

# Stronsay Development Trust

**Board Meeting on 9 March 2011  
at Woodlea 19.30  
Approved Minutes**

**Present:** Malcolm Addison                      Helen Garside                      Ian Stevenson  
(Treasurer)                                      Nina Gleed                                      Yvonne Weaver  
Julia Crocker (Chair)                      Cora Goodram                      Anthony Withers (CDO/TDO)  
Lisa De Geer (Secretary)

**Apologies:** Sara Goodram, Simone Kirk (Powerdown), Damian Stout

**In Attendance:** Alan Long (Accountant from the Long Partnership)

## **Action**

### **Welcome by Chair**

Julia Crocker welcomed all, especially Alan Long from the Long Partnership, and 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 2 February 2011 were a true account. Malcolm Addison proposed, Cora Goodram seconded and the minutes were formally approved.

### **Matters Arising**

An agreement between SDT and the Greenhouse Group is still pending.

**JC**

### **Correspondence**

The trust has received a letter from the Healthy Living Centre (HLC) with a request of help to apply for funding. This funding would be for the HLC members that get 30 free group training sessions by prescription.

Anthony Withers (CDO) has had a meeting with the HLC and it was concluded that more investigation will be needed before any funding can be applied for. The group will do this, but Anthony Withers will have a meeting with the Stronsay GP, Roger Neville-Smith, about exercise on prescription.

**AW**

This subject will be brought up for discussion at the next board meeting (the first following the AGM). Julia Crocker reminded the board that, according to the Trust's M&A's, any board members for whom there will be a conflict of interest will be asked not to take part in the discussions or any decisions.

## Chair's Report

**Action**

- The wind turbine project is close to financial and commercial close.
- Julia Crocker will be away from 8 April to 22 April.

## Secretary's Report

- Annual Report (paper circulated)
  - Julia Crocker will ask the Orcadian for a quote to print the report. **JC**
  - The CDO will have a survey sent out together with the annual report about what people would like to see at the Enterprise Zone (see under CDO Report for more details).
  - The number of members will be put in the Annual Report. During the year 2009 / 2010 the number of members went from 81 to 82 (4 joined, 2 resigned to become employees of the Trust, 1 resigned). Lisa De Geer will investigate what percentage of the island population and households the members form. **LDG**
  - Julia Crocker asked if the Annual Report would have the board's approval. All agreed to approve the report.
- The 3 longest serving board members will stand down at the AGM. The members standing down will be Cora Goodram, Nina Gleed and Damian Stout.
- Co-opted directors will still need to let Lisa know if they or another person from their group will be co-opted next year. **VF, IS**
- The AGM has been moved to 5 May 2011. It will be in the old hall at the Community Centre. Cora Goodram will sit at the entrance to register who are entitled to vote. Anne-Maree Carter will be providing refreshments after the break.

## Treasurers Report - None

### Powerdown officer (paper circulated)

- The funding for Powerdown will end 31 March 2011.
- There will be a coffee morning at the Fishmart 19 March, where people can answer a few questions for a Powerdown Survey and receive free energy incentive gifts.
- Simone Kirk and Marion Macleod are producing a report outlining everything that has been achieved during the 2 years of Powerdown on Stronsay.
- There will be yet another free Horticultural Training course, on 11-12 March 2011. Speakers from the Scottish Agricultural College will be coming to Stronsay to talk about getting started for the new growing season.

## CDO Report

- Planning permission for the Enterprise Zone in the yard has been applied for by Pentarq, the architect. If the planning permission isn't approved, planning permission to build on another site will be applied for. Grant has been approved for the EZ, and it will go ahead.
- As stated above, a survey about the EZ will be sent out to all households together with the material for the AGM. There will be given suggestions about what will be at the EZ, and people will grade these according to their

preferences.

- Anthony Wither stressed how important it is that anything that refers to an individual's business or potential employment remains confidential to the board meetings unless that person has given permission for it to be minuted.

### **Explanation of the Accounts 2009/2010 by Alan Long**

Alan Long, accountant from the Long Partnership, explained in detail the accounts 09/10 of SDT and its trading subsidiary company, Stronsay Renewable Energy Ltd (SREL).

- The accounts need to be filed earlier to OSCR this year (within 9 months). This means that they have to be filed before the end of April.
- The accountants need more information about:
  1. Recruitment and appointment of new trustees **JC**
  2. Induction and training of new trustees **JC**
  3. Trustees retiring at the forthcoming AGM **LDG**
  4. CDO, TDO and the Enterprise Zone for Achievement and Performance **JC**
- Alan Long brought to the trustees attention, that CARES funding for the first staged payment of the grid connection was probably legally a grant given to SDT even if it was paid directly into SREL's account. He suggested we investigate this and let him know how we wished this to be presented in the accounts. **JC**

**Any Other Business - None**

### **Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 11 May at Woodlea at 19.30.

**Meeting Closed at 20.40**