

ISLAND OF HOY DEVELOPMENT TRUST
(IHDT) Co No. 306586
BOARD MEETING 15TH JULY 2009
HOY HOTEL, LYNESS

Meeting started at 8.09 p.m.

PRESENT

Terry Thomson (Chair)

John Challoner

Paul Spence

Tracy Waite (Secretary)

Kate Flockhart

Carol Lock

Dave Melbourne

Alison Morris – Youth Café worker.

1. APOLOGIES

Lindsay Hall (Vice Chair)

Ian Avis (Treasurer)

Lee Shields

Derick Pearson

Max Collop

John Hardcastle

Adam Clark

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Proposed by Carol

Seconded by John C

3. MATTERS ARISING

Hoy Centre

Tracy spoke with Richard Croft who informed her that the office space at the centre was available all but two days per month when the doctor's surgery is held there. If our laptop is to be used by the ranger it will need to be approved by OIC's IT department and they will have to connect it to broadband. RC will check if our ranger needs to have a separate disclosure check from OIC and will get back to Tracy.

Tourism

Brochures are still being distributed, Carol raised a point that lunches had been offered by the pubs in Longhope but this was not the case, Tracy said the information was obtained from the websites of the establishments. Terry said he had been asked why the private hire did not state which one covered which side of the island. Tracy said this was noted and would be changed before the next print run.

Ranger

Lee was not present at the meeting Tracy informed everyone that Phillip Weiss is our new Ranger and he would be starting on the 10th August 2009.

Youth Café

Alison Morris who is the YC worker gave a brief outline on what her role is at the YC and what happens at a regular Friday session.

Permission was asked for the YC to take the young folk on an overnight camping trip to Rackwick and that Conway Morris could be the 'male' presence on the trip, the trip would also be attended by Alison and Tracy (Conway has 3 disclosures but his YC disclosure has not come through yet) this was agreed by the Board.

Alison is currently working on funding her post for next year, with the help of Amy and Tracy.

The Board congratulated Alison on her continuing efforts; this was proposed by Carol and seconded by Dave.

Tracy read out the letter from Kerry Spence which outlined proposals to change the upper age limit at the youth club (held at North Walls) from 14 to 12 which could have an effect on the Youth Café, the Board agreed in principal to the change but would need more information on OIC's role if funding were offered to the Youth Café. Tracy will inform Kerry of the next meeting.

Wind Energy

Tracy chased up the grid connection and we will not hear until the 29th August. Mark Hull from CES has said (unofficially) that constraints on Hoy's turbine could be light and also (unofficially) that OIC had given support to the possible funding of Orkney turbine projects. Tracy said the Investing in Ideas funding was available up to £10,000 for a project worker for Hoy, the Board felt this should be investigated at the next WE sub-group meeting.

A.O.B

Dave gave a copy of the letter written to Post Office Ltd – re closure of the Lyness post office service. Dave commented that the closing date was 30th June; as yet he has had no reply.

Dave commented that the e-mail posted on the DT website had not been removed, Tracy said that the field on the comments page did not require an e-mail address to be entered, Dave said that this should be changed with VAO, so that all comments could be verified. This was agreed 4 members to 3, with 1 abstention.

Tracy informed the Board that Rik will no longer be able to run the DT website; Dave said he would take it over in the interim.

Terry said the Board would like to express their gratitude to Rik who has put in a lot of effort on the websites.

Terry contacted OIC about the Hoy Hopper bus service and was told that there was nothing that could be done this year but they will look at the timetable for next year.

4. ARCTIC CONVOY MEMORIAL

Carol was asked by the CC to invite anyone who was interested in helping set up and organise the event to a meeting on Saturday (time to be arranged) as this event has now been given to the CC to organise. Tracy said what were we doing about DT gift to the Russian delegation, a DVD was suggested but Carol pointed out that a TV crew would be on the island and would be filming, Carol said she had seen a book at the Museum which was a limited edition, and Tracy said she would find out about it.

5. RANGER

Covered in matters arising

6. WIND ENERGY

Covered in matters arising

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Terry received the following;

- Invoice from OIC for the waiting room signs, Tracy will chase up payment from Ian.
- Funding enquiry sheet from Stronsay Trust passed to Lindsay.

Tracy received the following;

- Letter from Kerry Spence, dealt with under Youth Café.
- E-mail from Neil Simcock asking the Trust if they would consider the turbine project being part of his research, this was agreed and Tracy will contact Neil.
- E-mail from Trish Avis CC re the Artic Convoy Memorial event asking for interested parties to contact her, covered in item 4.
- E-mail from CES information on the provision of anemometry equipment and services to community wind turbine projects in Orkney.
- Letter from an interviewee for the ranger post asking for reimbursement of travelling expenses, Tracy to speak with Lee to find out if there is money available.

8. A.O.B

Tracy contacted OIC with regard to DT proposed fuel poverty survey. OIC passed her to Energy Advice Centre and Keep Orkney Warm who have now joined forces and deal with this on behalf of OIC.

They informed me that they are not aware of any recent fuel poverty survey carried out on Hoy. They do offer a collation service whereby if

you send them the questionnaires they will collate the information and send out to the householder a report with advice.

EAC & KOW also organise an energy road show, which could co-inside with the questionnaires going out, both these services are offered for £250 per day.

Carol said the reports are not very good; it was felt this matter should be passed to the WE sub-group.

Lindsay joined the meeting 9.30 pm.

Lindsay gave Tracy the Title Deed for the land at Garson Hoy, which was passed to him from the Hoy Trust.

Lindsay gave Tracy offer of grant letter from Fairer Scotland Fund (from December 2008) to be filed.

9. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 26th August 8p.m. at the Gable End.

Meeting closed 9.45p.m.