from the date of transfer. This commitment includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If funding cannot be secured from other sources (such as MCT) a cash contribution of £14,000 toward the salary of the post (equivalent to 2 days per week over 12 months) from March 2026 • In-kind line management, financial and commercial and administrative oversight, to be provided by the MCDC operations manager. In return for this support, MCDC and its affiliated social enterprise, MorVolts, will be granted first right of refusal on any renewable energy generation opportunities arising on the site post-acquisition with the exception of domestic generation in relation to croft housing, holiday houses/cabins or accommodation for rent on the proposed site. This would include up to full build and operation rights with, in return, a suitable market value rental paid to MCW for the land. 		
3. MCTC audit	For approval: MCTC is a wholly owned subsidiary of MCDC. Our auditors have advised that they do not see it as materially necessary for MCTC to have a full audit. The audit requirements will be part of the MCDC audit and will therefore save MCTC the audit fee.	Decision: all approve that MCTC, as wholly owned subsidiary of MCDC, does not need a full audit and will be part of the MCDC audit.		
Minutes approved	16/06/2025		ANGUS ROBERTSON	