

Stronsay Development Trust
Company Number SC271553
A Scottish Charity, Charity Number SC038888

Board Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 18th May 2017
At the Community Centre

MINUTES

In Attendance

Carole Cotterill (Chair) Julie Andrew
Raymond Dennison Kevin Kent
Richard Seeber David Bourn-Fernley
Simone Kirk

Apologies

Tony Piper

Welcome by the Chair

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a special welcome to Peter Rickard the Manager at THAW, Orkney who had come out to Stronsay to answer questions on the financial and operational details for the Delivery of Poverty and Social Inclusion Services in Stronsay

Peter explained that THAW (Tackling Household Affordable Warmth) started in October 2013 with a coming together of lots of organisations to discuss fuel poverty in the County. The single-issue charity was established in December 2014 and funding was received at the end of the following year which was to last until December 2016, though this was extended to March 2017. He presented a report to the Board which details THAW's aims and objectives and includes all its financial figures. They co-ordinate with Orkney Care and Repair and work closely with Orkney Islands Council's Poverty and Inclusion Service. THAW does the assessments and treats the person and property holistically. They aim to improve the thermal shell of each property to ensure its heating efficiency. The funding THAW has received to carry out this work needs to be match funded and they have approached all the island Development Trusts to ask if they are willing to make an annual contribution to the amount that needs to be raised. The scheme would prioritise the most vulnerable households and either SDT or THAW would employ a Support Officer on each island for approximately one day a week to carry out assessments and advise households in need.

The Chair pointed out that the Trust had administered its own Fuel Poverty Scheme for residents of Stronsay for the past three years but that the THAW project as a whole met the Trust's objects. After discussion the Board came to an unanimous decision to support the project

Kevin Kent proposed, Julie Andrew seconded, all in approval.

Approval of the Minutes of the Board Meeting 20th April 2017

Carole Cotterill proposed, Richard Seeber seconded, all in approval. Julie Andrew abstained as she was absent from the meeting.

Trusts M & A's

The Chair passed out copies of the proposed change to aims of the M&A's and went through the wording of the new clause to be inserted which would allow the Trust to give grants or loans to businesses but only if it could be shown that the public good would outweigh private gain. This addition would need its own policy for details such as security and interest rates and will need to be approved by OSCR

The Board also discussed the proposed alterations to the voting procedure for new directors at the annual AGM. It was agreed it should revert to a simple vote in support of a candidate, with the 'NO' vote being removed.

Richard Seeber proposed, Raymond Dennison seconded. All in approval.

Correspondence

Tony Piper has given verbal notice he has resigned from the board, he will confirm by email.

21.05pm Richard Seeber left the meeting.

AGM

Will be held in late August/early September. Date to be confirmed.

SREL Gift Aid

The Chair to put a thank you notice in the Limpet.

Enterprise Zone

Insurance: Nick Coward has provided a valuation..

Portacabin: This has been moved to Olivebank with the help of WRC's machinery and the Bu's trailer.

Electricity connection: SSE still waiting on wayleaves.

Turfing: The turf laying was successful. A quote of £20 has been received for weed-killing the weeds in Wood's Yard and £10 for the weeds at the rear of the

Community Greenhouse. Julie Andrew proposed, Raymond Dennison seconded, all in approval.

Maintenance: A Tender will be issued for cutting the grass on the bank and general maintenance of the yard area. The contractor will be expected to provide their own equipment. Tender notice to go in the next edition of The Limpet.

Flooring and office equipment: To be progressed as soon as the electricity cable is installed.

BT: Long delay in installation

Development Officer Post

The Development Officer post is being advertised, with interviews taking place early in June.

Islands Housing Fund

The Chair passed round details of the successful tender for the Housing Needs Assessment. The four islands concerned have received feasibility funding of £32,000 from the Islands Housing Fund for this project.

Payments

Ebenezer Stores - £30.50 for Office Materials and Weed-killer for Enterprise Zone.

Julie Andrew proposed, Raymond Dennison seconded, all in approval.

Clark Thomson – Insurance, £1,133.41. Carole Cotterill proposed, Simone Kirk seconded, all in approval.

Nick Coward – Valuation for Insurance, £840.00 including VAT. Kevin Kent proposed, Raymond Dennison seconded, all in approval.

Orcadia – SDT Accounts, £2,640.00. Simone Kirk proposed, David Bourn-Fernley seconded, all in approval.

John Dunne – Turfing of bank at Wood's Yard, £600. Raymond Dennison proposed, Kevin Kent seconded, all in approval.

Meeting closed at 9.35 pm.