

Minutes of the Board meeting of Westray Development Trust (WDT) held on Monday 7th May 2012 at 7.30pm in the Westray Parish Kirk

Present: Alasdair McVicar (AM) Chair, Douglas Leslie (DL), Ann Rendall (AR), June Harcus (JH), David Seatter (DS), George Costie (GC)

Attending: Anne Cooper (AC) Westray Community Council, Corinne Curtis (CC) CDO, Janice Rendall (JR) Minutes

1 Welcome and Apologies: Apologies were received from Stewart Rendall, George Drever, John Drever, Keith Rendall, Phillip Bews and Margaret Hutchison (MH)

2 Previous minutes and matters arising:

The funding for the church projector should be passed over. Discussion was held on how this process would be handled and it was agreed that CC would write the response letters to applicant and get the WDT Chair to approve and sign. JR would then get a document stating that payment should be made, how much and to whom. This document would contain a reference number.

Danny Harcus didn't manage to get to see the sewerage system mentioned in the last minutes but this will hopefully happen in the near future.

The minutes were proposed by DL and seconded by JH

3 Project Evaluation Group (PEG):

Discussion was held on all applications to the PEG. The outcomes as follows:

13/April 2012 Cultural exchange visit: AM & JH declared an interest. The Board agreed with the PEGs recommendation.

12/April 2012 Queen's Jubilee Party: All agreed in principle to the PEG recommendation

10/Feb 2012 Kelly T: All agreed in principle to support as per PEGs recommendations.

4 CDO Report: The draft service level agreement regarding the learning centre was circulated. DS & CC will meet (along with MH if available) to discuss this and to contact Orkney College.

Transport for Kalisgarth was discussed following a meeting with OIC. CC & JH will take this forward.

CC passed a unit in the course she is studying with the highest award. AM congratulated her on this.

Feasibility study on shared equity housing: Sally Inkster from Orkney Housing Association Limited wants to come to Westray to meet with potential homeowners, the PEG and directors from WDT to discuss the possibilities for shared equity housing on Westray. The date of this meeting will be circulated to directors.

CC

5 WDT Office: Lawyers for WDT and Ms Eden are now exchanging correspondence. WDT lawyers asked if an inspection of the property was to be carried out and it was decided to ask Danny Harcus to do this; AM & JR would attend also. He would also be asked to provide a rough guide on costs of conversion.

6 Hofn: Plans etc had been received from Leslie Burgher. CC has succeeded in obtaining feasibility funding from CDF for the planning and building warrant etc. and once this is in place, she will apply for the next stage of CDF funding for the building works.

7 BioFuels and waste equipment: A response had been received from Energy Action Westray to AMs letter following the last board meeting and it gave a negative response so the decision was taken to offer the equipment to others who had expressed an interest.

Those who had expressed an interest in the electric car will be asked to submit bids for it.

The Rousay development trust is keen to look at the waste recycling equipment and so will be asked to submit a business plan.

The other interested party in all the equipment will also be asked to submit a business plan.

It should be noted that WDT have tried to pass the equipment to interested parties on Westray to no avail and the decision was made to go out with the island for disposal.

If no suitable alternative can be found for the BioFuels equipment, it will be sold for scrap value. JR will contact Roy Brown at Orkney Aggregates to arrange for a viewing to get a price. **JR**

CC will contact OIC to find out what should be done with the waste oil already on the island. **CC**

She will also contact the lawyers to seek advice on winding up Orkney BioFuels Ltd. **CC**

8 Westray Processors Ltd: The turbine will be up for planning this week and the public meeting will be held once the planning application has been passed. AM & DS are willing to continue on this project and all agreed.

Ann Rendall will become the WDT representative on the Westray Processors committee.

9 AGM: AM circulated information on Community Interest Company before the meeting. All agreed in principle to WDT setting up a CIC. It was agreed that AM and David Stephenson would continue to act as advisors and submit proposals back to the Board.

The COSY group will be asked to do teas and coffees at the AGM. Iain MacDonald should be contacted. **JR**

10 Golf Course: No update was given.

11 Office report:

The old printer should be sold and the interested party will be asked to make a reasonable offer. JR will check around for prices. **JR**

Adam Sharp will be asked to carry out PAT testing on the electrical equipment at the Hofn. **JR**

The June board meeting will be held on Monday 11th instead of Monday 4th due to public holidays.

12 AOCB: The Big Lottery is looking to carry out a visit to audit the funded projects. This will probably happen in July and JR will liaise with David Knight. **JR**

13 Date of Next meeting: Monday 11th June 2012 at 7.30pm in the upstairs room, Westray Parish Kirk.

With no further matters to discuss, AM closed the meeting at 9.45pm.