

Stronsay Development Trust

Company Number SC271553

A Scottish Charity, Charity Number SC038888

Board Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Monday 19th December 2016 at Holin Cottage

MINUTES

In Attendance

Carole Cotterill

Simone Kirk

Julie Andrew

David Bourn-Fernley

Tony Piper

Raymond Dennison

Kevin Kent

Apologies

Christopher Evans

Matters Arising

Tony Piper requested that a decision on the 2016 Fuel Poverty Grant could be taken during this meeting.

Correspondence

The Chair read a letter of thanks from Tracey Boler for Mathew's driving lessons; Mathew has passed his test.

Application to the Rural Housing Fund for Feasibility Funding

Stronsay has submitted its own application details as part of a joint application by Sanday, Stronsay, Rousay and Shapinsay Development Trusts for feasibility funding for a Housing Needs Assessment. SDT has included in its application the construction of three 2-bed purpose-built bungalows for the elderly and/or disabled, to allow people to stay and be cared for in their home island for as long as possible;

two three-bedroomed houses with workshops for renovation and a two-bed house for renovation as a Gateway House for people wishing to experience living on Stronsay before committing themselves to a move. The Rural Housing Fund can contribute up to 85% of new-build/renovation costs.

A separate application will need to be made to the Scottish Land Fund for the site for the three bungalows. A notice will be placed in the January Limpet advertising for suitable sites for sale. The choice of site will be made by the community.

Julie Andrew suggested contacting Orkney Health and Care to enquire whether a new surgery was being planned for Stronsay and, if so, where it was likely to be sited.

Enterprise Zone Update

The building works are nearing completion and the windows in the Heritage Centre will be in place before the Christmas break. The carpet and flooring have been ordered for the Trust's offices.

WRC Construction Ltd has asked to lease one of the business units for a year whilst it carries out repairs to Stronsay School.

Four years' rent for the two units set aside for the Heritage Centre is included in OIC's North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme funding application to the Heritage Lottery Fund, as are the costs associated with finishing and fitting out the interior of the Heritage Centre.

There has been an enquiry regarding the lease of the remaining business unit.

NILPS Walks and Trails Consultation

It was agreed that the map and write-up of Stronsay did not do justice to Stronsay and that both were incorrect in places. It was suggested that interested parties such as Craftship Enterprise, the Fishmart and the Community Council should inform Jane Dixon of their concerns. Julie Andrew suggested interpretation in other languages.

Minutes Secretary

One reply has been received for the post of Minutes Secretary, an interview with two of the Trust's Directors will be arranged shortly. If successful, the applicant will be invited to meet the rest of the Board

Fuel Poverty Grant

David Bourn-Fernley proposed, Simone Kirk seconded and all approved a Fuel Poverty Grant for 2016 paid to qualifying applicants. Assistance would be sought to administer the scheme this year.

New Director

Richard Seeber has agreed to be co-opted as a Director of Stronsay Development Trust.

Payments

WRC Construction Ltd - £24,794.90. Raymond Dennison proposed, Tony Piper seconded, approved.

Orkney Construction Consultants - £1,903.50. Tony Piper proposed, Kevin Kent seconded, approved.

Meeting Closed at 10.30 pm