

Stronsay Development Trust
Board Meeting on 18 July 2007 in the Community Centre at 7.30pm

Minutes

Present: Malcolm Addison Juliet Durrant Colin McAlpine
William Caithness (LDO) Mike Erdman (Chair) Leo Martini-Brown
Ian Cooper Sue Fairbrother John Steenton (minutes)
Julia Crocker Jennifer George
Brian Crowe Cora Goodram

Apologies: Damian Stout
Eoin Stevenson

In Attendance: Joyce White, Graham Sinclair, Nigel Durrant

The meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

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Welcome by Chair

ME welcomed everyone including Graham Sinclair, OIC Councillor, who was attending for the first time.

Minutes of previous meeting

ME asked whether the minutes were a true account of the meeting on 13 June. JC proposed that they were and JD seconded the proposal

There being no counter proposal, the minutes were duly signed by ME

Matters arising

JD has yet to receive a response from Yvonne Weaver and Heather Fazakerley regarding a letters page in the Limpet

Correspondence

JS returned his formal acceptance of the note takers position.

ME had received a letter from Sue Fairbrother formally resigning as a director, ME thanked her for all her efforts and was pleased to say that Sue will continue to play a part on the Amenities sub group.

DTA has invited delegates to a conference 16 – 18 September in Oxford.

The Crofting Commission has forwarded details of a survey which it was agreed should be passed to Adrian Miller who may be interested in responding.

JD had received an e-mail from VAO Orkney who are offering a Training CD for Website administration.

WC had received notification of a meeting between HIE and BT to discuss broadband connectivity @ King Street Hall on 23 July. WC will attend and welcomed others.

Chair's Report

ME had nothing to report

Secretary's Report

JD asked Directors to add the names of the new North Isles councillors to their e mail address list. Discussion about the number of e mails that this could produce led to agreement that while the directors should continue to receive all relevant papers the councillors might prefer the formal minutes and reports plus any individual e mails on their relevant areas of expertise.

All**Treasurer's Report** (paper circulated)

LM-B drew the Board's attention to the financial report and asked for any comments.

JD sought clarification of the £100 to the Limpet, it was confirmed that this was a one off running costs payment to Heather Fazakerley.

LM-B is still investigating the position regards Corporation Tax.

WC made enquiries about the timing of payments for play park equipment because the funding needs to be accessed within specific timescales. LM-B was content in principle to make some payments on the production of invoices as long as credit checks on the supplier had been done. WC will approach HIE Orkney to see whether they will provide funds on invoices.

WC
LM-B**LDO's Report** (paper circulated)

WC will be attending a workshop with HLF and will ask about funding options for the Lifeboat and the Ranger. The Athenia seems a good project for the Ranger to be involved with and the chances of funding might be increased via 'Young Roots' if children were involved.

BC reported that he had an offer of help to restore the Athenia in August but there may be problems in paying for expenses and materials. As well as this the boat is still on private property hence the kind offer was too soon for us to be able to take advantage of it. What we still need is somewhere to house the boat and in the meantime concerns about its condition increase. However, for as long as the Athenia is still owned and used by Clive Martin it is likely that he will want to do repairs and in order to preserve the boat appropriately. WC and GS suggested that Jim Rendall might be the person to approach to advise and help Clive with repairs.

WC reported that we might be able to earn some income on our website via " Home Pages Friends" a search box provider. The general consensus was that it needs looking at carefully and JD offered to investigate this company and suggested that income generating ideas should be on the next Agenda.

JD

GS asked what the remit was for the Ranger. He was advised that ME & JG are working on this.

ME/JG

Beneath the Surface/Hidden Place. WC explained a proposed project by Scottish Arts Council for capturing living memories about places and the chance that

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Stronsay could be involved.

It was thought that this was a good idea and WC will respond positively on this.

WC

Fish Factory: nothing had been heard from Rodney George. ME will pursue.

ME

Sub-group Reports

BC felt that he had covered the Athenia earlier.

Amenities

LM-B had registered a domain name for a Stronsay tourist website.

JC reported that at a sub-group meeting with SF, ND and JD it had been agreed that the costs of set up, use of server, design and administration needed more work and funding. The proposal now was for an interim solution to expand on the SDT site to include visitor information.

The website address could be added to the Stronsay leaflet.

BC proposed we use the SDT website as an interim measure. JC seconded it.

JC/SF

The meeting broke at 9.00 and resumed at 9.10

Pontoons and Slipways

ME reported that he had approached the Harbourmaster who had said that no money was available for pontoons. ME had considered that a floating pontoon could be rented out for boat moorings and it might worth funding this as an income generating project.

GS suggested that ME should look at the Capital Plan.

LM-B asked if it was likely that SDT could take over the current piers if a new one was built. ME agreed to investigate costs etc. more thoroughly.

ME

Co-opting of a councillor

GS suggested that Sam Marcus be co-opted to SDT. At this point ME asked GS if he would mind leaving the meeting in order for the board to discuss.

JD explained that there are 12 elected seats on the board and 3 co-opted places.

One Co-opted seat is taken by JG which leaves 2.

IC proposed that GS become SDT co-opted councillor and this was seconded by LM-B.

GS returned to the meeting and was formally asked by the chair if he was prepared to join the SDT.

GS agreed and a letter will be sent to OIC

JD

Board Training for Charity Trustees

JD recommended that the Board attend a half-day course costing £60, run by VAO. Training should be done as soon as possible in order that the directors understand their responsibilities when SDT has charitable status.

JD will organise suitable dates and will include others who may benefit.

JD

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Any other business

Website Administrator: SDT needs a new administrator as ND is stepping down. Suggestions were made by various members of the board but it was agreed to advertise for a volunteer via the island notice boards.

JD

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 19 Sept 2007 at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting Closed at 9.52 p.m.

Amendments to the minutes of Board Meeting 18 July 2007

The chair approved the minutes subject to the following amendments:

In attendance insert 'Cllr' Graham Sinclair.

Welcome by chair. Insert 'Cllr' Graham Sinclair and delete 'OIC Councillor'.

Co-opting of a councillor. Delete 'GS suggested that Sam Harcus be co-opted to SDT'.

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