

AGM NOVEMBER 2015

At the inaugural AGM in November 2015, the following were appointed as directors.

Founder Members (Directors nominated by Urras Oighreachd Ghabhsainn)

Carola Bell (Chair)

Carola is the vice-chair of Urras Oighreachd Ghabhsainn, chair of Galson Energy Ltd., a director of the local community leisure facility, Sporsnis, a director of Community Energy Scotland and a director of Western Isles Development Trust. Carola was formerly a self-employed development consultant, also previously a senior manager involved in rural development at Highlands and Islands Enterprise. She lives lives in the Estate area and is an active crofter.

Agnes Rennie

Agnes is currently chair of Urras Oighreachd Ghabhsainn and a director of the Clan Macquarrie Community Centre. She is the manager of a book publishing company, has previously worked as a self-employed development consultant, plus periods as a local authority councillor and an area commissioner with the Crofting Commission. Agnes lives in the heart of the Estate and is an active crofter.

Norman Thomson (Secretary)

Norman is also a director of Urras Oighreachd Ghabhsainn, vice-chair of Galson Energy Ltd., a former director of Sporsnis and former treasurer of the Islands' Book Trust. He trained as a mechanical engineer and is a retired oil industry senior project and commercial manager with over 30 years' experience in fabrication and engineering operations. Norman lives in the Estate area and is an active crofter.

Newly Appointed Directors

Margaret Mackay

Margaret is a solicitor and director of legal practice Anderson MacArthur based in Stornoway in Lewis. She has considerable experience in advising local businesses and community organisations across all sectors and also in structuring property and finance arrangements for renewable energy projects. Margaret lives in the Estate area.

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Martin Roger

Martin has a background in electronic engineering with a strong interest in addressing energy solutions for climate change challenges. He has been involved in charitable activities in Central America and is keen to support community initiatives that promote local empowerment. Martin lives in Aylesbury in Buckinghamshire.

John Campbell

John is a self-employed construction and health and safety advisor in Stornoway in Lewis. He is supportive of renewable energy initiatives, especially those with community benefits and is keen to participate in Urras Energy as he was born and brought up the Estate area. John lives in Stornoway and is a regular visitor to the Estate.

Donald Macdonald

Donald is a senior commercial manager with a national bank, based in Stornoway with a regional remit, and has an extensive financial background. He is active in a number of other community organisations and was previously a director of Urras Oighreachd Ghabhsainn. Donald is involved in crofting and lives in the Estate area.

Murdanie Macleod

Murdanie is a marine navigational officer in the energy industry and has experience of large complex projects. He is interested in supporting community development in the area and is keen to assist Urras Energy in meeting its objectives to enhance the Estate through the reinvestment of wind energy incomes. Murdanie lives in the Estate area.

Donald Kerr

Donald has a strong interest in developing wind energy infrastructure within communities and is developing a project at present in Lewis. He is interested in supporting Urras Energy's objectives across its community. Donald lives in Stornoway in Lewis.

John Angus Mackay

John Angus is a former chair and chief executive with a range of public-sector organisations covering health and Gaelic development activities. He is strongly supportive of community-led initiatives to regenerate prospects through renewable energy. John Angus lives in Arnol in West Lewis.

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