

Stronsay Development Trust

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Board Meeting on 23 Sept 2009 in the Community Centre at 19.30

Approved Minutes

Present: Malcolm Addison Dave Fernley Damian Stout
 Julia Crocker(Chair) Val Fraser Tony Withers (LDO)
 Mike Erdman Cora Goodram John Steenton (Clerk)

Apologies: None

In Attendance: Leza Haystead, Marion MacLeod

Welcome By Chair

JC welcomed everybody, especially Tony, Marion and Leza.

Action

Minutes from Previous meeting

JC asked if the board agreed that the minutes of the meeting on 20 July are a true account. MA proposed that they are and DF seconded and the minutes were approved.

Matters Arising

The Limpet team, Yvonne and Heather, were very pleased to receive an honorarium from the board.

Our acceptance of the grid offer was received in time and we have the first instalment of £47K to pay.

Correspondence

HIE/OIC explaining the funding situation for LDOs now that IatE has come to an end.

The new posts will be called Community Development Officers. Trusts are now being asked to present a paper by 7 October that gives an overview of their community, key challenges, key opportunities, how we shall capitalise on the opportunities, how we intend to engage with the wider community, and recent reports/surveys. Quite a body of work and no guarantee that we shall get any funding. The paper is to be signed by Community Council and Community Association. TW offered to start drafting the paper.

TW/JC

ISLE VISION FOCUS DAY. This will be held at the Picky Centre 11pm till 3pm on 6 Nov the title is 'The Ten Year Plan'. An opportunity to influence the 10 year strategy with OIC.

TW/JC

FAST BOAT PROJECT, The Eday Partnership is resuming its efforts to make a success of this project for 2010. We have been asked to sign a Memorandum of Understanding and to name our focal point volunteer who will liaise with the partnership. ME volunteered to be the focal point. After some discussion about how this might affect Orkney ferries service and whether its actually viable – the board was asked to vote whether we should support the project. Five directors voted for and two abstained. JC will sign and return the MOU

Action

JC

STRONSAY TURBINE The chair wished to know how the board felt about two possible sources of legal advice when we get to the stage of applying for loans etc. The decision of the board was to use a local solicitor, Lows, who have acted for Westray, and who will be easy to contact and visit. JC will let CES know.

JC

Chairs Report

Chair apologised for the amount of catch up news on this occasion but there has been a lot happening and it was regrettable that we were not able to have the planned meeting on Sept 3.

However, Stronsay Renewable Energy Limited is now registered with Companies House and is the trading arm of Stronsay Development Trust. The next step is to open a bank account. The board approved using RBS so we can use the Thursday bank on the island.

MA

DF looking into liability insurance, the Trust's current brokers are Clark Thomson of Kirkwall, at this time SRE Ltd has no cover. The proposal seemed quite expensive and DF offered to get quotes from other brokers for SRE Ltd. JC to ask other Trusts about their insurance cover etc.

DF/JC

Youth Development Officer. There is a post for 8 hours per week on Stronsay until March 2010. Adverts will be in early October papers. Contact is Bill Innes of OIC.

Secretary's Report None

LDO's Report – part 1

(JC report on LDO work done during July and August)

Turbine: a lot of work to the business plan and Big Lottery, GCA, application. Some contributions to the plan, which were promised to the previous LDO by the board, were never forthcoming. The BP document now runs to about 40 pages with further revisions and supporting documents to add.

Meetings and guidance from Mark Hull at CES have been very helpful and we are now sharing information with Shapinsay and Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre –

because the intention is to apply to Big Lottery fund together, and to employ a single project team to manage the turbine builds. CES wanted our plan and application completed by the end of August or early Sept but this date has now been extended to a final date of October 26 for posting all the documents.

Action

Jenny Flett – now Stone, has an excellent idea for an Art project on the island. This project fits many SDT objectives, it will be inclusive of all children regardless of age and ability, we have no other art group and she hopes it will leave a legacy work for the Community Hall or other public space that will be a joy to visitors and the children/community for some time hence.

Malcolm has volunteered to be the sub group director as this appears to fit well as an ‘Our Community’ project.

LDO’s report – part 2

TW reported on his steep learning curve in the new job and some of the people he has already seen, plus potential projects.

TW attended the Stronsay Footprints AGM, and offered support for funding applications. He also read a letter of introduction that he has prepared for the Limpet.

Some farmers have made enquiries about an island slaughterhouse and TW intends to conduct a feasibility study – with help. It would add value, it was felt by the board and if it proved not to be viable then we will be able to let the community know the reasons, rather than keep this topic on a wish list. DS offered to help TW with information.

DS

Jenny Stone has also made contact about the art project and is being helped to get a business case together for funding.

TW

TW offered to help with the Turbine business plan and application in order to meet the deadline.

Powerdown Officer

Marion presented a good update of her work at the moment, with her intended projects and progress.

MM handed out some OWLs on loan. These gadgets show electricity consumption, cost etc. and can be borrowed for 6 weeks at a time.

The food survey had come to a close but had only received 20 replies so far, with the results to be publicised at the Nov 7th food event. The Community Association has kindly let Marion join them on bonfire night to hold her tattie evening and fun activities.

Treasurer’s Report

SRE Ltd. Business account needs to be set up.

Action

Sub Groups Report

Leaflets completed and in the proof process with the Orcadian.

An open event will be arranged when we have them. We should celebrate success. A lot of hard work has gone into this project, and we would like islanders to see them before a general release.

AOB

Social Enterprise Training. The Eday training was attended by JC, MM & CG and they found it both fun and very useful.

The board felt that it may help to engage more local support if we dont 'recruit' to 'sub groups' but work to specific projects where folk could see how their talents would fit in and had an idea of the length/amount of time that they would be giving.

Date of next Meeting Wednesday 21th October at 1930

Meeting finished at 21.10.