

# Stronsay Development Trust

## Board Meeting on 2 February 2011 at Woodlea 19.00 Minutes

**Present:** Malcolm Addison                      Nina Gleed                      Simone Kirk (Powerdown)  
(Treasurer)                                      Cora Goodram                      Ian Stevenson  
Julia Crocker (Chair)                      Sara Goodram                      Yvonne Weaver  
Anthony Withers (CDO/TDO)

**Apologies:** Lisa De Geer (Secretary), Damian Stout, Helen Garside, Valerie Fraser

**In Attendance:** None

### Welcome by Chair

### Action

Julia Crocker thanked all members for attending and passed on Lisa's thanks for so many people remembering to let her know whether they could attend the meeting.

### Minutes of previous meeting (paper circulated)

Julia Crocker asked if the board agreed that the minutes of the meeting on 17 November 2010 were a true account. Nina Gleed proposed, Cora Goodram seconded and the minutes were formally approved.

### Matters Arising

An agreement between SDT and the Greenhouse Group is still pending.

**JC**

### Correspondence

None

### Chairs report (paper circulated)

- Julia Crocker reminded the board about confidentiality when staff matters or business concerning an individual were discussed.
- Limpet Article about the haulage. Some cynicism has been expressed in the community about the decision. Julia repeated that the business is economically unviable without a large hike in prices which will have an adverse effect across all island businesses. It was not decided by critics of the plan.
- Enterprise zone feasibility study is continuing.

Summary of Community Turbine news:

Julia Crocker reported on behalf of SREL.

- The project is still well on track albeit a lot of work for TDO and SREL board.
- Heddles have been on the site, and they will be doing the track and foundations preparation soon.
- Telephone lines contract have been signed.
- Grants and Loan issue resolved since BLF have agreed to give the £435,000 grant towards the outcomes rather than the turbine build. This means that if no grant funding is used to build the turbine we shall qualify for FiTs rather than ROCs.
- SREL website will be online soon.

A discussion about the BLF grant followed with some explanation about the agreed grant outcomes that will take priority.

Further general discussion about turbine revenue and it was agreed that a robust SDT policy and process will be needed to be in place with some advice material available to let people know what kind of project can be supported.

Change of subscription rate for the Limpet.

It had been proposed to increase the subscription rate from £10 per year to £20. The board agreed to raise it to £15 and review in a year.

- Chair likely to be away early April for 2 weeks.

**Secretary's Report**

- Contributors to the annual report reminded that we need drafts by 21 Feb.
- Plan is to produce the report without plastic covers, but to send one to each household not just to members. This will improve community communications and may help with membership.
- Annual report will need to be approved by email, which means responses from all directors.
- The 3 longest serving board members will stand down at AGM. These members will have to let Lisa know before the next meeting if they intend to stand again.
- Co-opted directors also need to let Lisa know if they or another person from their group will be co-opted next year.

**All****JC, DS, MA****IS,VF****Treasurers Report**

- As previously advised, £1513.79 was donated to SDT by Footprints when the organisation was wound up. It is proposed to use this money for the Limpet. The board agreed.
- Also thanks to the Stronsay Community Council for donation of £120 towards Limpet costs.

**Powerdown officer** (paper circulated)

- Simone covered the main points of her report and said there was a good turnout for the energy evening.
- Two possible future projects, a recycling centre and feasibility study for the SCC Fishmart, have been turned down by CCF so it is unlikely that SDT will be applying for an extra year of Powerdown Officer funding.

## **CDO Report**

- BLF funding: Tony added that this grant was to be used for our three agreed outcomes and he has to provide regular progress reports.
  1. Install a 900KW wind turbine on the island by November 2011 in order that the revenue over the next 20 years can be used to increase employment, reduce social exclusion and sustain Stronsay's population levels.
  2. Create employment opportunities to manage and install technologies to provide affordable warmth for those public and residential properties identified as being in need in our community – by 2013.
  3. Create a sustainable enterprise zone providing business, employment, social and training opportunities by 2013.
- Enterprise zone had already been mentioned, but Tony added that he was applying for planning permission via the architect.
- The surveys for the Development Plan will take on a slightly different format to increase the response rate. It is proposed to draft the development plan to include all the community group and individual input received so far and at the same time issue a list of the ideas/potential projects. Everyone will then be asked to indicate their preferred top 3 or 5. Some may be 'housed' in the enterprise zone and others included as future projects.
- Tony reported that he gets very little from the SDT in terms of ideas and even less from the other community groups. The community appears to see the role as 'belonging' to SDT. The chair suggested that if the community didn't use their CDO then the post could disappear. SDT could employ an outcomes officer/project officer.

## **Any Other Business**

Nina Gleed raised concerns about her future as a director because of problems with transport for getting to meetings. Julia said we could consider holding meetings as close as possible to where the majority of attendees live – especially in view of our shortage of capacity funding and the hall charges.

## **Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 9 March at Woodlea at 19.30.

## **Meeting Closed at 20.40**