

Stronsay Development Trust

A Scottish Charity SC038888

Board Meeting on 24 April 2008 in the Community Centre at 19.30

Approved Minutes

Present:

William Caithness LDO	Mike Erdman (Chair)	Leo Martini-Brown
Julia Crocker	Malcolm Addison	Cora Goodram
Brian Crowe	Jennifer George	John Steenton (minutes)
Colin McAlpine	Ian Cooper	

Apologies: Damian Stout.

In Attendance: Leonora Keogh 20.00 to 21.45

The meeting commenced at 19.33

Action

Welcome by Chair

ME welcomed everyone.

Minutes of previous meeting

ME asked whether the minutes were a true account of the meeting on 20 March. MA proposed that they were a true account and LM-B seconded the proposal. The minutes were approved.

Matters arising

JC had not yet spoken to the Limpet team but would do so shortly.
(Note - spoke Saturday 26 March and received the donated cheque)
LDO advised that the Talisman grant would not be decided until end April.

JC

Correspondence

ME has received notification that the DTAS fees are due and their conference will be 15/16 June at St Andrews.

Chair's Report (paper circulated)

ME confirmed that March had been a difficult month for the Trust and he hoped **All** that we could stay positive about the future.

Secretary's Report

The board discussed and approved the format of the AGM.

Treasurer's Report (paper circulated)

The Annual Accounts were presented by the Treasurer and discussed. The Board approved the 2006/7 annual accounts.

The LDO and visiting SDT member were asked to leave while the LDO conditions of employment were discussed. The board agreed to a 10% pay rise and increase to 20 hours for the LDO post.

JC/ME

LM-B asked if the Board could approve the services of the new accountant – it was proposed that at the AGM, the members would be asked to approve the Board selection of accountant. JC proposed this and BC seconded.

ME thanked LM-B for his hard work in getting the accounts ready in difficult circumstances.

Break: Meeting stopped at 21.00 and resumed at 21.10

LDO returned to the meeting after ME had spoken to him privately

ME reported that the LDO was content with the revised terms of employment.

LDO's report

A letter has been sent to the landowner of the proposed community wind turbine site, offering a reasonable financial return for the lease. The landowner has until 30 April to reply.

WC is to be LDO representative in Orkney at the Community Economic Development forum.

NHS is actively encouraging the fast inter-island boat service in order that the Stronsay GP may also cover Eday.

The recycling contract is up for renewal and this could provide employment on Stronsay if we are able to find a way to process glass waste. There is a proposal that residents will be issued with recycling bins that will need to be collected, rather than have the containers we use at present.

Sub-group Reports

Our Community (paper circulated)

The Play Park name will be *More's Corner Play Park* – as suggested by CG but chosen by Nana Peace from a short list

The board was pleased and encouraged by the ideas coming from the group. Approval for all future plans was forthcoming. JG accepted that funds were still likely to be difficult to obtain – LDO suggested The Prince's Trust – and JG also felt that smaller 'groups' might have a chance to raise independent funding.

Island Ranger

JC explained an e-mail she had received from SNH that says we need to comply with new criteria and policy guidelines for the role of Island Ranger – the policy has not yet been published by SNH so the application for funds will now need to be their September date. LDO agreed to look for other funding sources.

WC

Any other business

The Chair thanked the retiring directors, IC, CM and ES for their work for the Trust.

Date of next meetings

Wednesday May 21 at 1930

Meeting Closed at 22.00