

Stronsay Development Trust
Board Meeting on 19 Sept 2007 in the Community Centre at 7.30pm

Minutes

Present:

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| William Caithness (LDO) | Juliet Durrant | Colin McAlpine |
| Ian Cooper | Mike Erdman (Chair) | Leo Martini-Brown |
| Julia Crocker | Damian Stout | Cora Goodram |
| Brian Crowe | Eoin Stevenson | John Steenton (minutes) |

Apologies: Malcolm Addison, Jennifer George

In Attendance: Cllr Graham Sinclair. David Fernley (from 8.00p.m).

The meeting commenced at 7.32 p.m.

Action

Welcome by Chair

ME welcomed everyone.

Minutes of previous meeting

ME asked whether the minutes were a true account of the meeting on 18 July. LMB requested that three amendments be made to the 18 July minutes. Subject to these, JD proposed that they were a true account of the meeting and JC seconded the proposal

There being no counter proposal, the minutes were duly signed by ME subject to the amendments being recorded.

JS

Matters arising

Cllr GS explained that he is not in a position to be co-opted to the SDT in the role of an OIC Councillor, which has also been confirmed in a letter from OIC to JD. In future GS will attend SDT board meetings only in his capacity as an individual.

The board wished to thank Nigel Durrant for his work as clerk and ME will write to him formally

ME

Correspondence

- ME JD has received a letter from Sinclair Scott with thanks for his farewell gift and good wishes for the SDT's future.
- ME had received a letter from Nigel Kershaw of the 'The Big Issue' offering a loan.
- Orkney Access forum have sent an invitation to a walk in the Binscarth woods. And their AGM

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Chair's Report

ME had nothing to report

Secretary's Report (paper circulated)

There has been a positive reaction to the Development Plan.

Heather and Yvonne will continue to promote the letters page in the Limpet and should there be any correspondence about the SDT then the board will consider the response.

Bruce Fletcher has volunteered to take over the running of the SDT website.

The board will confirm his position, hence JD proposed and JC seconded.

Any changes to the website are to go through JD.

JD requested a black cartridge and paper, which was agreed.

JD

Treasurer's Report (paper circulated)

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

The Limpet has requested £200 for materials to produce calendars to sell, which was agreed.

LM-B is preparing to produce accounts for 06/07. He would like to clarify some issues with 05/06 accounts and has written a discussion paper. The board agreed that prior to an office bearer's meeting to discuss, the SDT accountant should be invited to comment on the paper.

LM-B

LM-B hopes that by using his approach to the previous year that, with the agreement of our accountants, a part reclaim of the corporation tax paid could be made.

LM-B

LM-B drew the board's attention to the new Companies Act sections 171 to 174 inclusive coming into effect in Oct 2007.

WC

LDO's Report

Play equipment has arrived in Kirkwall.

Naomi Coleman has advised that Orkney Ferries/OIC are prepared to run a trial of a fast inter-island ferry service next summer. He asked if Stronsay wished to be included in the trial.

WC

The board voted 5 for and 5 against with one abstention. ME used his casting vote in favour of Stronsay being involved. Motion carried.

Community turbine. Scotrenewables are collating all information in order for the trust to lodge a planning application for a community turbine.

Funding for the brochures and leaflets could be available and it would be better to apply for funds to cover a range of leaflets, rather than as each leaflet is produced

JD will seek advice about the tourism aspects of SDT activities in the light of imminent Charitable status.

JD

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WC gave a report on the Conference at Barra. He will make the videos available via a memory stick.

Sub-group Reports

Amenities (paper circulated)

The board agreed that we should have a hyperlink from the SDT site to the Stronsay page on Orkney Tourism Group's website, rather than run our own website at considerable cost. JD will approach Bruce Fletcher. **JD**

WC confirmed that it would be better to apply for e.g. £10,000 funding for a range of say 5 different leaflets and JC should prepare outline descriptions and quotations for costs. **JC**

Discussions about improving the visitor experience included the maintenance and safety of advertised walks. It is not clear who would be liable in the case of accidents or whom we should approach about the maintenance.

All

JC asked the directors for other suggestions for improvements.

The meeting broke at 9.20 and resumed at 9.25

Update on Charitable Status application

An EGM is needed in order to approve the changes to the SDT Memorandum and Articles of Association as required by The Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator.

25th October was suggested for the meeting and agreed. The EGM will take place prior to a presentation by Naomi Woodward on her archaeological findings on Stronsay.

NHS Consultation Meeting (paper circulated)

The board thanked IC for his very well written draft response to the NHS consultation.

The board agreed that a copy should be sent to NHS Orkney, Ian Crozier. JD suggested that it should also be copied to the Limpet, MSP and MPs

IC/ME

Future Operations (paper circulated)

In view of the probability that our main funding will be lost in 2008 the board is urged to consider priorities while we still have the LDO and funds.

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LM-B proposed that the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and LDO should form a sub group to generate a plan. JD seconded proposal. **LM-B**

Any other business

WC

BC asked for an update on the housing survey. WC to finalise arrangements with HIE and obtain job description.

JD announced that she intends to step down from the position of secretary and director in the coming months. It was agreed that JD should receive the honorarium of £100 formerly proposed by the board: LM-B asked for a copy of the minute approving this. JD will forward it to him.

ES/ME

ES sought the Board's views on nominating our MP/MSP for a DTAS award. It was agreed that ME would forward the e-mail nominating Alistair Carmichael.

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 17 Oct 2007 at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting Closed at 10.23 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'.

Clerk
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