

**Minutes of the AGM of Westray Development Trust (WDT) held Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2010 7.30pm  
in the Westray Parish Kirk**

**Present:** Stewart Rendall (SR), David Stephenson (DS), Alasdair McVicar (AM), Elizabeth Drever (ED), George Thomson (GT), Keith Rendall (KR), Steven Bain (SB)

**Attending:** Lizza Bain, Willie Bain, Philip Bews, Lorna Brown, Peter Brown, Anne Cooper, Jim Corse, George Drever, Louise Drever, Linda Drever, Danny Harcus, Sam Harcus, Annie Harcus, Christine Harcus, Phillip and Marlene Hellewell, Eleanor Johnston, Douglas Leslie, Iain MacDonald, Meghan McEwen, Jonny McEwen, Willie McEwen, Sandy McEwen, Elizabeth McVicar, Peter Needham, Jessie Rendall, Eric Rendall, Catherine Rendall, Nancy Scott, Angie Stout, Jeemie Stout, Harcus Stout, Andrew King, Ruth King, Georgina Low, Pauline Blythin, Margit Baker, David Baker, Alec Harding, Adam Sharp, Eric Dixon, Cynthia Jacobs, Betty Hume, June Harcus, Alastair Harcus, Janice Rendall (JR-Minutes), Alan Long, Helen Long, Corinne Curtis

SR welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

1. **Apologies:** George Costie, Ernie Skea, Barbara Robertson, Chessa Llewellyn-White, Gaynor Jones, Valerie Sinclair
2. **Minutes from the AGM of 2009** were on overhead and copies available at the door.  
Proposed: Peter Needham      Seconded: Phill Hellewell
3. **The Annual Report** was on overhead and copies available at the door.
  - a) **Treasurers Report:** this is covered on accountants report.
  - b) **CDO:** Funded by H&IE and OIC. All islands working together.
  - c) **WRE:** DS updated the report. Enercon are currently advertising for engineers based in Orkney as the nearest at present are in Aberdeenshire. WRE have applied for the new government scheme of Feed in Tariffs (FITs). This is potentially worth twice as much as ROCS. WRE are awaiting confirmation of this.  
Danny Harcus (DH) pointed out that a graph of money generated may have been of more interest to people than the graphs in the report. DS would have liked to have had one for the AGM but had been away; he will put one on the website.      DS
  - d) **Golf:** Awaiting confirmation of funding application to SRDP.
  - e) **Orkney BioFuels:** WM explained how the new kit from Shetland will work. There was information on the overhead.  
DH asked if there were plans in place to train someone else to use the kit and WM replied this will now be possible thanks to the new kit which is less labour intensive.  
WM explained the supply of used chip fat from OIC was dropping as people are beginning to make their own Biofuel however this won't be a problem as there is a large supply already at Gallowhill.  
WM was asked about growing crops for oil; this posed problems due to the costs involved and also at harvesting as it requires four dry days in mid September; the weather in Orkney is unpredictable.  
Douglas Leslie (DL) asked if the fuel was usable in all diesel cars; only suitable for cars from M registered up to 2007.  
David Baker (DB) asked what OB's liability is; tests have been carried out and produced satisfactory results and WM also runs his own car on the fuel with no problems.
  - f) **Westray Zero Waste Centre:** funding application has been submitted for a glass imploder and can crusher. A planning application has been submitted for a building at Gallowhill.

- g) Learning Centre: Jo MacDonald was project manager for the Learning Centre but has resigned.
- h) Electric Car: decision had been made to mothball the project until such time as technology allowed it to restart.  
Alec Harding (AH) asked what was going to happen to the car; it will be stored in a shipping container at Gallowhill. WM explained that there was an issue with the batteries elsewhere and not just here.  
AH asked about the turbine at Rapness Pier; the plan is to raise the tower or move the turbine.
- i) Fuel Poverty: AM ran through funding received and also explained the criteria to be met for help in the EEDA project.  
AH asked who puts jobs out to tender and to whom; MEG replied that she did this. She explained that some of the work had to be done by specialists.  
AM explained that there will be a transition from WDT to Energy Action Westray.  
Linda Drever (LD) asked if EAW would have to re-do surveys; this will not be the case as the information from the existing surveys is acceptable. Gareth Ellis is a qualified and registered surveyor.
- j) Youth: Meghan explained that funding had been secured for the YDW post for another year.

A question was raised on the turbine income disposal information included in the report and so it was decided to obtain approval of the report with including this section.

Proposed: Peter Needham      Seconded: Nancy Scott

4. **Accountants Report**: Alan Long gave his report on the accounts. This was on overhead. The accounts were adopted.  
All agreed to appoint The Long Partnership as auditors for the next year.
5. **Turbine income disposal**: DS took control of this part of the AGM. There was a question and answer session.  
Suggestions were made to change the wording and phrasing of some areas.  
It was decided that more sub group meetings would be held to re-work the proposals and that another public meeting will be held to discuss further.  
Jonny McEwen suggested putting a comments and suggestion box in each of the shops. This was decided to be a good idea. JR
6. **AOCB**: DH pointed out that there was some uncertainty in some decisions that WDT make and suggested copies of minutes could be put in the shops. This was agreed.  
DS pointed out that communication between WDT and the public is somewhat lacking and it will be up to the new board to rectify this.

SR thanked WRE directors for all the hard work they have put in concerning the turbine he also thanked the project managers for the work they have done and are continuing to do in delivering the projects related to the Big Lottery funding.

SR thanked everyone for attending the meeting and it was closed at 10.30pm. Tea and coffee was then served.