

Stronsay Development Trust

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Board Meeting on 22 May 2008 in the Community Centre at 19.30

Approved Minutes

Present: Malcolm Addison Brian Crowe Cora Goodram
William Caithness LDO Mike Erdman (Chair) Leo Martini-Brown
Julia Crocker Jennifer George John Steenton (minutes)

Apologies: Damian Stout, Graham Sinclair.

In Attendance:

The meeting commenced at 19.33
WC opened the meeting in order to elect officers of the Board following the AGM.

Action

Chair: BC nominated Mike Erdman, MA seconded the nomination. There were no counter nominations so ME was elected as Chair.

Vice Chair: JC nominated Brian Crowe, ME seconded the nomination. BC was content to accept and there were no counter nominations so BC was elected as vice chair.

Treasurer: BC nominated Leo Martini-Brown, JC seconded the nomination. LM-B was content to accept and there were no counter nominations so LM-B was elected as treasurer.

Secretary: JG nominated Julia Crocker, CG seconded the nomination. JC was content to accept and there were no counter nominations so JC was elected as secretary.

Jennifer George was Co-opted as a director by the Board
It was agreed by the Board that Heather Johnstone could be appointed as a director until the next AGM.

JC

Welcome by Chair

ME welcomed everyone.

Minutes of previous meeting

ME asked whether the minutes were a true account of the meeting on 24 April.
CG proposed that they were a true account and JC seconded the proposal.
The minutes were approved.

Matters arising

JC asked if the LDO had received his new conditions of employment letter and whether the Approved accounts for 06/07 had been sent to Companies House.
Copies of both documents will be forwarded to the secretary for the records.

ME
LM-B

Correspondence

Action

Wind turbine correspondence is referred to in LDO's report.

Chair's Report

ME reminded the Board that it was possible to deem directors to have resigned if they miss 3 consecutive meetings without contacting the secretary to explain the circumstances. **All**

Secretary's Report

The new Trust printer has arrived and the Limpet team will be able to use it for the May edition.

Treasurer's Report

Cash book details circulated. LM-B suggested that a letter of thanks be sent to the generous benefactor of £500 towards the printer. JC to contact HF for the address. **JC**

The board agreed to the secretary being an SDT cheque signatory.

Appointment of an Accountant

The Board agreed that the Trust should seek three quotes from both local and the current accountants and review at the next meeting. **LM-B**

LDO's salary has been revised with effect from April.

Break: Meeting stopped at 20.45 and resumed at 20.50

LDO's report

- Community turbine: The landowner has not met the deadline for a reply to the letter sent in April. A holding reply from Roy Flett and Lows regarding the planning permission indicates that no action will be taken until our position on the land is confirmed in writing.
- ME advised that an interim meeting to discuss the next steps might be called before the next Board meeting.
- LDO asked what help in kind could be offered to the Archaeology team for their next visit in Sept/Oct. There were offers of meals and the Board agreed that the Trust would fund accommodation. A raffle will be organised for the summer. **JC/all**
- The Science festival will be held on Stronsay 11/12 September. Howie Firth has been discussing the details with WC and JG. The Stronsay Monster Bicentenary will be the central theme and will be supported by international bodies with an artistic and entertaining aspect being added by the school and local musicians.

- We need to register a domain *stronsaymonster.com* on the internet **Action LM-B**
- WC reported that at the LDO meeting Maureen Spence expressed concerns that there may not be sufficient communication and liaison between Development Trusts and Community Councils. The Board to consider inviting the CC to a joint meeting. **All**
- A food graduate is looking at the possibility of research for his MSc on the island, in June July and August. He/she will be looking at the feasibility of a bakery.
- The Silver Darlings are recording a CD on the 26 June. It would be good if the Trust could support this.
- Housing Survey: Not all householders have received them. An item should go in the Limpet. JC offered to do this. **JC**
- Orkney Farmers Market Association: there is an opportunity to sell island produce as part of the market on Kirkwall pier when big liners are due in. WC suggested that the Trust book one stall. JC to gauge interest by an item in the Limpet. **JC**

Sub-group Reports

Our Community

Dan Robinson with Cora Goodram cutting the ribbon will open the Play Park on Wednesday June 11 at 19.00. The Fish mart will be open for refreshments. Jack Board will carve a nameplate and letters need to go out to invite funders and councillors etc.

JG asked for support with the letters, publicity and for contacting the newspapers and Orkney Radio. **ME/JC**

Amenities

JC explained that a new quotation for the printing of the leaflets has been obtained from The Orcadian; the previous printing firm is no longer trading.

Any other business

JG asked what support the Trust could give towards advertising for a new GP in view of the current NHS proposals and the likelihood that our resident GP is due to retire in 18 months time.

ME agreed that an island group could be set up to look into this. **ME/JG**

WC and ME are attending the NHS forum – Shaping up to the Future, in Kirkwall on 23 May.

Date of next meetings

Wednesday July 16 at 1930

Meeting Closed at 22.15