

# Stronsay Development Trust

Board Meeting on 7 September 2011 at Fishmart 19.00

## Approved Minutes

**Present:** Malcolm Addison Lisa De Geer (Secr.) Karen Griffin (Vice Chair)  
(Treasurer) Nina Gleed Yvonne Weaver  
Julia Crocker (Chair) Cora Goodram

**Apologies:** Sara Goodram

**In Attendance:** Anthony Withers (CDO/TDO)

### 1. Welcome by Chair

Julia Crocker welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

**Action**

### 2. Minutes of previous meeting (papers circulated)

Julia Crocker asked if the board agreed that the minutes of the meeting on 8 August 2011 were a true account. Malcolm Addison proposed, Cora Goodram seconded and the minutes were formally approved.

### 3. Matters Arising

*Letters to be drafted*

A standard reply letter to be sent out to anyone who approaches a board member or the CDO verbally is still to be written.

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### 4. Correspondence

#### 4.1. *Letter to the Community Association about funding application*

Julia Crocker has written a letter to the Community Association reminding them about the possible funding for improvements of the heating at the Community Hall and that an application with estimates will be needed. The reply will be covered further down under CDO Report.

#### 4.2. *Letter to Southern Scottish Hydro about the Wind Turbine*

A letter of thanks has been sent to SSE to thank them for their cooperation to solve the issue of the SREL wind turbine being too close to their turbines according to the existing lease between the land owner and SSE.

#### 4.3. *Letter to Stronsay Community Council asking for grant towards the Science Festival*

The chair has written a letter on behalf of the board to request a grant from the Community Council to meet some of the costs for hosting the Science Festival.

#### 4.4. *Letter to the Community Council to invite co-opted directors*

The secretary has sent a letter to the Community Council inviting them to apply to be represented at the SDT board by a co-opted director.

## 5. Chair's Report

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### 5.1. CDO funding

SDT have been granted funding for yet two more years for the CDO from HIE/Leader. The CDO will use this time to work towards achieving the outcomes in the new development plan.

### 5.2. Funding for a new high level Finance and Admin Post

HIE/LEADER has granted funding for a new high level finance and admin post for two years (part time).

### 5.3. Development Plan

The development plan has now been printed and will be sent out to each member's household. Julia Crocker will write a covering letter and Lisa De Geer will administrate the delivery and update the web site.

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## 6. Secretary's Report

As mentioned earlier, a letter to invite co-opted members has been written. The secretary put the question of what groups to approach to the board. The board suggested the Companions, SWRI, the Greenhouse Group, the Playgroup, the Freemasons, the Golgotha Monastery, the Kirk, the Games Club, the School Board, the Parent Teachers Association, the Stronsay Silver Darlings, the Stronsay Agricultural Society and the Lifeboat. Members of the Board should contact the secretary if they would like any other groups to be approached.

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## 7. CDO's Report

### 7.1. The Science Festival

The CDO informed the board about the science festival weekend. It had been much appreciated and the events were well attended.

### 7.2. Enterprise Zone

#### 7.2.1. Purchase of the land

The solicitor has been contacted to proceed with the purchase of the land.

#### 7.2.2. Formal plans by the architect

The architect will now draft a formal plan for the enterprise zone.

#### 7.2.3. Decision about the facade of the building

The board agreed to render the building and not to use cedar because it is cheaper to maintain and would blend in better with the surroundings.

### 7.3. Ranger

The CDO has had a meeting with Mr. R. Ritch from the Royal Society for Protection of Birds (RSPB). They are doing a feasibility study on Orkney which include looking at the possibility of funding a part time ranger on Stronsay and other isles. This ranger would be a general ranger (not only for bird watchers).

### 7.4. Funding to the Community Association

As mentioned under correspondence, the Chair has written a letter to the Community Association to remind them of the possible funding to improve the heating in the Community Hall. Ian Stevenson, Chair of the Community Association, has provided the CDO with an estimate for air source heating and insulation. This might be covered by the BIG Lottery funding under outcome 2 and will need a thorough business case.

## 8. Treasurer's Report - None

## 9. Project Report

### 9.1. Turbine update

The turbine is built and Southern Scottish Energy (SSE) will now book a date to connect to the grid. The turbine will hopefully be operational in the middle of October 2011, which would be two months ahead of the planned schedule.

### 9.2. Art Project

There are art materials left from the art project. The board agreed to have a sale, probably a coffee morning on a Saturday in late September, to make it possible for the community to be able to benefit and buy cheap material. Anthony Withers will organise the sale.

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## 10. Any Other Business

### 10.1. Use of Turbine Revenue

Yvonne Weaver Brought up a couple of ideas of how to invest the income from SREL. The matter will be discussed at the working meeting on 14 September 2011.

### 10.2. Transport to the Surgery

Nina Glead has been approached to bring up with the board if SDT could help with transport to the medical surgery for people without own transportation, or to give them advice about who to contact. The matter was discussed, and the conclusion was that SDT do not have any means to help with transportation.

A community bus would be the ideal solution, but no one has yet looked at the feasibility of such a service, taxis are another option. The board's advice is to contact NHS to see if they could find a solution for those who have difficulties getting to and from the surgery, or to put an advert in the Limpet for volunteer drivers.

## 11. Date of next meetings

Working meeting about turbine fund grant criteria: 14 September at Woodlea at 19.30  
Board meeting: 5 October at Fish Mart at 19.00

**Meeting Closed at 21.00**