

## Stronsay Development Trust

### Board Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2010 in the Fish Mart 19.30 Approved Minutes

**Present:** Malcolm Addison      Nina Glead                      Tony Withers ( CDO )  
                  Julia Crocker            Cora Goodram                John Steenton (Clerk)  
                  Dave Fernley                Sara Goodram

**Apologies:**                Lisa De Geer (Secretary)    Marion Macleod (Powerdown)

**In Attendance:**    None

#### Action

#### Welcome by Chair

JC thanked all members for attending.

#### Minutes of previous meeting (paper circulated)

JC asked if the board agreed that the minutes of the meeting on 20th May were a true account. NG proposed MA seconded and the minutes were approved.

#### Matters arising

JC asked for a balance of the LDO funds from MA.

JC announced that HIE had advised her that there was a £40 per month budget for CDO home office expenses, so in view of the fact that SDT pays the phone and broadband bill, JC had asked TW if he could claim tax relief for working at home. TW had agreed that he could.

**MA**

#### Correspondence

JC announced that the trust had received 3 letters from Mr Liam McArthur MSP.

- Mr McArthur had sent congratulations on the Green Island project and looked forward to seeing the greenhouse in due course.
- Mr McArthur also sent a letter on the Art Project and asked that his congratulations be passed on to all concerned and wished them good luck. JC to reply in writing.
- Mr McArthur sent a letter updating the trust on his concerns about the low speed of the local broadband, he will be continuing to apply pressure to try and resolve the issue. He advised of some news; a Partnership Agreement exists from Westminster, under the new coalition government stating that "BT must ensure that superfast broadband will be introduced in remote areas at the same time as built up areas, if necessary using the digital switchover fund".

**JC**

## Action

- JC had received a certificate confirming the Trust's membership of the Development Trusts Association of Scotland.
- Mr Colin McAlpine, clerk of the Stronsay Parent Council of the school, had written asking if SDT could help towards funding the extra cost of extending the school bus in September and May.. The OIC have not been able to offer any funds. The board agreed that the SDT did not have any funds that could be used for this and discussed other options that the Parent Council might consider. JC to reply.

JC

**Chairs Report.** (Paper Circulated)

**Secretary's Report.** None.

**Powerdown Report.** (Paper Circulated)

The board had no questions about the Powerdown report.

JC told the board that she had received a complaint that the job interviews for the gardener/project coordinator post were unfair, in so far as the interviews took place over two separate dates. JC explained how the situation had arisen and asked for board's input on this point.

DF said that he felt that all future interviews should be on one date, regardless of the circumstances.

MA felt that the board should try to be flexible on job interviews in view of travel difficulties in the North isles. NG also said that being flexible on dates meant that anybody not able to attend on one fixed date would not be penalised. JC asked the board for a vote in order to clarify SDT policy. The board agreed that the trust should be as accommodating as practicable in future. This motion was passed by a majority vote.

**CDO report** (paper circulated)

No issues raised by board on the CDO report.

**Break 2030 till 2040**

**Treasurer's Report** None

**Projects Report** First session of the Art project was thoroughly enjoyed by the youngsters.

**AOB.**

TW announced that he had organised a SDT 'Learning from Experience' exchange trip to Sanday on 19<sup>th</sup> July going on the fast boat at 10am, and returning at 3.00 p.m. JC to finalise the arrangements with Sanday Trust CDO to find out if DTAS could help to fund.

JC  
CDO

A question had been raised about whether a board member could receive

remuneration for a service to one of the SDT projects. The Board agreed that no board member could receive payment from the trust for a service unless it was in the board's interests, i.e. if it was really specialised. JC to ask the secretary to check OSCR guidelines and reply to the board member by email. **JC**

**Date of next Meeting.** 21<sup>st</sup> July at 19.30 Location to be confirmed.

**Meeting Closed at 21.15**