

Board meeting of Westray Development Trust (WDT) held Saturday 21st December 2013 at 4pm in the community classroom

Present: Danny Harcus (DH), Peter Needham (PN), George Costie (GC), David Seatter (DS), Philip Bews (PB), Douglas Leslie (DL), Margaret Hutchison (MH), June Harcus (JH) and George Drever (GD)

Attending: Janice Rendall – minutes, Fiona Smith HR advisor

Operations Manager post

Interview with Lara Van De Peer

DH explained that Alan Long couldn't make it out for the interview today and won't have time to meet with Lara while she is in Orkney.

DH informed the group that it had been a good interview with Lara and that the interview panel were proposing to offer her the post. **The board unanimously agreed.**

DH also put forward the proposition that the starting salary be increased from £28k to £30k with a raise after 6 months to £32k. The reason for this was that it was felt Lara was the ideal person for the job and WDT wanted to encourage her to take up the post here. **The board unanimously accepted this proposition.**

Learning Centre coordinator:

There had been two applications for the post.

Corinne Curtis had past experience with the learning centre and she had submitted a costing for the post (as required). Therefore the recommendation was to offer her the post. **The Board unanimously agreed.**

AOCB:

Paths network coordination: DH had discussed this with Eric Dixon and Colin Thomson and they had agreed to take the project on.

Goose cull: it was alleged that at the last meeting of the Orkney Goose management group, it was stated that a team of shooters should be organised to come out to Westray and WDT would pay for their shot. This was not what was agreed at the WDT board meeting in October. Contact is to be made with Elizabeth Drever to clarify the situation.

Westray Processors turbine: DS reported that this wasn't off the agenda and that a project at the factory is being looked into.

The meeting was closed at 4.30pm.