

Correspondence

JD had received resignation letters from HS, NS, and confirmation from ME that he will stand for re-election. She now needs written confirmation from BC, YW, SW and DP that they are standing for re-election/resigning so that Companies' House records can be completed. JD will remind those involved.

JD**Chair's Report**

ME had had to go through the accounts thoroughly for IatE. The good news was that for an expenditure of just over £6000, the Trust had brought in a net £47,133.31.

Secretary's Report (paper circulated)

Annual Report: JD thanked the 7 directors for formally approving the report.

Meeting to appoint officers: there would be a meeting as soon as possible after the AGM to appoint officers and to sign the OSCR documentation and Companies' House forms. JD pointed out that we are no longer bound to have a Vice-Chair: after some discussion, a vote was taken and it was agreed that the Vice-Chair position would be retained on the new Board.

New members: Carol Cooke, Julia Crocker and John Steenton had applied for membership, and JD asked for approval for these members. The Board approved all three. ME pointed out that Bob Tateson wished to join: JD will send him an application form.

JD

AGM/EGM Press invitations: as Naomi would be talking about an exciting new project, JD asked whether we should invite the press. This was agreed, and WC will contact Orkney Today, the Orcadian and Radio Orkney.

WC

Letterhead: JD requested that everyone uses the revised letter head with HIE Orkney and OCPP on the footer.

All

AGM seating: JD requested that all directors sit at the front of the audience.

All

Treasurer's Report (accounts circulated)

SF reported that the cheque for £910 from Go4Volunteering had been received. A bill for £810 had been received from Orkney College for training. Sam Marcus was still processing the HICEC funding for the hydrogen day: this will produce £4488 but HIE Orkney need a receipt before releasing the money.

WC

ME had rationalised the accounts to ensure that monies from funding bodies now lie in the appropriate lines of the accounts.

It was established that the Food Hygiene course had brought in £130 in administration charges. Four attendees had come through the school, and therefore would be billed separately.

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WC expressed a need for help with the organisation of the short courses, as he had experienced serious difficulties in organising the Food Hygiene course. JD suggested that the Board appoints a person to administer short courses, thus releasing some of WC's time, but that the responsibility for funding should remain with WC. It was agreed that we could look at doing this when the new Board was in place, and that an agenda item should be set for the first Board Meeting. Meantime, WC was not happy with organising the dry stone dyking course (24/25 March): JD pointed out that RSPA funding expires at the end of March, and it would be a pity to lose it. She offered to organise the course to avert this situation.

JD

**JD/
WC**

LDO's Report

WC reported on progress with the grid connection. From having an informal offer of £292k to connect a 330k turbine which was unfeasible, we are now in the process of applying for a connection for a 900k turbine. HICEC have agreed to fund this initial stage with the possibility of funding the planning and feasibility in the future. There is to be a meeting in mid-March at which this is to be discussed further: meantime, WC reported that we need a minimum of 50% and ideally 70% of the population's agreement to proceed. After some discussion, it was agreed that IC would write a letter to all eligible community members, informing them of the present situation and that Board members would visit all households to ask people to consider signing a "Yes/No" form of support. A notice would also be posted in the shops. Jennifer offered to provide a list of addresses used by the Church by tomorrow (16 February).

IC

JG

JD pointed out that, should the turbine/s be sited at Rothiesholm, ES would need to declare an interest in writing, would be ineligible to vote on any relevant issues, and would not be able to be part of a quorum when this was discussed. She also stressed that a declaration of interest would include relatives. JD suggested that if he gifted the land to the community and some arrangement was agreed regarding any rental paid to him being donated back to the community, these issues would be avoided.

Pam Beasant (GMB Writing Fellow) had approached the Trust to see if there were any contacts on Stronsay who would be interested in setting up some sort of writing group, for example. WC has contacted Dr McKay and passed the information to the school but to date has had no response. There were no further ideas from the Board.

WC

WC reported that there had been a meeting on 9 February with representatives from Stronsay, Eday, N. Ronaldsay and Sanday regarding the inter-isles boat previously discussed and the stone-crushing project. The idea of a joint CIC had been put to the meeting, and WC had been asked to get details of CICs. JD voiced concerns about the practicality of trying to set up and manage a CIC for four islands – e.g. Board meetings, division of income and labour, etc. She pointed out that CICs were still a relatively new idea and that there were still comparatively few of them. She will provide a website address for WC to get up-to-date details.

JD

Sub-group Reports

Amenities: SF asked for approval to agree that Stronsay should be advertised on VisitOrkney's website and to have our own leaflets in the main brochure. The cost would be £130. This was agreed. SF was asked to re-visit the cost quoted by The

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Orcadian for printing a new leaflet: Sanday should be approached for an alternative. **SF**

BC offered to update the Islander text. **BC/
SF**

Lifeboat: BC had still not had any offers of suitable land for housing the renovated lifeboat. ME suggested he might approach the Orkney Boat Museum to have the lifeboat on loan until we had suitable premises. They have accommodation to house their exhibits until a permanent museum was completed. **BC**

Economic Development (paper circulated): IC asked the Board's approval to send his circulated letter to HIE Orkney regarding the business unit proposal. This was agreed. IC reported that an ideal site might be behind the Council Estate: WC offered to provide a contact with Lucas Chapman of the Community Land Fund, who might be able to help. **WC/
IC**

ME proposed that the letter be sent.

JD seconded the proposal.

There being no counter-proposal, this was carried. **IC**

The meeting broke at 9.33 p.m.

(During the break, a letter from Allen Cooke to Tony Blair was circulated, but in the absence of the Clerk, no discussion could be minuted)

The meeting resumed at 9.38 p.m.

Church of Scotland's Parish Development Fund

Jennifer George gave a very comprehensive summation of a paper presented at the meeting, in which she had described the fund, its purposes, and how it might relate to Stronsay. There is up to £45,000 available over 3 years per project, with matched funding, plus ongoing funding of up to £20,000 additional support over a further 2 years. The projects fell into 4 categories, namely:

- children and young people
- community outreach and development
- family support
- older people

JG had researched the survey and had identified some needs which would fit into the island's welfare (e.g. an island community bus with training and employment connected to it, training for youth in setting up a business, etc.) She asked the Board whether SDT would like to become a community partner in the fund. It was agreed that there could be benefits in cross-funding for both initiatives. The Board also agreed that the Trust should supply members for a working group, either directors or those interested in community initiatives. JD undertook to provide JG

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with names of anyone willing, through the survey, to help in this way. It was also agreed that ME should include news of this in his introduction to the AGM.

JD
ME/JD

Meeting with Ruth and Morag – 28 February

JD suggested that it might be a good idea to formulate thoughts on what needed to be discussed at the pre-AGM/EGM meeting at the hotel on 28 February, as informal meetings of this sort could result on important issues being overlooked.

It was suggested that the following could be items for discussion:

- difficulties with funding when an invoice was required before funding was available (ND suggested that a process of requesting pro forma invoices could be introduced)
- clarify the position with HIE Orkney funding for the LDO until 2009
- updating the Development Plan

JD also offered to trawl the minutes of past meetings to ensure that RK/MR were aware of current and planned activities.

JD

ME was asked what the situation was on our application for DTAS membership. He had not heard back from Wendy Reid, but will phone her.

ME

Any Other Business

CM asked whether HS had received the prize (a bottle of whisky) for the successful SDT logo. She has not, therefore, ME will organise this, plus a bouquet of flowers.

ME

JD asked for Board approval for stationery purchases for herself, the Limpet and WC. This was agreed.

JD

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, 15 March at 7.45 p.m.

Meeting closed at: 10.45 p.m.