

Notes of Discussion on the Trust's plans following AGM 25 September 2008

People present: as listed on AGM minutes

Sam Marcus explained that the report into the operation of development trusts and the Initiative at the Edge status within Orkney was now in its draft form and that it should be made public during next month. It is hoped that following on from that report more funding may be made available to the development trusts. Keep pushing the council was the advice.

Sam went on to explain the proposals being put together by Community Energy Scotland- the energy power down project. CES and the Development Trust Association are putting together an application to the Climate Challenge fund to enable them in turn to fund activities leading to reductions in carbon footprint. He asked for the meeting's approval to include Shapinsay Development Trust on the list of organisations who are interested in being part of this project. The meeting agreed that the Trust remain on the list at this stage. Sam did confirm that involvement in the CES project would not preclude the Trust from making its own application to the Climate Challenge Fund.

Recycling: NM explained at the recent meeting with John Orr from OIC regarding waste management it had been indicated that if Shapinsay can reduce the waste that is shipped to Kirkwall there could well be a financial benefit to the community.

Community Hub design: Steven Bews suggested that a brief be put to all the architects to see what ideas they have. NM explained that while Pentarq are currently involved the project is at a very early stage and all they were being asked to do is to give some general guidance. She asked Sam Marcus to confirm that there are grants available from RIAS to help with much more detailed studies. He confirmed that grants of 50% are currently available

Residential Care home: David Holmes suggested that this should be considered further. SG thought that really there were insufficient numbers of Shapinsay to make the idea viable and indeed if there were not enough residents within the home then its purpose of increasing social contact would not be fulfilled any way. Sam Marcus thought it should still be kept on the plan for further investigation. The key issues is whether or not it is more expensive to keep folk here rather than Kirkwall and don't be limited by just thinking of the island as the catchment area.

Hub: Jan Buchanan suggested that we could offer office space to secretaries etc of the other community groups.

SG closed the meeting by thanking the Board for all their hard work. She thanked the advisors to the Board and Doris Hutchison. She thanked Debbie for all her efforts as Treasurer and Secretary and Nickie for her work as Community Development Worker