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It has been a busy time for the Trust since my last jottings. Many projects are in the pipeline and the workload increases as it's time to organize audits and begin working on reports for the AGM. Thanks to all on the Board who readily give up their time and effort to get things done.

A big thank you also to all who signed the petition regarding the outflow pipes in Whitehall. Over 100 signed the petition which indicates just how strongly people feel about the subject. The petition will be sent to S.E.P.A and copied to interested parties. Perhaps it will bring forward the mains sewerage work—time will tell!!

Work towards securing funding to purchase the light haulage and yard continues and funding applications have been submitted. An enormous amount of work and effort is needed to secure funding for such projects, many trips to Kirkwall to gain support and advice of HIE's Business Gateway are required and I am confident that the project will happen, though at times the procedure seems to take forever! We are grateful to Jim and Vicky for their patience in this matter. The plan is to create an Enterprise Zone on the site subject to planning permission and funding. The Zone is one of the outcomes planned in our Turbine project application which we hope to hear about shortly.

I am also presently seeking funding to support the Mother and Toddler Group now renamed the Little Limpets in an attempt to replace worn out equipment and toys. The group needs more members to secure its long term future...so you know what you need to do!

The Trust and Community Council are keeping close tabs on developments regarding the employment of a new GP after the news that we did not secure one unlike Westray and Sanday. We will hold NHS Orkney to their assurances that the posts will be filled.

I will be on annual leave until the 7th of March so if you need to contact me meantime please do so via my email; *cdostronsay@btconnect.com*

Cheers, Tony Withers.