

Stronsay Development Trust
Annual General Meeting on 30 April 2008 in the Community Centre
at 19.30
Minutes

Present: Malcolm Addison Brian Crowe
William Caithness (LDO) Mike Erdman (Chair)
Ian Cooper (Vice Chair) Leo Martini- Brown
Julia Crocker Colin McAlpine

Apologies: Jennifer George Cora Goodram Rose Seagrief
 Wendy Proudman Leonora Keogh Graham Sinclair

In Attendance: John Steenton (Minutes), Anne Bignall (guest speaker). 7 members attended in person.

Action

Welcome by Chair

The meeting commenced at 19.35 and ME welcomed everyone, and gave a brief overview of the agenda for the evening.

Approval of the Minutes of the AGM held on 28 February 2007

ME invited questions from the floor on the minutes. There were no questions, and ME asked if the minutes were a true record of the meeting and could be approved.

Nigel Durrant proposed that they should be approved

Malcolm Addison seconded the proposal.

There being no counter-proposal, the minutes were approved.

Consideration and adoption of the accounts for the period 1 September 2006 to 31 August 2007

ME apologised for not having the accounts ready when the AGM papers were mailed to members, copies were available either now or on request from the Secretary.

LM-B gave a summary of the accounts and explained that grant funds are accounted for under their respective projects, which shows that in terms of general funds the Trust has little working capital. He also explained that as a charity the next accounts will have further notes and explanations added in order to comply with OSCR.

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ME invited questions from the floor on the accounts. No questions were asked.

Juliet Durrant proposed that the accounts be adopted.

Nigel Durrant seconded the proposal.

There being no counter-proposal, the accounts were adopted.

Consideration and adoption of the Annual Report for the period 1 September 2006 to 31 August 2007

ME asked for any questions on the Annual Report. There were none, and he asked for a proposal that the Report be adopted.

Malcolm Addison proposed that it should be adopted.

Ian Cooper seconded the proposal.

There being no counter-proposal, the Annual Report was adopted.

Appointment/re-appointment of the Accountants

ME thanked Trevor L Newell & Co for the efficient signing off of our accounts at short notice and also thanked Orcadia for the service in the past.

The Board now needs to make a decision on a new Accountant for 2007/08 and ME proposed that the members should agree to the Board making a decision at the next meeting

JD asked that we seek advice from DTAS on an accountancy firm versed in Charities and Development Trusts.

ND suggested that provided Trevor L Newell & Co were able to act under Scottish Charity law then we could stay with them.

ME asked members if they could agree to the Board satisfying itself that the above is correct before appointing an accountant.

Nigel Durrant proposed that the members could agree to this

Juliet Durrant seconded the proposal

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There being no counter-proposal the motion was carried.

Appointment of Directors

ME explained that there are 5 vacancies and there have been no nominations for elected directors, however we have now had some six new members of the Trust and are hopeful that the Board will soon be able to appoint some new directors until the next AGM.

ME thanked the retiring directors, Colin McAlpine, Eion Stevenson and Ian Cooper for their hard work for the Trust over the last two and a half years. ME also thanked Juliet and Nigel Durrant for their hard work as Secretary and minute taker for the Trust.

Break 19.55 to 20.10

Guest speaker: Anne Bignall – Eday Island Ranger

ME introduced Anne who is the Island Ranger for Eday, a post she has held for the last two years. Anne gave a very interesting and lively presentation with slides of Eday and impressed us with her candid views and realism about the highs and lows of the role and the impact that a ranger can have. There were several questions from the members and the talk was greatly appreciated.

Meeting closed at 20.45

(Note: full accounts for 07/08 are available from the secretary and are also lodged with Companies House.)

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