

Stronsay Development Trust

Board Meeting on 17 November 2010 in the Community Centre 19.00 Approved Minutes

Present: Julia Crocker (Chair) Nina Gleed Simone Kirk (Powerdown)
Lisa De Geer (Secretary) Cora Goodram Ian Stevenson
Valerie Fraser Sara Goodram Anthony Withers (CDO/TDO)
Helen Garside

Apologies: Malcolm Addison (Treasurer), Damian Stout, Yvonne Weaver

In Attendance: None

Welcome by Chair

Action

Julia Crocker thanked all members for attending.

Minutes of previous meeting (paper circulated)

Julia Crocker asked if the board agreed that the minutes of the meeting on 13 October 2010 were a true account. Nina Gleed proposed, Cora Goodram seconded and the minutes were formally approved.

Matters Arising

An agreement between SDT and the Greenhouse Group is still to be drafted.

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Correspondence

Julia Crocker has received a letter from one of the attendants at the informal meeting about the light haulage business (reported further down under the chair's report). Since the letter was a summary about what was said during the meeting, it was agreed not to send a reply.

Chairs report (paper circulated)

- Julia Crocker reported on the meeting held on 26 October 2010. This was an informal meeting about the light haulage and the Enterprise Zone. Six members of the community, who had raised concerns or given suggestions about the subject, attended. Julia Crocker and Malcolm Addison attended as representatives of SDT.
- The main points from the meeting were:
 - Some points were raised which SDT agrees to accept as useful feedback to learn from.
 - Some issues put in to focus that SDT could try to manage perceptions better.
 - The use of the yard for light haulage and commercial use needs to be

- checked out with OIC and be confirmed by them in writing.
- Two members of the community suggested renting the shed and running the haulage as co-operative and using volunteers. The board agreed with Julia Crocker and Malcolm Addison that the legalities of running a haulage business make it impossible for SDT to support this idea with public funding. SDT would welcome any group taking up this initiative at their own risk, but they would need to negotiate with Jim Holland and take it further on their own.
- An offer was given to the attendees of the meeting on 26 October, to be part of a steering/management group for the haulage, but it was declined.
- The feasibility study continues and there is a need of more positive input to what Stronsay needs in order to support further sustainability.
- The need for business units was first identified in 2006 and has been on the Development Plan since 2007. However, in terms of future development on Stronsay we need to continue our current work to revise the plan. Defining the needs of the community to show potential funders that SDT has community backing and evidence that an enterprise zone with business units still meets some of the priority development needs.

Secretary's Report

- Date of AGM: Wednesday 20 April 2011.
- Date of meeting preceding the AGM which is to be attended by accountant Alan Long: Wednesday 9 March 2011.
- Julia Crocker proposed not to take on any new board members before the AGM. All approved.

Treasurers Report

Julia Crocker had a successful meeting with accountant Alan Long on 2 November and the 2009/2010 Cash book and invoices have been handed over for him to proceed with the annual accounts. The Cash books have been circulated to all members of the board via e-mail, and Julia Crocker encouraged all to read them.

Julia Crocker also thanked Malcolm Addison for all the work done – this year has been very busy in terms of financial transactions.

Powerdown officer (paper circulated)

- Greenhouse update:
 - The temporary post of gardener held by Robin Graham finished on 25 October.
 - There are still important aspects of the project to be finished, the major ones being the mains water connection, the self watering system and the compost facility. These will be done using local contractors. The compost facility is being constructed by David Fernley, a member of the Greenhouse Group.
- Eco Club:
 - On the greenhouse session on 26 October the children learnt about identifying trees and planted their own chestnuts.
 - The last session of this year will be on 3 November when the Eco

Club will meet the Autumn Watch Team at the Fishmart. They will get the opportunity to look at their equipment and to listen to a talk held by naturalist Chris Sperring.

- As from 1 November, Marion Macleod is on maternity leave and Simone Kirk is now the Community Powerdown Officer for Stronsay. Marion Macleod will spend up to 5 hours a week as a consultant to the Green Island Project. Simone Kirk will spend most of her time on the affordable warmth.
- There are plans for an energy event in the hall in the end of January or in the beginning of February 2011.
- Anthony Withers informed of a grant now available in Scotland for inside insulation of stone houses (£6000 per house). Information of this grant will be published in the next Limpet.

CDO Report

- Anthony Withers explained several options to the board in view of the fact that the latest financial projections for the light haulage business show a loss. Some of the main increases in costs are in training to meet current legislation, employment of holiday relief drivers and employment of at least two of the steering/management group. According to this there would have to be a price increase of 75% (not 15% as earlier calculations stated).
- All agreed to put the haulage business purchase on hold for now. This can be reviewed should a situation come up when Stronsay would not have a light haulage service.
- *The* continued work of the development plan will give a clearer picture about the need for an Enterprise zone and what it should include. There will be an interview survey held on Stronsay, and all the board members will do about 10 interviews each.

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Project Reports

With the help of CDO Anthony Withers, a funding application for the Little Limpets (toddler group) has gone in to TESCO.

Any Other Business None.

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 15 December at Woodlea at 19.00.

Meeting Closed at 20.40