

Stronsay Development Trust

Board Meeting on Monday 25th March, Woods Yard at 7.30 pm

In attendance:

Richard Seeber (RS)
Mike Erdman (ME)
Kevin Kent (KK)
Susanne Davidson (SD)
Raymond Dennison (RD)
Elsie Dennison (ED)

Present :

Anna Bliss-Davis (ABD)

1. Welcome and apologies –

Apologies received from Alison Fraser, Jim Seaton, Robert Askey
James Davidson would be available via remote means if necessary.

2. Agreement of past minutes

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

- RA and ABD to meet to discuss the lease agreements and feedback to board.
This had been done and would be forwarded to the board for agreement.
- ABD to meet with RS to go over the role of Treasurer.
This was still to be done but regular discussions had taken place.
- ABD to advertise Woods Yard workshops in Limpet
This has been done.
- The board to consider speakers for the AGM at next meeting
- CDO to update the Board on the CCF application
Unfortunately, the Application was unsuccessful due to not enough evidence to support the need for expanding the plastic provision especially with the current plastic trial progressing with OIC. We were encouraged to put in an application for the next round
- Quotes to be sought for drainage and road to woods yard
A contractor had come to measure up and look at the job, and we are now awaiting a quote. ABD to chase up.

4. SREL

RS provided the board with an update from SREL (some particulars have been moved to confidential minutes) RS confirmed that SREL were still working with and continuing the Northwind project with further updates in the future.

RS outlined that over the past years the wind turbine had been experiencing higher and higher restrictions due to curtailment with 2018 reaching the highest and this along with last years long shut downs due to the main cable connection failure SREL would need to put a hold on the transfer of funds to SDT for 2019. Payments would resume in 2020.

ABD provided the board with a financial spreadsheet outlining the Development Trusts income and expenditure forecast for the rest of 2019. The board discussed areas that needed further definition and could be investigated further including the upcoming energy contract renewal, employment and project expenditure and income.

5. Development Update -

Housing – ABD was in the final information gathering portion of the project before being able to proceed to community consultation on the specifics and would be meeting with funders to enable a plan of action to be put into place to move this forward. A meeting was set up and ABD invited board members that had expressed an interest in working on the housing project to attend. ABD expressed the need for additional community feedback possibly a questionnaire to follow up on previous and to add to the evidence of need requested by funders. ABD would explore the options and report back to the board.

Heritage – the board discussed the continued plan to purchase a property in Whitehall to house the heritage centre, which was progressing but at a slow pace as awaiting the availability of proposed property. ABD suggested that as part of the new heritage committees first tasks a pop up/temporary heritage display could be housed in unit 5 of woods yard over the coming tourist season, this would also offer an opportunity to test and receive feedback on various display options and ideas for the full heritage centre. The board put this idea to a vote as follows

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Wellbeing Project – ABD updated the board on the start of the new Wellbeing Coordinator Sarah Powers. Sarah's Induction had taken place and she was already working through the task list for the project with great enthusiasm, Sarah was preparing her time and duties in preparation for maternity leave and was coordinating her efforts with ABD and the project manager.

6. AOB and end of Public Meeting.

ME brought to the attention of the board a potential training opportunity for staff and board members called 'Emerging Leaders' ME distributed a poster with details for the board to look over and to let him or ABD know if there was any interest or further information desired.

Meeting Closed 8.55pm