

Stronsay Development Trust

**Annual General Meeting on 8 May 2012
in the Stronsay Community Centre at 19.30**

Minutes

- Present:** Malcolm Addison (Chair) Roger Neville-Smith Stephen Weaver
Cora Goodram Paul Riley (Acting Yvonne Weaver
Karen Griffin Minutes Secretary)
- Apologies:** Gail Andersen (VAO) Chessa Llewellyn- Adrian Miller (Director)
Edwina Cook (VAO) White (HIE) Andrew Stennett (SREL)
Lisa De Geer (Secretary) Marion Macleod
Jonas De Geer (Director),
Meghan McEwan
(VAO),
- In Attendance:** Julia Crocker (Admin and Finance Officer)
Alan Long (Accountant from the Long Partnership)
Anthony Withers (CDO/TDO)
8 Members of the Trust
4 Members of the Public (not members of the Trust)

Welcome by Chair

Malcolm Addison welcomed everybody and thanked them for attending. A special welcome was given to Alan Long, accountant from the Long Partnership.

Malcolm Addison reminded the meeting that only members of the Trust can approve minutes, adopt accounts etc., but welcomed questions and comments from all. He thanked Lisa De Geer, Marion McLeod, Jenny Stone, and particularly Julia Crocker and Tony Withers for their hard work over the past year.

Annual Report

The chair introduced briefly the annual report and the activity during the year.

Malcolm asked Anthony Withers, Turbine Development Officer, to speak about the wind turbine project.

Anthony Withers mentioned that the turbine is earning income for the community and we will need a full year of operation before we know how much money can be gift aided. In the business plan the turbine was stated as being 37% efficient, production to date is at 60%. He gave information about the gift aiding process.

As Community Development Officer, Anthony Withers will be available to help any group with their application or suggest alternative sources of funding.

Malcolm Addison invited questions/comments.

Colin McAlpine pointed out that SDT states it has one meeting per month but the number of meetings, minutes published, and number of agendas did not correlate on the website. Julia Crocker said that she would check and adjust as appropriate.

Colin McAlpine asked why there were only two Treasurers reports in the year. Malcolm Addison explained that the Treasurer only reported exceptional items and the annual audited accounts contained all the year's detail. It was suggested to publish monthly figures for a trial period, depending on how much extra work was involved and if it was feasible, to continue.

Colin McAlpine also queried the small amount of expenses. Most of the expenses are claimed by employees. Julia Crocker said that these were very small since most directors did not claim expenses. However, a full breakdown is in the annual accounts.

Adoption of the Annual Report 10/11

Malcolm asked the membership to accept the annual report, Juliet Durrant proposed and Mike Erdman seconded. All members were in favour and the annual report was adopted.

Approval of Minutes for AGM 5 May 2011

The chair invited questions and asked if the meeting would propose that the minutes of the last AGM were accurate. Karen Griffin proposed and Brian Crow seconded. Everyone was in favour and the minutes were approved.

Adoption of the Annual Accounts for the period 1 Sept 2010 to 31 Aug 2011

The chair explained that a summary of the accounts are included in the annual report, and that full copies were freely available at the meeting. Further copies can be obtained from the Secretary on request.

The chair handed over the meeting to accountant Alan Long to give an overview of the accounts. His slide presentation made the accounts very clear and summarized by saying that a substantial improvement in island finances is projected. Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Dianne Riley-Moore and seconded by Nigel Durrant. All members were in favour, so the accounts were adopted.

Consideration of the Long Partnership for re-appointment as accountants

The Board recommended that the members agree that the trust re-appoints the Long Partnership, Chartered accountants of Kirkwall, as independent examiner for the next financial year. Allen Cooke proposed and Nigel Durrant seconded. All were in favour and the motion was carried.

Appointment of Directors - Election

It was explained that each member had seven votes, although not all votes had to be used. Members used their voting papers and placed them in the box provided.

Standing for re-election this year was:

- Malcolm Addison

Three Directors, appointed by the board during the year, and now standing for election were:

- Marion MacLeod
- Roger Neville-Smith
- Paul Riley

There were also three nominees:

- Allen Cooke
- Leo Martini-Brown
- Stephen Weaver

Break for tea and cakes

Tea and cakes were supplied by Ann-Maree Carter to her usual high standard.

Appointment of Directors – Result

The chair announced that the votes had been counted and 6 Directors had been elected by a majority of the members present. These were, Malcolm Addison, Allen Cooke, Marion McLeod, Roger Neville-Smith, Paul Riley and Stephen Weaver.

One candidate had did not receive a majority vote and it was put to the membership to decide if they wanted them appointed to the Board on this basis. A vote was taken and the majority voted against the candidate being appointed.

Meeting closed at 21.00