

Stronsay Development Trust

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Board Meeting on 14 May 2009 in the Community Centre at 19.30

Approved Minutes

Present: Malcolm Addison Mike Erdman Leonora Keogh
William Caithness (LDO) Dave Fernley John Steenton (Clerk)
Julia Crocker Cora Goodram

Apologies: Damian Stout,

In Attendance:

The meeting commenced at 19.30

Action

The meeting was opened by William Caithness

WC explained that the first task was to elect the officers of the board following the AGM.

Chair

WC confirmed with ME that he no longer wished to stand as Chair. JC said that she was prepared to stand as Chair. DF nominated and ME seconded. There were no counter nominations and the board approved JC as Chair.

Vice chair

Dave Fernley said he was prepared to stand. CG nominated and LK seconded the nomination. There were no counter nominations and the board approved DF as Vice Chair

Treasurer

No one at the meeting was prepared to stand as treasurer and to allow for others to be included and all to consider the role; this item was deferred to the next meeting.

Secretary

No one at the meeting was prepared to stand as Secretary and to allow for others to be included and all to consider the role; this item was deferred to the next meeting.

Co-opting of two directors

The board approved co-opting both Val Fraser and Ian Stevenson as directors. LK having proposed and MA seconded.

Minutes of previous meeting.

The Chair asked whether the minutes of the meeting on 8 April were a true account.

ME proposed that they were and CG seconded.

The minutes of the meeting were approved

Matters arising.

Draft M&As for the Trading subsidiary need to be approved. ME and JC agreed to meet to go through the draft and Alan Caldwell's questions before the next meeting and report back to the board.

ME/JC

LK asked who the new Powerdown Officer is. JC explained more about the job and that Marion Macleod would be taking up the post from 1 June, and that an article would be in the Limpet.

DF asked when we would be employing a Ranger. The funding situation was explained.

Correspondence

- Invitation to the OIC Fuel Poverty meeting on 28 May at the Picky centre. WC said he would like to go but might not be able to. DF said he could go.
- A leaflet advertising 2 training courses - Social Enterprise and Social Accounting.
- SEPA require registration of septic tanks which caused board discussion about those residents who have no septic tanks and the sewage outfall goes into the sea. There seems to be no progress on this issue.

LDO report

The pilot Fast boat project has suffered a set-back because the person, who was awarded the tender for the boat, has withdrawn. WC said that there was a slim chance that another boat could be found – but if not, the funding would have to be returned.

The Community Centre wind turbine rated at 6 KW could be installed by the end of the year.

Community Turbine business plan needs more work and we await the grid connection offer. A bill for £2875 from SSE is requiring payment. Cheque was signed at the end of the meeting.

JC proposed that Alan Long could help us project the costs and profits based on the grid connection % when known. The board approved getting AL's advice.

JC, as Line Manager to Powerdown Officer, needs to work with WC on an action plan for Marion. **JC/WC**

Sub-Group reports

JC reported that the leaflets project is progressing well. A children's 'I Spy' type leaflet would replace the 'Churches and Chapels' and the headmistress at the school is keen that the school be involved

AOB

The Capacity funding Service Level Agreement with OIC is due to be signed – it was agreed to do this at the end of the meeting.

Agreements with the other 11 Development Trusts for whom we are managing the fund, had been drawn up by WC and the board suggested a few amendments.

DF raised a point about recycling batteries like the school does. He will investigate and report back.

Next meeting after the AGM

Thursday 11 June at 19.30 in the Community Hall.
Meeting closed at 21.15