

Stronsay Development Trust

Board Meeting on Monday 15th October 2018, Woods Yard at 7.30 pm

1. Welcome and apologies –

In attendance :

Richard Seeber (RS)
Raymond Dennison (RD)
Mike Erdman (ME)
Jim Seaton (JS)
Alan Strong (AS)
Kevin Kent (KK)

Present :

Anna Bliss-Davis (ABD)

Apologies were received from Duncan Bliss-Davis, Susanne Davidson, James Davidson, Laura Wood and Alison Fraser.

2. Agreement of past minutes

Proposed	RS	Seconded	RD	All in Favour	Yes
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3. Action points from last meeting.

ABD to follow up on Orcadia invoice

Anna has contacted Orcadia and received minimal response so far, so has continued to pursue and will report at the next meeting.

ABD to send out co-op forms to relevant board members

Due to technical difficulties with scanner this was still to be completed.

ABD to send relevant information to building inspector in order to get completion certificate.

All but one piece of information required has been collected and we are now awaiting the final electric certificate from Dave in order to complete, unfortunately this cannot be done until electricians on unit 2 are finished, we are awaiting a date from SSE to enable this to happen they have set a deadline of 13th November to action and respond to our request.

ABD to look at signage position options for woods yard.

This is ongoing and will be looked at again at the next board meeting.

ABD to look at the possibility of power and water supplies to containers.

This is ongoing.

4. Office Bearers

All items in section 4 were discussed with members of the board not present at the meeting and phone votes were received from Susanne Davidson and Duncan Bliss-Davis.

RS resigned as chair of the Stronsay Development Trust with thanks. The board was asked for any nominations for the position and discussed the requirements for the role.

ME was nominated with no additional nominations received the board voted in favour and ME was elected as the new Chair.

Nomination and vote of New Chair

Proposed	RD	Seconded	RS	All in Favour	Yes
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KK would remain as vice chair.

ME stepped down as the Treasurer Due to new position as Chair and the Board discussed this role and the possibilities/ nomination of a new Treasurer, It was brought to attention of the board that a number of individuals in the community had shown an interest in joining the Board and that this position could be discussed at a later date in order to give potential new members of the board the opportunity to take on this role.

Duncan Bliss-Davis had written to the board and expressed his concerns that due to family commitments on the evenings of board meetings he had been increasingly unable to attend meetings and not give the board the attention it deserved and therefore as new members would be joining the board, he felt it was time to offer resignation. The board offered thanks and accepted the resignation.

Duncan Bliss-Davis also asked that the board considered his nomination to the board of Business Initiatives Stronsay (BIS) as this would not face the same constraints and would allow him to still offer something to the community.

Nomination of Duncan as director on BIS

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5. Development

Recycling Centre

ABD updated the board on the Generator being used at unit 2 woods yard, there were a number of options for the board to consider as SSEN would not be completing power works to the unit in the immediate future and we had had the generator for 3 weeks already. These options included, 1. continue with the generator for approx. another 4 weeks until the deadline from SSEN gave us a clearer indication of timescales, 2. keep the generator for another 2 weeks to clear the back log of card then send back and await details of power installation, 3. send back now and wait for details of power installation. RS asked for a reminder of the cost for the generator and whether the staff had other work that could continue without the generator which ABD confirmed.

The board felt that due to the uncertainty of timescales the generator should return when next available to do so and that other works be completed in the interim until a permanent power solution was completed. It was decided that this could be looked at again if the lack of power continued longer than expected.

Grant Application progress reports

These have been sent out to applicants covering 2016-17 and 17-18 to date.

We have had a good response so far with £360.23 being returned in unspent funds.

We have also had requests for continuations of grants as these are still ongoing. We have revised the progress report template to contain an area for further explanation if a continuation is needed.

Sewing classes

These have begun with a good turn out and two classes being needed instead of one.

Patchwork classes are set to resume in November with Eunice with a positive sign up so far.

Northvet courses

We have received another big response with each of the potential courses receiving enough interest to run twice. ABD will confirm details before board gives final go ahead.

Housing Project

ABD explained that a grant application was being progressed to further the housing project, once the final feasibility was complete a community event would be needed to update on the plans moving forward. Would be looking at early 2019 for the beginning of phase 1 of the project.

6. AOB and end of Public Meeting.

No further business so the public meeting was closed at 8.35pm