

**MINUTES OF THE WESTRAY DEVELOPMENT TRUST AGM  
HELD IN THE OLD KIRK AT 7.30PM ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2006**

**1. PRESENT**

Geordie Drever, Willie McEwen, Alena Tulloch, Liz Drever, Elizabeth Drever, Graham Maben, Janette Rendall, Janice Rendall

**2. IN ATTENDANCE**

Michael Blair, Lorna Brown, Peter Brown, Jim Brown, Anne Cooper, Corinne Curtis, Carrie Eden, Alicen Geddes-Ward, Stephen Hagan, Linda Hagan, Sam Marcus, Annie Marcus, Christine Marcus, Stella Marcus, Eleanor Johnston, Douglas Leslie, Jo MacDonald, Iain MacDonald, Sandy McEwen, Cathie Nicholson, Christopher Rendall, Jessie Rendall, Colin Risbridger, Nancy Scott, Elizabeth Seatter, Jan Stephenson, Angie Stout, James Stout, George Thomson, Willie Bain, Caroline Eunson, Netta Marcus, Jocky Marcus, Gina Rendall, Julie Jessett, Alan Caldwell, David Steele, Michael Reid, Morag Robertson, Fiona Nichol.

**3. APOLOGIES**

Ally Sangster, Alistair McVicar, Liz McVicar, Jim Wallace, Alistair Carmichael, Danny Marcus, Phillip Bews, Jeremy Baster, Ken Grant, Orkney Housing Association.

**4. WELCOME AND CHAIRMANS REPORT**

Willie McEwen welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. He also thanked the staff who work hard and generally over their hours. Sam Marcus as LDO and SCHRI advisor, Gina Rendall, administration worker, Colin Risbridger, Renewables worker, Lorna Brown although not a direct employee of WDT she works closely with us, Alan Drever, Hofn Caretaker and Bus Driver. Yvonne Rorie stepped down as clerk this year and this has been included in the Admin hours.

Funding for staff is still an issue. The LDO funding is coming to an end it was 2/3 funded by Orkney Enterprise and OIC with the Trust looking for the remaining 1/3. The SCHRI contract meant that they had produced income but only had Sam to do the LDO and SCHRI so the income helped pay for an assistant, Gina and help to pay Janette for extra responsibilities as treasurer. Colin's Renewables post was funded by a specific grant; this was a 2 year post which ends in May.

Future Funding for the trust is very uncertain, there's no revenue being made at the moment, there is enough grant money until October which may be stretched to Christmas.

He explained that the first part of the night would be dedicated to WDT business and the second part would be important future talk.

Membership is good but as we are targeting public money there is a real need to demonstrate the community support by increasing our membership. The biggest risk you take by being a member is that if the company should ever go into liquidation then you would have to pay £1, this will never increase as the trust is a company limited by guarantee.

The WDT is also short on directors, last year Jim Corse had to step down and 3 directors are heavily involved in the Westray Renewable Energy Ltd which means there has been a lack of man power within the trust. Three directors stand down this year, Jenna Hume who has been a huge asset and Willie McEwen and Geordie Drever who have been on the trust for 8 years and feel ready to retire.

## **5. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Copies of the minutes were on chairs and up on the projector. The only amendment was that Peter Brown should read Peter Needham under Tourism, this was only on the projector the hard copies were fine.

After going through the minutes they were adopted.

Proposed by Jan Stephenson and Seconded by Teenie Marcus

## **6. NOTICE OF ELECTION**

There were six standing for election and 5 directors needed. It was proposed that rather than vote the trust accept all 6 directors. This was unanimously agreed.

## **7. ANNUAL REPORT**

- Youth and Children – Nothing to report
- LDO – Nothing to report
- Finance – Nothing to report
- Accountants Report – Nothing to report
- Westray Reinvestment Trust – Nothing to report
- Westray Renewable Energy Ltd – David Stephenson told the group that as they could all see there was no Wind Turbine or Anaerobic Digester yet and they can't say when it will be there. AD costs came in way over and the group had a look at downsizing but this meant sacrificing the original objectives of the project. Colin, Jeemie and Phillip have just returned from a study visit to Wales and feel it was very successful. The group now have confidence in design and figures and now have to go back and re-work the business side and discuss the options with funders. When they have a better idea of what's happening they will contact the public through a meeting or newsletter.

The digestate standard is now at the stage that Colin had a group of folk working on setting a standard this is through Quality Meat Scotland.

There was a question from the floor about community wind turbines, has any other communities done this. Gigha is a good example and Colin has been liasing with them, although Gigha is on a different scale to Westray.

- Orkney Bio-fuels Ltd – Fuel will be available soon for retail, price around 80p a litre.
- Electric Car – the Wheels are now turning under electric power, it's been complicated but coming together nicely.
- Friends of Kalisgarth – Alena Tulloch should have been included in the members.
- Environment – Nothing to report
- Education and Training – Nothing to report

The Annual Report was approved by Angie Stout and Seconded by Janette Rendall.

### **8. ACCOUNTANTS REPORT**

The Westray Development Trust had too much income this year and had to have an audit done.

Alan Long from the Long Partnership went through the procedures and last years accounts and also explained a bit about what was involved with the audit.

Adoption of the Accounts – Proposed by Liz Drever and Seconded by Willie McEwen.

Appointment of Accountants – The Long Partnership were proposed and accepted.

**As there were no further questions the meeting was closed and tea and coffee were served.**