

Stronsay Development Trust
Annual General Meeting on 28 February 2007 in the Community Centre
at 7:30 pm
Minutes

Present: William Caithness (LDO) Mike Erdman (Chair) Hazel Shearer
Ian Cooper Sue Fairbrother Eoin Stevenson
Brian Crowe Colin McAlpine Sinclair Scott
Juliet Durrant Norman Shearer (Vice Chair) Yvonne Weaver

Apologies: Sam Harcus Gaynor Jones Alan Caldwell
Steve Weaver Neil Price

In Attendance: Nigel Durrant (Minutes), Ruth Kirkpatrick, Morag Robertson, Naomi Woodward (guest speaker). 32 members attended in person and 1 by proxy.

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Welcome by Chair

The meeting commenced at 7.43 p.m. and ME welcomed everyone, and gave a brief overview of the agendas for the evening. Over the last year, the Board had worked well as a team and, though it may not be very visible at the moment to members, a lot was going on behind the scenes. In particular, he would ask Jennifer George to speak about the Parish Development Fund during the course of the meeting.

Approval of the Minutes of the AGM held on 30 November 2005

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.

NS proposed that they should be approved

YW seconded the proposal.

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

Consideration and adoption of the accounts for the period 1 September 2005 to 31 August 2006

Leo Martini-Brown pointed out that the accounts had been signed "Orcadia" and not by Neil Price in person. He thought this was unusual. He also asked where the accountants' fees were expressed. JD will raise these queries with Neil Price.

JD

Dave Fernley asked whether the tax liability had been investigated. ME replied that this had been looked at and JD explained that part of this was due to our unusual tax year: the Chancellor had removed the £10,000 ceiling on corporation tax as from 1 April 2006, and our financial year ends on 31 August. Ruth Kirkpatrick added that many non-charitable trusts had unexpectedly been faced with tax liabilities, but that Stronsay had been the first.

ME asked whether members wished to adopt the accounts, with the proviso that the above queries were resolved satisfactorily.

SF proposed that the accounts be adopted.

Action

IC seconded the proposal.

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

Consideration and adoption of the Annual Report for the period 1 September 2005 to 31 August 2006

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

HS proposed that it should be adopted.

CM seconded the proposal.

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

Appointment/re-appointment of the Accountants

ME asked members if they wished to continue with Orcadia as the Trust's accountants for 2006-7.

Tony Withers proposed that they should continue

John Steenton seconded the proposal

There being no counter-proposal, Orcadia are re-appointed.

Appointment of Directors

ME explained that there were 7 vacancies and 8 nominees. In addition, he and BC were standing for re-election. Dennis Proudman requested that nominees should stand up so that members could recognise them. ME explained the ballot process and invited members to vote. Voting commenced at 8.00 p.m. (Ruth and Morag counted the votes during the speakers' presentations.)

ME invited Jennifer George to explain the Parish Development Fund to the meeting. She stressed that she would welcome onto the working party anyone who would be interested.

Guest speaker: Naomi Woodward – Archaeological Project

Naomi gave a very comprehensive presentation on the project she was planning to do on Stronsay in early April, and asked for all the help she could get from the community. She requested that anyone wishing to become involved should contact JD or herself.

Confirmation of Directors' Appointments

JD reported to the meeting that there had been a tie between Cora Goodram and Malcolm Addison, and that members needed to vote between these two. A second ballot took place and Ruth and Morag re-counted so that confirmation of appointments could be announced at the beginning of the EGM at 9.00 p.m.

The AGM closed at 8.35 p.m.