

Stronsay Development Trust

A Scottish Charity SC038888

Board Meeting on 3 December 2008 in the Community Centre at 19.30

Approved Minutes

Present:

Malcolm Addison	Brian Crowe	Heather Johnstone
William Caithness LDO	Mike Erdman (Chair)	Cora Goodram
Julia Crocker	Jennifer George	John Steenton (minutes)

Apologies: Leo Martini-Brown

In Attendance:

Action

The meeting, postponed from November 27, commenced at 19.30

Welcome by Chair

ME welcomed everyone.

Minutes of previous meeting

ME asked whether the minutes were a true account of the meeting on 8 October
MA proposed that they were a true account and BC seconded the proposal. The
minutes were duly approved.

Matters arising

None

Correspondence

None

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Chair's Report

The Chair advised the board of his intention not to stand for election as Chair after the next AGM although he would be happy to stay as a director if voted on.

The date of the next AGM was discussed, two dates were suggested, May 14 and 21st 2009 JC to find out which date was better for the Community Hall booking. **JC**

As an EGM will also be required, BC proposed that the M&As be altered to reduce the number of directors required for a quorum. MA seconded this. JC to investigate. **JC**

ME reported that letters had been sent to the Community Council and Community Association inviting two representatives from both to be directors, forming a greater community partnership on the Trust's board. The letters were sent on Nov 29th asking for a response by Dec 11th.

It was agreed that when names had been put forward the board would meet urgently to appoint any new directors. **All**

There is to be a meeting on Dec 16th at the Community Hall with OIC/HIE that we should all try to attend, as yet we do not have an agenda. JC is liaising with the Clerk of the Community Council. **All**

Secretary's Report

JC explained the advice from Alan Caldwell about forming a greater partnership on the Trust Board. He advised that it is important that we maintain the board structure rather than having a sub group for the Wind Turbine project. New directors should have the same voting rights as ourselves, and equally be subject to the responsibilities and governance that cover the roles of Director/Trustee.

Ideally the Trading Subsidiary should be chaired independently and apart from Trust representation should aim to have a board with a wide range of business and project management skills. Alan Caldwell offered his services which would include sessions with the board to make sure that all is understood.

It was agreed that JC should speak to Alan Long and Alan Caldwell to compare the costs of helping us to set up a Trading arm. LDO advised that there was limited funding available for this purpose. **JC**

LDO Report

WC reported on the current list of funding applications that he is dealing with as well as the Turbine application which needs to be submitted by Feb 2009.

- Climate Challenge Fund (CCF) – a combined Development Trust’s application which could, if successful give Stronsay an employment opportunity.
- Fairer Scotland Fund (FSF) another Dev Trusts combined application for general funding – replacing the OCPP funding. Stronsay has volunteered to co-ordinate this funding
- FSF application for 50% of the Fast Boat scheme
- Youth worker funding
- Heritage Lottery fund for a Ranger

The board thanked WC for the work so far on the GCA application for the Wind Turbine and discussed communication with the community to explain the process and progress. BC proposed a letter to all residents and JC seconded.

**JC, BC
and
WC.**

Break: Meeting stopped at 20.25 and resumed at 20.30

Treasurers Report (paper circulated)

The treasurer was absent but plans to present the draft annual accounts at the January meeting.

Sub-group Reports

Amenities (paper circulated)

JC briefly updated the report by letting the board know that the laptop has been ordered for the leaflet project.

Any other business

Orkney Folk Festival has invited Stronsay to have an island event on Friday 22 May, JG will establish costs - whether a concert, dance and supper would be financially viable. The board supported both the festival and the further research.

JG is currently applying for approx £4300 funding for music workshops to be held in Stronsay on a regular basis. There needs to be community backing for the application to succeed and the SDT may need to donate £300. The board approved and also JG suggested a fund raising event to cover this.

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Date of next meeting

Jan 15th at the Community Hall

Meeting Closed at 21.07