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Hello All,

Work towards our main projects plans continues with progress being made in relation to securing bank finance for the turbine project. It involves much input into due diligence on our part. This is a 1.5 million pound project that requires a great amount of work to secure. We are well on our way to achieving this. The faith shown in us by the lottery who have funded us and banks who are keen to support us is proof of the projects viability.

However it is important to the ongoing success that we appoint persons with business experience and acumen to the board of Stronsay Renewable Energy Ltd. During the construction stage and beyond when income begins to flow into the coffers these skills are vital to the business. So if you are or know of anyone with these skills who live on or off the island who may be interested let us know.

The Development Plan for Stronsay is to be renewed this year and will reflect what has been achieved and what still needs to be done since the last Plan was drawn up. To this end each household will be receiving a questionnaire.

The aim of the survey is to gauge the level of community confidence and participation in our community. Questions include your attitude towards local services, employment opportunities, housing and your aspirations for the future development of the island. Please find the time to fill in this survey as it really helps paint a accurate picture of our needs.

## **ENTERPRISE ZONE**

The Enterprise Zone also occupies much work time. Thanks to the feasibility funding I have been fortunate to secure the services of a management accountant who will carry out the following:

### Objective

To analyse, review and conclude on the financial feasibility of the Zone comprising the light haulage business, rental units, a commercial greenhouse and Tangles composting and fuel pellet project.

### Scope

- To analyse In detail the existing light haulage business and yard, by reviewing previous years accounts and other detailed information given to him by the seller.

- For each business unit a five year income and expenditure forecast and a five year cashflow forecast.
- To collate a five year income and expenditure forecast and a five year cash flow forecast for the Enterprise Zone as a whole.

## Report

In conclusion he will report on the findings below:

- Strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of the project.
- Look at cross subsidization between business units.
- The risks.
- Assumptions made.
- And to reach a conclusion as to the financial feasibility of the EZ as a whole.

He will also comment informally on my input with regard to other non-financial aspects (social, environmental, technical, economic and funding) of the business plan that I am presently working on.

These are truly exciting times for Stronsay and the Trust hope we have your support in our endeavours.

Finally, thanks for the great response to the welding course. I will be contacting the necessary people to make this happen. I will keep you posted as details are firmed up.

All the best till next time!

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