

Stronsay Development Trust

Board Meeting on 29th August 2019, Conference room, Woods Yard at 7.30 pm

In attendance:

Chair : Mike Erdman (ME)
Richard Seeber (RS)
Kevin Kent (KK)
Elsie Dennison (ED)
Robert Askey (RA)
Susanne Davidson (SD)
Jamie Davidson (JD)

Present :

Anna Bliss-Davis (ABD)

1. Welcome and apologies –

Apologies received from Jim Seaton and Raymond Dennison.

2. Agreement of past minutes

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

- Recruitment: offer position to Jude and complete relevant references and paperwork

The board held a brief discussion regards the Recycling centre and asked that Jude be given an official public welcome

- Communication action plan
Items for the Limpet- Chairs report, project updates
The old Post box would be used as a suggestion box but needed some refurbishment which was underway.
All items were completed

4. Development Report

ABD presented the following Development report

Housing: The Trust had been successful with a Stage 1 Scottish Land Fund application for £7950 towards the next stage of developing the housing project which included, valuations, surveys, community consultation and an update to the housing needs assessment performed in 2017.

ABD would present the ideas to the community for feedback at the upcoming AGM and various events as well as online over the coming months in preparation for the stage 2 application to cover purchase costs.

Environment: The Trust had been successful in a small grant application to facilitate 'The Big Climate Conversation' enabling the Trust to hold a workshop on the Island for £290 to discuss Climate change and feedback to the government on its ideas. This workshop would

hopefully help identify additional climate change projects for the Development Trust to pursue.

NILPS: were looking to progress work on the lifeboat, tidal toilets etc and would be sending out a surveyor to look at costs etc. The development trust would be facilitating these works. ABD asked if the Trust would be happy to take on a memorandum of understanding with the current owners which had already been agreed in principle by the relevant parties to enable the Trust to access the NILPS funding set aside for this portion of the project.

The board were all in favour

ABD outlined the proposed red phone box project and asked the board if they would agree to adopt the two BT owned phone boxes at a £1 each. The community would be asked to offer ideas of what they would like to see the phone boxes used for and then the community could vote on its favourite.

The board were all in favour

5. AGM

ABD confirmed that after consulting with VAO the Trust would be able to hold two AGMs on the same date but that the business would need to be clearly separate for the two. ABD asked for additional ideas on speakers and the board discussed the various options. ME asked the board to discuss ways this AGM could be more positive; it was suggested that if those involved were positive and the information was presented well this would benefit. The board discussed attendance and ABD asked the board to invite two members each which if successful would fulfil the numbers required.

RA asked if there was items/information that could be utilised in order to invite a community member to become a director. RA had someone in mind but would need additional information. ABD agreed to put together details.

6. Finance

RS acting as the liaison board member for SREL outlined to the board the challenges facing SREL at this time including, curtailment, cable breakdowns, and bank requirements linked with the loan agreement. SREL would need to continue to hold on finances for the foreseeable future with additional measure possible needed over the coming weeks to re-negotiate the relevant agreements. RS would keep the Trust updated

7. AOB and end of public meeting

- ABD asked the board if anyone would like to attend a heritage event in Sanday in October, this would require an overnight stay but accommodation and food would be included.

The board felt that it would be more suited to the heritage committee and would not want to take up limited spaces, however if spaces were available ABD would inform the board.

Public meeting ended 9.45pm