

**Stronsay Development Trust**  
**Board Meeting on 17 Oct 2007 in the Community Centre at 7.30pm**

**Minutes**

**Present:**

Mike Erdman (Chair)	Juliet Durrant	Leo Martini-Brown
William Caithness (LDO)	Brian Crowe	Cora Goodram
Jennifer George	Damian Stout	John Steenton (minutes)
Julia Crocker	Colin McAlpine	

**Apologies:** Malcolm Addison, Ian Cooper, Eoin Stevenson

**In Attendance:** Cllr Graham Sinclair.

The meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

**Action**

**Welcome by Chair**

ME welcomed everyone.

**Minutes of previous meeting**

ME asked whether the minutes were a true account of the meeting on 19 Sept. JD suggested one amendment to an incorrect spelling. ME proposed that following this slight amendment they were a true account of the meeting and JC seconded the proposal

There being no counter proposal, the minutes were duly signed by ME.

**JS**

**Matters arising**

JD has obtained advice about the tourism aspects of SDT activities in the light of imminent charitable status. OSCR has acknowledged that visitors contribute to our sustainability and the activities will not conflict with charitable status.

JD thanked the board for the honorarium.

**Correspondence**

- ME has received JD's formal letter of resignation as a board member and Secretary which will take effect after the November meeting.
- MSP Liam McArthur, MP Alistair Carmichael and NHS Orkney, Ian Crozier have acknowledged the Trust's letter about the island GP provision.

**Action**

**Chair's Report** (paper circulated)

There should be a name for the play park. CG suggested More's Corner from the days of the fishing industry on the site.

The board thought it would be a good idea to contact Children in Need to let them know how the money has been spent in case they wish to publicise it.

An official opening of the park needs to be planned with the help of the community sub group.

**JG, MA  
DS, ME**

Nov 14<sup>th</sup> was agreed as the date for a meeting to refine our projects plan in order to demonstrate our continuing need for funding and IAE status requirements.

**WC,JD**

BC is encouraged by the potential for a building for the Athenia lifeboat and will follow this up by a site visit

**ME, BC**

The LDO followed with his report

The play equipment is being installed.

Options for siting the community turbine mean that any affected landowners on the SDT board will need to declare an interest and not take part in discussions/voting.



Following the article on SDT in Orkney Today, more suggestions for premises suitable for the Athenia lifeboat have been made. LDO will keep a watching brief.

**WC**

**Secretary's Report** (paper circulated)

WC nominated IC to help at the EGM by checking names of attendees on arrival. ME seconded.

BC offered to help with refreshments.

**Treasurer's Report** (papers circulated)

The treasurer talked the board through the accounts and explained how the full accounts would appear by 24 Oct. Attention was drawn to £127.38 which has not been claimed from the community council and clarification will be sought by LM-B

**LM-B**

**The Planning Process** (paper circulated)

This item was deferred to Nov 21 meeting.

**Action**

## **Housing survey**

WC has been discussing this with HIE Orkney. The survey needs to be done before March 08. There is a half-days training for whoever takes on the island liaison role. WC to clarify Job Description and responsibility for employing someone.

**WC**

The meeting broke at 8.40 and resumed at 8.45

## **NHS Orkney – correspondence from a member** (paper circulated)

There was considerable discussion about who is responsible for putting forward resident's views and the appropriate timing for any action. The NHS options have not yet been announced although it is clear that the option for 'no change' does not exist. An open meeting may not be helpful at the moment and the Trust would like assurance that Community Councils across the Isles are preparing to reflect their own islands views.

**LM-B**

The board felt that in the interim we should let everyone know what we have been able to do so far via correspondence with MSP, MP and NHS. The Trust's letter and MSP response will be published in the Limpet.

**ME**

ME will write a reply to the member

**ME**

## **AGM**

The board agreed that March 08 would be preferred timing.

## **Sub-group Reports**

There were no written reports. JC reported that CG has volunteered to be the second director on the Amenities sub group.

## **Any other business**

None.

## **Date of next meetings**

Thursday 25 October EGM 7.30 p.m. Community Hall  
Wednesday 14 November Special Projects Meeting – all Directors. 7.30 p.m.  
Wednesday 21 November Trust Board meeting 7.30 p.m.

**Meeting Closed at 10.01 p.m.**