

# Stronsay Development Trust

Board Meeting on 8 August 2011 at Fishmart 19.00

## Approved Minutes

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

**Apologies:** Helen Garside

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

### 1. Welcome by Chair

**Action**

Julia Crocker welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

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

2.1. Julia Crocker asked if the board agreed that the minutes of the meeting on 15 June 2011 were a true account. Nina Gleed proposed, Sara Goodram seconded and the minutes were formally approved.

2.2. Julia Crocker asked if the board agreed that the minutes of the open meeting on 14 July 2011 were a true account. Cora Goodram proposed, Yvonne Weaver seconded and the minutes were formally approved.

### 3. Matters Arising

3.1. *Open meeting about the development plan and the enterprise zone, 14 July*  
This will be covered under any other business later in the meeting.

#### 3.2. Letters to be drafted

3.2.1. A draft letter with an open invitation to all community groups to be represented by a co-opted member is still to be drafted.

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

**LDG**

**JC LDG AW**

### 4. Correspondence

#### 4.1. *E-mail from Leonardo Martini-Brown about the Lobster Ponds*

An offer has been given by Leo Martini-Brown to the Trust to buy the Lobster Ponds. The trustees discussed the offer and all agreed that in view of the newly granted planning permission for the adjoining yard, the lobster ponds would indeed be valuable as part of possible future community development.

In consideration of limited community charitable funds, the board felt that the highest acceptable purchase price would be in the region of 50-75% higher than the 2010 valuation. Chair to compose a reply and to send to board members for approval prior to sending.

**JC**

#### 4.2. *Letter from Clive Martin regarding the Enterprise Zone*

Clive Martin has raised concerns about the potential impact the planned Enterprise Zone could have on his privacy and value of his property. He suggests that the Trust could put a grass bank on the Trust's land facing his property.

The board agreed that this is not practicable since it would take too much land from the Trust's property and the buildings would have to be moved towards east compared to the granted planning permission. They also agreed to investigate the cost of fencing towards Clive Martin's property. The area bordering his property (behind the proposed buildings) will not be used by cars or pedestrians other than for maintenance. There will be privacy glass in all windows on the back of the property which will face his house and land.

The chair is to compose a reply and to send to board members for approval prior to sending.

**JC**

#### 4.3. *Letter from Colin McAlpine with complaints about the minutes from the board meeting 11 May 2011*

Colin McAlpine would like the following comments to be acknowledged and minuted:

- a) The minutes refer to a change of venue since the Community Centre was locked. The caretaker admitted to this being an oversight on his part and a verbal apology was issued personally to the SDT company secretary for any inconvenience caused.

The secretary had informed the board about the caretaker's apology, and the Trust appreciates and acknowledges the apology. The minutes of the meeting didn't include the apology since it was issued after the meeting and the board agreed that the minutes of the meeting were correct. Because complaints had been received at the AGM about where SDT meetings were held it was appropriate to mention the reason.

- b) Colin McAlpine strongly objects to the wording about him confirming to the CDO that there is no possibility for young people having an unsupervised drop in centre at the hall. The answer was a personal view and not necessarily the view of the Stronsay Community Association. He also suggests that the trust should write to the Community Association's Committee members to formally consult them before publishing the view of one Committee member.

The CDO raised the question with Colin McAlpine, the caretaker, to confirm that it would not be possible for young people to use the hall, unsupervised. It has never been the Trust's intention to use the Community Hall as a venue for a youth drop in centre and therefore no written consultation will be made to the Stronsay Community Association.

The chair is to compose a reply and to send to board members for approval prior to sending

**JC**

#### 4.4. *Letter from Amos Erdman and Chris Rose requesting help with a Skate Park*

The trust does not have any funds for this project at present, but would strongly support provision of facilities for young people when possible. The board recommends that the group of young people look into the cost, location, likely level of use and then approach the CDO for advice on applying for funding.

The chair is to compose a reply and to send to board members for approval prior to sending

**JC**

### **5. Chair's Report - none**

### **6. Secretary's Report**

Some members have the Trust's company address as their address at Companies House (as allowed). The secretary asked if she could change these to their home addresses to decrease the work when mail is being sent to them. All affected agreed.

### **7. Treasurer's Report - None**

### **8. CDO's Report**

#### 8.1. *Enterprise Zone*

The question was raised about buying the haulage yard for the Enterprise Zone. Julia Crocker proposed to proceed and make an offer for the land and nobody was against.

The board will liaise with the owner of the Lobster ponds on his potential use of the drainage pipes across the land.

#### 8.2. *Formation of a trading subsidiary company*

A trading subsidiary for the Enterprise Zone will have to be formed very soon.

#### 8.3. *Science Festival*

Anthony Withers gave a summary about what is planned on Stronsay during the Science Festival, 3-5 September 2011.

#### 8.4. *Limpet and SREL web design*

The board agreed to advertise a contract to redesign the Limpet and the SREL website. The Limpet will be printed by the Orcadian.

### **9. Project Report**

#### 9.1. *Turbine update*

Financial Close has now been reached.

Delay in signing the wayleaves has resulted in a delay to SSE applying for planning permission to connect the turbine to the grid; however the project is still two months ahead of schedule and should be operational by the end of October 2011.

## **10. Any Other Business**

### 10.1. *Development Plan*

The plan needs to be finished and printed by mid September. It will be printed by the Orcadian.

Where practicable, suggestions and clarifications from the open meeting on 14 July will be put into the plan, and the conclusions from the group discussions will be published in the limpet.

The development plan is to be circulated to all board members before the next board meeting. All board members are encouraged to make comments and to contribute.

## **11. Date of next meetings and events**

Science Festival: 2-4 September

Board meeting: Wednesday 7 September at the Fishmart at 19.00

Working meeting about turbine fund grant criteria: 14 September at Woodlea at 19.00

**Meeting Closed at 21.45**