



**Action**

### **Treasurer's Report**

SF circulated the accounts and invited questions. SS queried whether the OCPP fund had been supplemented by £2500: he understood that this is in the pipeline.

SF reported that she had received a cheque for £910 from Go4Volunteering, which was to be deposited in the account tomorrow.

**ME**

(ME joined the meeting at 7.45 p.m.)

### **Chair's Report**

ME reported that, during his attendance at the latE event, Hughie Donaldson had told him that we should not be due for the tax bill included in the annual accounts. ME had also spoken to Fiona at Scholes, who agreed with Hughie. ME had talked to Neil Price, who would be in touch with Hughie direct.

The point was made that letters from funders would be needed to prove that the monies had been donated. SF believed that Neil had had this back-up material, but ME will confirm with WC that Neil has had all necessary correspondence.

**ME/  
WC**

JD expressed concern about this confusion in terms of the accounts being presented at the AGM (the mailing goes out on 24 January and should contain the accounts for approval by members), and undertook to discuss this with Neil tomorrow.

**JD**

ME raised the issue of our donation to the Stronsay Christmas Tree: IC reported that this had now been fully funded, and ME suggested that we should still donate money against next year's tree. This was agreed and ME will liaise with the Community Council.

**ME**

ME wanted an update on courses being run in the near future (e.g. Food Hygiene, Dry stone Dyking): in WC's absence, he would talk to him direct. ME confirmed that the Marine Communications course was being mounted by the Small Boat Owners Association.

**ME**

ME proposed that we should explore the possibility of a shared inter-isles fast ferry: he had discussed this with Kate, Rose and Clive, who were all keen on the idea. Kate had suggested that there should be a meeting of LDOs and one director from each Trust to discuss this on 9 February at 2 p.m. at VAO. Nearer the time ME will be in touch to identify the director willing to attend.

**ME**

John Steenton asked whether we would be paying the same way as we do with Orkney Ferries. ME replied that we would not be competing with Orkney Ferries, that it would be an 'on demand' service and would need to be charged for.

IC suggested that we should subsidise the existing boats with their experienced skippers, as the surrounding waters can be very dangerous. SS thought this was worth exploring, and the Board agreed that this should be an option.

ME reported that the latE meeting in Glasgow had been very useful. He had met with LDOs and Chairs from the Western Isles, Shetland and other Orkney areas, all of whom had encountered similar problems to our own. He suggested that SDT should become more focussed and, although we had achieved much on the administrative front, this was not visible to the community. Most trusts are ready – or about to start – concentrating on Social Enterprises and earning income. He reminded that Board that funding for the LDO would cease after March 2008. He quoted the example of an arts initiative in the Gorbals which, after a collapse in funding, had increased their income from nil to £250k in eighteen months.

SS suggested that there was nothing to stop the Trust taking over existing functions (e.g. road maintenance from the OIC), but warned that this could be a dangerous policy because funding might run out in time.

### **Sub-group Reports**

**Amenities:** SF had investigated promotion of the new Stronsay leaflet with VisitOrkney and had a letter setting out options. There were a number of questions raised, and it was eventually agreed that SF and YW should clarify costs and benefits and bring this matter back to the Board. SS suggested that Rose in Sanday would be a good point of contact, since Sanday produces excellent material.

**SF/  
YW**

**Lifeboat:** BC had not received any suggestions for an alternative site for the lifeboat. He had included a request for suggestions in his Annual Report contribution.

**Renewables:** DF had investigated the concerns raised at the last meeting regarding the legalities involved in recycling certain materials. He confirmed that, providing we were not recycling toxic waste, there were no problems, the only caveat being that if we were washing containers and ran a risk of contaminating the water supply, we must liaise with Scottish Water.

With regard to projects, SS reiterated the need to see a large project completed. ME underlined that we are near to completing the funding package for the recreation ground, and JD suggested that the Limpet project was completed and running, bringing in income.

### **AGM/EGM Arrangements**

JD reported that at long last the Scottish Executive’s legal team had approved the revised M & As, and we can now hold the EGM after the AGM. The revised M & As are now on the website as “Proposed M & As”.

JD proposed that the Board approved the new M & As for recommendation to the members that they should be adopted.

BC seconded the proposal

There being no counter-proposal, this was carried.

JD confirmed that the paperwork for the meetings was on schedule to be mailed on 24 January, subject to any changes in the accounts. The Annual Report will be circulated shortly, and it is **imperative** that she receives at least 7 emailed approvals for the report. **Action**

**All**

Press notices and information on noticeboards would appear during next week.

JD circulated an example of the front cover of the Annual Report, but explained that having more photos amongst the text had not been possible because of lack of equipment. ME offered to supply some glossy paper for the front cover.

**ME**

JD circulated the AGM/EGM agendas. She suggested that we supply tea, coffee and biscuits during the refreshment break and asked for a volunteer to handle this. BC kindly volunteered. JD also asked for help in checking members' names at the door, in view of the importance of the voting regulations. It was suggested that HS and NS might be willing to do this again. JD will contact them and SF offered to assist if they could not do it. JD will approach WC to ask him to serve bar drinks at the end of the meeting. CM will talk to Yvonne Harcus regarding the use of the bar and proceeds from it.

**BC**

**JD**

**SF**

**CM**

JD reported that 3 nominations for directorships had been received to date, and ME passed a fourth to her. She needs confirmation of resignations and re-elections before a final list goes up on noticeboards. As far as the election is concerned, Ruth and Morag have offered to count the votes, as disinterested parties.

**All**

SF told the Board that she would like to resign as Treasurer after the AGM but would wait until a suitable replacement can be found.

JD reported that Ruth and Morag had requested a meeting with Board members at 5.45 p.m. at the hotel for a meal before the AGM, funded by OE. They would like to discuss projects and general progress. JD had been asked to organise transport and would speak to WC regarding this. She suggested that we should set aside some time in the agenda for the February meeting to gather thoughts about this meeting.

**All**

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### **Any Other Business**

ME asked the Board to stay on after the formal business for a brainstorming session on ways of earning income in the short to medium term.

**Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, 15 February 2007 at 7.30 p.m.**

**Meeting Closed: 8.56 p.m.**