

**Minutes of Westray Development Trust Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 19.20 in the Community Classroom**

**Present:** Peter White (PW) (chair), Anne Burgher (AB), Coilla Drake (CD), Louis Pottinger (LP), Gill McEwen (GM)

**ZOOM:** George Thomson (GT), Douglas Leslie (DL)

**Attending:** Gina Rendall (GR)

1. **Apologies :** Steven Drever (SD), Margaret Rendall (MR), David Seatter (DRS), David Stephenson (DS)

2. **Minutes of previous board meetings:**

One alteration 7: Wellbeing Report, item v. '178.9kg waste saved from landfill' should be changed to '178.9kg of food saved from landfill.'

Minutes of Board meetings on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Proposed – GT, Seconded – GM

3. **Matters Arising:**

None

4. **AFO Report:**

- i. **Financial Reports** The contents of the reports were noted. Margo Makin (MM) is working on the probable outcome.
- ii. **Micro Turbines** No inverter for the Hofn turbine yet. OVO have accepted the meter reading up to 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2024. With funds being promised to be transferred in eight weeks.
- iii. **VAT** The subgroup met with Andrew Scholes and MM has some questions to clarify and will compile a report for the next subgroup meeting.

5. **WRE Report**

- i. **FITs** – The final missing FITS payment from Scottish Power has been received, this means all payments are now up to date.
- ii. **Turbine** – Another issue with the turbine restarting after an SSEN shut down, Enercon sent out a team quickly to get us up and running again and generation has been good.
- iii. **WRE Meeting** – Clare Walker (CW) will be in Orkney for three weeks and the WRE board hope to meet then.

6. **Forward Planning Update**

Aquatera are to set up a meeting with SSEN and then discuss what, if anything, we need from them in order to meet SSEN's requirements. A meeting date has not been set.

EWT – There has been no reply from this company but DS continues to try and make contact.

ENERCON – Phillip Bews (PB) had an informal conversation with one of the Enercon engineers and there are conversations happening within the company looking at extending operations life.

## 7. Wellbeing Report

Erika has been on Holiday so no report until next month.

Funding: EP's funding bid to the Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund was a success. They have awarded us £5420 to run wellbeing classes and sessions in Westray.

## 8. Operations Report

### i. **Housing**

**Bayview** - There have been more viewings with no applications as yet.

**The next project** -The stage 2 funding for our next project can be transferred from the original property we looked at to another. A house including outbuildings and 5 acres of land was proposed to the board. The board agreed to look at the other property.

### ACTION: GR to progress stage 1 funding

### ii. **Community Spaces**

**New Community Space** - Unfortunately WDT's bid to buy the Community Hall was not successful.

**Westray Golf Club development plans of land adjacent to club** – Meeting set for the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May 2024.

### iii. **Westray Conference 2023/Community Plan**

Housing workshop took place on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March. Although not a huge number attending there was plenty discussion and points to take forward.

There has been a huge response to the Housing Needs Survey which was launched at the beginning of April. There are 40 full online responses and 54 online partial responses along with any hard copies being available as well. The will close next week and GR will publicise this.

The remaining four workshops will be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May. There is a good possibility that GR will be recovering from her operation. It was proposed and agreed that Eve White with support from Sarah Cowe will organise this. GR will prepare the presentations and directors may have to present.

### iv. **Hofn** - unfortunately an issue at the Hofn with non-Westray residents using the Hofn led to fire extinguishers being replaced. The young folk and parents were reminded of the Hofn rules and asked to contact the Youth Support Workers immediately if there were any further issues.

### ACTION: GR to update policies and circulate to service users and parents.

### v. **Land Register** - Mhairi Noble (MN) has progressed this and it is all now complete.

### vi. **Beach Clean and Recycling** – This has been a huge success thanks to John Berry organising and all the volunteers. MN has worked alongside the team promoting the cleans and helping with logistics.

### vii. **Accessible Westray** – Results to collate still as we have been on holiday.

### viii. **CLLD Funding** – Both payments have been made.

### ix. **Sculptures** – MN continues to work with the Trish Berry on this.

### x. **Community Land Scotland Talk** – GR presented information at the event It was an interesting experience and good to network.

**9. Sub Group Report:**

**Garden** – Progress has been made with the rubbish pile. The compost heap has been partially moved and LP will rotate. Willows were planted along the back fencing. Strawberries and raspberries have been ordered and should be with us soon. The Nursery pumpkins are growing and they are coming to visit next week. Some raised planters in the tunnels would be helpful for next year and GR will discuss with the Men's Shed about this becoming a winter project.

**10. Correspondence**

- i. **Membership application** – received from Chris Steindorff – Board approved.
- ii. **Community Energy Scotland – Rural Energy Hub Project – Expert Community of Practice for Community led transport and mobility.** – An invite to be part of this was received and the content noted


**ACTION – GR to contact CES to find out more and confirm the eligibility.**

**11. AOCB**

None

**12. Date of Next Meeting** to be decided via email

Meeting closed at 8.25pm

  
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