

Stronsay Development Trust

A Scottish Charity SC038888

Board Meeting on 11 June 2009 in the Community Centre at 19.30

Approved Minutes

Present: Malcolm Addison Mike Erdman Leonora Keogh
 Julia Crocker(Chair) Cora Goodram Damian Stout
 Heather Johnstone John Steenton (Clerk)

Apologies:, William Caithness (LDO), Dave Fernley

In Attendance:

The meeting commenced at 19.30

Action

The chair welcomed everyone

Minutes of previous meeting. (Paper Circulated)

The Chair asked whether the minutes of the meeting on 14 May were a true account.

LK proposed that they were and CG seconded.

The minutes of the meeting were approved

Matters arising.

Election of Treasurer.

JC announced that MA had offered to take on the role. JC proposed and ME seconded. There being no counter proposal and with board approval, Malcolm Addison was elected as treasurer.

The board discussed the draft advert for admin support and secretary. Various improvements were suggested and taken. The advertisement will be posted in the shops and in the next edition of the Limpet. **JC**

Secretary's Report.

Revised M&As have been approved by OSCR although Companies House has asked for more evidence that the resolutions were passed. When completed JC will forward the new version to all board members. E mail or hard copy as requested. **JC**

Correspondence:

Liam McArthur MSP has written to SDT in support of moving some of the remains of the Stronsay Monster, to Stronsay. He has written to the National Museum of Scotland. This has been in response to a letter to him from Yvonne Beale who, as we know, has had great difficulty in continuing her research.

Action

Kate Townsend e-mail circulated, Training on Social Enterprise. Kate keen to arrange a joint training day on Eday. JC to liaise with KT. **JC/KT**

Capacity funding – Fairer Scotland Fund. The Service level agreement with OIC has been signed and returned so the funds should be with SDT soon, for distribution to the other 11 trusts.

ME circulated letter from Development Trusts of Scotland Ref. Subs are due for renewal at £75.00

Orkney Local Access Forum AGM is on 29 June in Orphir Community Centre.

Chairs Report. (Paper Circulated)

As the Limpet production has now been handed over to Bruce Fletcher, the board approved the proposal that an honorarium be paid to Heather and Yvonne as a thank you for four years hard work. Actual amount to be agreed with the treasurer. **MA**

Trust Communications and islanders' perceptions.

LK addressed the board regarding negative feedback and some of the residents' perceptions about the Trust.

The Chair agreed that the SDT could do more, both in keeping people informed and listening. JC hoped that frequent updates in the Limpet and the opportunity to talk and listen to people when the Powerdown officer is visiting smaller community groups might help this situation. It was generally agreed that some islanders are just not interested in the Trust or other Community groups.

JC will monitor and asked the board to consider ways to improve our communications and image. **All**

LDO report.

Deferred to next meeting

JC said we are waiting for the news about our grid connection for the turbine project. This is the last but vital piece of the jigsaw.

Break 8.35 – 8.40

Trading M & A's.

JC

ME and JC explained the work they had done in discussing and recommending options in the draft M&As for the Turbine Trading subsidiary. The board approved the recommendations. JC to report back to Alan Caldwell.

Finance – Cash book. (paper circulated)

The board was given the opportunity to comment on the cash book as of early May when the previous treasurer resigned.

Sub-Group reports.

None

AOB

None

Next meeting

Thursday 16th July at 19.30 in the Community Hall.

Meeting closed at 21.15