



Ullapool Community Trust

Lael Forest Community Hydro Open Meeting – Thanks for attending!

UCT would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came along to the Lael Forest Community Hydro open meeting in the Ullapool Village Hall last Wednesday the 24th of April. As shown by the photo there was a great turnout with almost 70 people attending including local residents and community group members who



demonstrated lots of enthusiasm and interest in the project during the event. Also present at the meeting were local Councillors and representatives of Community Energy Scotland and the Forestry Commission.

The meeting allowed everyone to find out more about the opportunity for the community to develop small-scale hydro schemes on the Allt a' Bhraighe and Allt a' Mhuilinn in Lael Forest. It also outlined the forthcoming

community ballot which will determine whether or not the Trust can carry out further investigation work on the burns. A presentation on hydro technology was given by Trust member Jason Leon and the Lael Forest project by UCT director Becky Thomson while David Wake of North Harris Trust showed how generating and redistributing income can benefit local community groups and initiatives.

During a question and answer session some issues were discussed including the wording of the forthcoming ballot question. The UCT directors, staff and members intend to discuss this further in the near future and identify a solution.

If you were unable to come to the meeting and would like any further information on the project please see the UCT website (www.ullapoolcommunity.org). Project information is also available from the Trust's Local Development Officer Ewan Young who can be reached by email (sustain@ullapoolcommunity.org), phone (01854 613 132) or in person at the Lochbroom FM Radio Station. Please also feel free to raise any issues or concerns you may have with Ewan.

