

Stronsay Development Trust
A Scottish Charity SC038888

Board Meeting on 27 February 2008 in the Community Centre at 20.00
Approved Minutes

Present:

Mike Erdman (Chair)	Eoin Stevenson	John Steenton (minutes)
Julia Crocker	Malcolm Addison	William Caithness LDO
Brian Crowe	Ian Cooper	
Colin McAlpine	Jennifer George	

Apologies: Cora Goodram, Leo Martini-Brown

In Attendance: Tony Withers, Garry Dennison

The meeting commenced at 20.00

Action

Welcome by Chair

ME welcomed everyone especially Tony Withers and Garry Dennison who had volunteered as appointed directors until the AGM. The Board approved of both becoming appointed directors.

Minutes of previous meeting

ME asked whether the minutes were a true account of the meeting on 16 January ME proposed that they were a true account and MA seconded the proposal.

Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Correspondence

- A letter had been received from the 'Our Community' subgroup seeking clarification on fundraising for particular events and their authority to spend their funds – with particular reference to the Wrigley Sister's concert and workshop in January. The Board discussed the director's separate and collective responsibility for finance, the general lack of funds and the problems with authorising something retrospectively. ME will write a reply to the Our Community sub group.

ME

Chair's Report

Important issues to be discussed under subgroup reports.

Secretary's Report (paper circulated)

- JC asked for the board to agree a date for the AGM. April 30 at 19.30 was agreed.
- An appeal for ideas for speakers was made to the board.
- A reminder of our review meeting – March 5 was given.
- JC clarified the situation re. resignations and retirements prior to the AGM; Tony Withers, Garry Dennison and Jennifer George would resign, Eoin Stevenson, Colin McAlpine and Ian Cooper (as long serving directors) will retire. All could stand for re-election with the Board agreeing to co-opt Jennifer if she wishes to continue. Unless JC hears otherwise, this means that we shall have five vacancies on the Board at the AGM.

The Limpet Report (paper circulated)

- Outline costs for the new printer, in the region of £1500 depending on supplier and delivery, were discussed. LDO suggested applying for a Talisman grant to cover half the costs because although it appears that there will be sufficient funds in the account it will leave very little.
- The Board agreed to the Talisman grant application. IC proposed funding the printer, BC seconded. **WC**
- The board was asked to approve spending approx £50 on small bouquets of flowers as thank you presents to the shops and Post Office for selling the calendars. The board approved, BC proposed, MA seconded. **HF
YW**
- The Limpet team would like to take on a student for a couple of hours a month to help them and to give someone good training and experience. The Board thought this was an excellent idea if kept on a voluntary basis and the opportunity was open to all. At this stage, paying someone for a couple of hours per month would not be viable for the Trust due to employment laws and administration. LDO suggested using the Volunteer Centre and encouraging youngsters on the island to register there so that we had a pool of volunteers from which to select. JC to investigate and report back. **JC**

Treasurer's Report

ME reported that £2500 had been received from OCCP.

LDO's report

- Housing survey should be coming soon.
- £72 remains from the funds for the Food Hygiene course that can be put towards other training.
- WC attended The Social Accounting event and explained how it had been very worthwhile.

Fundraising for the Trust

Action

The board discussed some good fundraising ideas.

TW has experience of running a savings club and will look into the possibility for the Trust. JC will explore the gift aid route, 'Friends of Stronsay'.

It was hoped that the Sports Day would take place, 'Our Community' sub group to report back.

The idea of a local music CD was also given support. WC to look into funding

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TW
DS
JG
WC

The meeting broke at 21.25 and resumed at 21.30

Sub-group Reports

Amenities (paper circulated)

JC asked for Board approval for £100 as Stronsay's contribution to North Isles poster that will be displayed outside Orkney Ferries (OF) Office. ES asked that JC find out whether Westray had paid for their poster – or whether the funds could come from OF. JC to find out.

JC

LDO is now applying for funding for a range of 6 Stronsay leaflets. There will be a 12-month limit in which the funds must be used.

Renewables

ME reported on the latest situation with the community turbine and the Board was asked to vote for the preferred site. The grid reference 362229E 1022263N was approved. IC proposed, JC seconded and the board voted 9 for with 1 abstention.

Any other business

ME explained the Big Lottery funding application form and the amount of work involved in arriving at measurable outcomes for the various projects that will be wrapped up in the revenue generated by the wind turbine. Without measurable outcomes and a good application we will not succeed against the competition.

ME requested that 3 or 4 directors volunteer to help WC with the application.

Tony Withers and Colin McAlpine volunteered.

WC
TW
CM

Date of next meetings

Thursday March 20 at 19.30

Meeting Closed at 22.40