

Stronsay Development Trust

A Scottish Charity SC038888

Board Meeting on 15 January 2009 in the Community Centre at 19.30

Approved Minutes

Present: Malcolm Addison Mike Erdman (Chair) Leo Martini-Brown
William Caithness LDO Val Fraser Damian Stout
Julia Crocker Cora Goodram Ian Stevenson
Brian Crowe Heather Johnstone John Steenton (minutes)

Apologies: Jennifer George, Adrian Miller

In Attendance: Morag Robertson, Sam Harcus

The meeting commenced at 19.30

Action

Welcome by Chair

ME welcomed everyone especially Val, Ian, Morag and Sam.

Minutes of previous meeting

The Chair asked whether the minutes of the meeting on 3 December were a true account.

MA proposed that they were and CG seconded.

The minutes of the meeting were approved

Matters arising

None

Correspondence

We have been invited by Kate Townsend to join a tourism group with a view to obtaining support funding for advertising. JC to investigate whether other businesses would help form an island tourism association and to contact Kate. JC

JC reminded the board about the Orkney ZeroWaste event plus film @ Picky centre Feb 5th

JC had received an invitation and flier about composting from Orkney ZeroWaste.

IS said the Community Council had received the same and would be inviting a speaker to Stronsay

Chair's Report

None.

Secretary's Report (paper circulated)

The AGM has been booked for 14 May in the Community Hall at 7.30

Five new members have joined the Development Trust
LM-B wished to have full names of the new members recorded in the minutes, the board agreed that the numbers would be sufficient.

ME suggested that where we had received application forms from existing members, a letter should be sent to them out of courtesy.

LM-B wanted to know if a member's register is kept for auditing purposes. JC **JC** confirmed that it is.

JC explained that there were examples of a Register of Interest and Conflict of Interest policy attached to her paper. ME proposed that board members read the attachments and we deal with this as an agenda item at the next meeting, MA **All** seconded.

Wind Turbine

WC explained that the lease for the wind turbine site has not yet been signed by Eoin Stevenson, the landowner, because there are aspects of the lease which are not clear, or he is not happy with. The Board agreed that amendments could be made to the section about the access road and that although the percentage of rent and the calculation could not be changed, the gross income did include income from ROCs which was not made clear. LDO agreed to contact Lows solicitor to amend the lease. ME agreed to contact ES.

(A ROC is the green certificate issued for eligible renewable electricity generated within the United Kingdom and supplied to customers in the United Kingdom by a licensed supplier. ROCs are issued by Ofgem to accredited renewable generators (or in the case of generating stations subject to a NFFO (non-fossil fuels obligation), Scottish Renewables Obligation or Northern Ireland NFFO contract, to the nominated electricity supplier)).

WC
ME

LDO's Report

WC reported a string of funding application successes:

- Fairer Scotland Fund – the Fast Boat pilot scheme led by Eday - £20,148
- Fairer Scotland fund £31,500 Capacity funding for all Development Trusts– Stronsay taking the lead and also having an entitlement to an administration fee of £1500.
- Climate Challenge Fund £1.49M and Stronsay is to receive £31,000 from that pot, this will mean that Stronsay will be able to employ a part-time Energy Officer

Treasurer's Report (papers circulated)

Alan Long would like to present himself at the next board meeting and possibly the AGM.

L M-B proposed buying an accounting software package for approx £200 and a laptop in order that two or three other board members could learn how to maintain the accounts when necessary. The board agreed to spending £600 on the laptop and software

L M-B

The subject of remuneration for the treasurer was raised by BC – it was agreed that we should discuss this at another meeting alongside the Trading subsidiary responsibilities

Sub Group Reports

None

AOB

None requiring recording.

Meeting closed at 21.30

Next two meetings are Feb 11 at 20.00 and March 5 at 19.30 in the Community Centre.