

## Stronsay Development Trust

Open Meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2010 in the Community Hall

19.30

### Approved Minutes

**Present:** Malcolm Addison     Cora Goodram     Andrew Stennett  
                 Julia Crocker     Sara Goodram     (Management Accountant)  
                 Lisa De Geer     John Steenton     Anthony Withers ( CDO/TDO )  
                 (Secretary)     (Clerk)     Jim Holland (haulage owner)  
                         Vicki Simpson (haulage admin)

**Apologies:**     Marion Macleod (Powerdown)

**In Attendance:**     As well as the above, 33 people attended the meeting

### Action

#### Welcome by Chair

Julia Crocker introduced the guests, Andrew Stennett, Jim Holland and Vicki Simpson.  
JC presented the agenda.

#### Presentations

##### Light Haulage business

Anthony Withers presented a slide show of the light haulage business and the Enterprise Zone.

#### Questions that arose:

Q1. Where will the sewage from the toilets at the E.Z. go?

A 1. AW explained that the toilets will be plumbed into a septic tank.

Q2. Colin McAlpine, a member of the Community Association, raised concern that the meeting room at the E.Z. will affect the Community Hall badly by decreasing the Hall's bookings.

A2. AW stressed the point that they will address different groups. The meeting room will be smaller, but have full access to technology such as IT, video conferences, internet etc. JC said that the SDT must work together with the Community Association, it was not intended to take any customers from them. A member of the audience suggested that the meeting room should be for the employees of the SDT, and the businesses renting at the EZ.

Q3. A Member of the audience said that the Community Council minuted on the 28 Jan 2010 a proposal for Whitehall to become a conservation area within 5-10 years time. Has the SDT taken that into account when contracting an architect to draw up the plans for the EZ?

A3. Leo Martini-Brown, Chair of the Community Council, said that he had not heard about this, but that he wasn't chair at that point. AW said that he had presented the EZ project outlines at a meeting with the Community Council and there had been no mention of the impact that conservation area status might present.

Q4. Question arose about the size of the vans for the light haulage, and that the person driving would have to have a CPC driving licence if the van weighed more than 3.5 ton.

A4. Jim Holland said that there is no need for a bigger van, and Andrew Stennett confirmed that the business plan had been calculated with two 3.5 ton vans.

Q5. Michael Burger, a neighbour to the planned EZ, raised his protest about the lack of communication from the SDT, and not having been personally informed. He asked that his protest be minuted.

A5 SDT Chair, JC, apologised that he had not been aware of the project. A member of the audience said there had been updates in 'The Limpet'. AW explained that he had received the actual architect plans 4 days before this meeting and certainly all neighbours would be fully informed prior to the planning application.

Q6. Question about how many employees there would be in the greenhouse.

A6 AW answered that it would be a private commercial business. Concerns were raised about the rent, saying that the rent would be too high for making a profit from growing vegetables.

Q7. Question about how the SDT is going to make sure they know that the community supports the project (light haulage and Enterprise Zone). The questioner thought that the Trust is not permitted to buy a business and set it up as a community trading subsidiary.

A7. The chair asked the attendees if they thought SDT should give all residents the opportunity to vote for or against the enterprise zone and buying of the haulage business. By a show of hands, 17 said that residents should be able to vote and 10 said no. The SDT Chair, JC, confirmed that the SDT will organise more information and a voting process. JC, AS, AW

There were some other questions about the building of a community wind turbine from residents who were living elsewhere when the community had voted its approval to proceed.

9.00 Break

Contributions towards the next development plan were made on flip chart paper while supper was available.

**Meeting Closed at 22.15**