

Stronsay Development Trust

A Scottish Charity SC038888

Board Meeting on 24 February 2010 in the Community Centre at 19.30

Approved Minutes

Present: Malcolm Addison Nina Glead John Steenton (Clerk)
 Julia Crocker Sara Goodram
 Mike Erdman Ian Stevenson
 Dave Fernley Damian Stout

Apologies: Tony Withers CDO, Marion Macleod Powerdown,
Leza Haystead Admin, Cora Goodram

In Attendance:

Action

Welcome by Chair

The chair welcomed everyone to what was the postponed 17 Feb meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting

JC asked the board if the minutes of the meeting on 13 January 2010 were a true account. MA proposed that they were accurate and SG seconded, the minutes were formally approved.

Matters arising

None

Correspondence.

- Main and best news was our success at getting £435,000 Big Lottery grant towards the community turbine. The embargo on press releases was lifted on 24 Feb and thanks to Bruce Fletcher a speedy Limpet news release was published for today.
- JC read a letter from Cliff Edwards and the board agreed to a reply being sent by the chair.
- HIE sent a draft questionnaire for comments on Feb 10. The resident's survey, which includes facts about the island to be supplied by the CDO, is intended to provide 'baseline' information on which we can set goals and targets in our Development Plan. Unfortunately JC only has a hard copy but essentially the board agreed that SDT might take on the survey work if there was to be some remuneration.
- JC to reply to HIE

JC

Chair's Report.

- Advert for secretary has been publicised – closing date 28 Feb
- CRBS have approved JC being lead signatory for Disclosure applications

Secretary's report (paper circulated)

1. The board has a maximum of 15 directors, 5 of whom can be co-opted from other voluntary groups. There are currently 10 directors, 2 of whom are co-opted from the CC or CA and may be co-opted again after the AGM.
2. Out of the potential number of 10 elected directors, we currently have 8, three of whom will need to stand down and put their names forward for re-election if they wish. Julia Crocker, Malcolm Addison, Cora Goodram and Damian Stout all have the same start date of 28 Feb 2007, so the three can be volunteers or those who might wish to resign at this time.
3. Our two appointed directors will also need to stand for election.
4. The total number of vacancies for elected directors at the AGM will therefore be 7. Notices will be put up in the shops and Post Office on March 17.

CDO Report (paper handed out)

Main points of TW's CDO report:

- The delivery of Discover Stronsay Leaflets was a great hit with Visit Orkney. They commended those responsible for the highly professional and imaginative layout. Thanks to Leza for helping with the inserts. Any offers of assistance in the distribution would be very welcome.
- Meeting with the mother and toddler group about gaining funding to buy new toys etc. It was agreed to change the group's name to 'The Little Limpets'. There are some tasks and information that I need from the committee in order to make a funding application. When this is ready we shall meet up again.
- Thanks to all residents who signed the petition which was very successful with over 100 signing up. The petition will be handed to our MSP and forwarded onto SEPA and Scottish Water.
- Attended several meetings about our proposed purchase of the light haulage yard and creation of the Enterprise Zone. The meetings with the Community Land Unit and Business Gateway proved very useful. SDT has applied for £10,000 in funding from The Big Ideas Lottery fund for a full viability study and we should hear about this within two months.

Powerdown report (paper handed out)

Stronsay Affordable Warmth Project

Marion reported that unfortunately our bid to the Climate Challenge Fund was unsuccessful and at this time we cannot offer the 100 energy audits and thermal imaging as we had hoped to have had secured funding for.

However MM had drawn up a plan of what can be achieved in collaboration with the Energy Saving Scotland advice centre and using funds from the Powerdown Consortium.

Community Greenhouse project

MM reported that the grant application has been sent out to the CCF panel and we anticipate their decision in early April. Planning permission has been applied for on a strip of land behind the Church of Scotland. The Kirk board has very generously offered us a 15 year lease for £25 per year and they are very supportive of project.

Events

- Composting workshop on the 3rd of March in the evening
- Willow work and growing workshop all day 20th of March

Treasurer's report

Waiting on the accounts from The Long Partnership

Other Project reports.

Art project – Jenny has found a reliable supplier of art materials and MA and JC have approved the ordering process.

Any Other Business.

- DF reported that there is to be no funding from OIC for recycling
- DF also said there had been only one response to Dry Stone Dyking training, and no responses to the idea of setting up an Archery club
- JC reported that Footprints are looking at the idea of becoming a 'sub group' of the SDT – discussion about how this could work – but in principle it was felt that this was within our objectives and it would help the group survive. Also the board felt that a member of Footprints should become a co-opted director. JC to reply
- JC raised the issue of Limpet expenses and suggested a photo competition and calendar to raise funds. Several useful suggestions about reducing the costs were made.

Next meeting

Wednesday **17th March at 19.30** in the Community Hall.

Meeting closed at 20.35