

Stronsay Development Trust

A Scottish Charity SC038888

Board Meeting on 9 December 2009 in the Community Centre at 19.30

Approved Minutes

Present: Malcolm Addison Dave Fernley John Steenton (Clerk)
 Julia Crocker Cora Goodram Tony Withers LDO
 Mike Erdman Damian Stout Leza Haystead (Admin)

Apologies: Marion Macleod

In Attendance:

Nina Glead
Sara Goodram

The meeting, postponed from Dec 2, commenced at 19.40

Action

Welcome by Chair

The chair welcomed everyone.

Minutes of the previous meeting

JC asked the board if the minutes of the meeting on 4 November were a true account. ME proposed that they were accurate and CG seconded, the minutes were formally approved.

Matters arising

JC reported that the letter to all households about the community wind turbine project had been sent out and that the business plan was available in the Post Office for everyone to read.

A copy of the e mail reply from JC to the CC about the Fishmart had been sent to all board members. JC expressed the view to the board that we could work with the CC to enhance the building and facilities without taking out a lease for part of the building.

Correspondence

JC read extracts of a letter from HIE about the Stronsay Community Development Officer and confirmed that she had seen HIE today and signed for the funding package. Details of the role would be discussed with TW.

A letter has been prepared for NHS Orkney asking many questions about the process of consultation, managing change and communicating with the North Isles about replacement GPs. The board approved sending the letter.

**JC
LDO**

Chair's Report

JC reported on the following:

- Proposed a date be set for a planning day – preferably in Feb next year. The 24th Feb was agreed - venue to be arranged.
- Revised SDT policies have been completed and will be circulated to all board members between this and the next meeting.
- New policies, Employment and Child protection will be needed for our Registration process for Disclosure Scotland (via CRBS)

The popularity of the Limpet has meant that there was, initially, no room for the LDO report last month. The board was asked if it was reasonable that SDT should have up to 2 pages 'reserved' per month for reports and community issues. The board agreed. JC to let the Limpet know.

JC**Secretary's report**

There are two new members of SDT who have also expressed an interest in becoming Board members. JC asked NG and SG to leave the room. The board voted unanimously that both could be approved as directors until the next AGM when they would need to stand for election if they wished. A director's welcome pack will be prepared and discussed with both before the next board meeting.

JC

Date of the AGM: April 29 2010 was agreed as the date.

LDO Report (paper circulated)

TW reported on the following:

- Mother and Toddler group 'Little Limpets' funding strategy meeting.
- 20 questions letter drafted ref NHS Orkney GP provision.
- Meeting with J Holland Haulage ref lifeline service community buy out.
- Social Audit Course: Prove Improve and Account, held on Eday, also attended by JC, CG and MM.
- Mobile Slaughter House update.

There was some discussion about the proposal to purchase the light haulage business and yard. The board agreed that LDO should proceed with a feasibility study.

LDO

Action

In the light of our finite resources and the community need for the haulage service it was agreed that this should take priority over the acquisition of the Fish Factory. DF proposed that as we have had no communication from the vendor of the latter, we should not take any further action. MA seconded this proposal.

The leaflets will be distributed on mainland Orkney in the new year by the LDO. Shops and businesses on Stronsay can collect from JC.

LDO

TW also read extracts of a letter from Richard K Ackroyd, Chief Executive Scottish Water, in response to MSP letter on our behalf. It appears that mains sewage is not being considered for Whitehall village Stronsay until 2015 at the earliest. This seems very unreasonable in the light of the work done some time ago at Kettletoft on Sanday.

ME agreed to organise a petition for signing by residents

ME

Treasurer's report

Cashbook spreadsheets circulated.

Sub Group reports

MA read some of Jenny's report on the Art project
Leaflet launch went well on Nov 21st

Powerdown (paper circulated)

Open meeting on Dec 7th about covered growing area went well. Nine people have expressed willingness to take the project forward

Any Other Business

Eday Partnership has asked if all islands involved in the Fast Boat project could consider a £1000 contribution towards funding. The board agreed that this would be possible from LDO funds.

ME to let Kate Townsend know how many hours voluntary effort he is able to provide towards the project.

ME

DF asked if we had plans to do the Dry Stone Dyking course again. JC replied that we would always look at sourcing training if there was a demand. DF to establish if there is a demand

DF

DF asked if he could start an Archery Club. JC replied that clubs could be started without becoming SDT business – however the LDO would be able to advise about possible funding issues. DF to establish if there is support for an archery club on the island.

DF

Next meeting - Wednesday **13 January 2010 at 19.30** in the Community Hall.
Meeting closed at 21.45