



Annual Report 2010-2011

Update on the main activities carried out from November 2011 to April 2012

As stated in the Chairman's report in the main Annual report, the financial year runs from 1 November to 31 October so we have included this update which is of direct and probably more immediate interest to members.

- Advertising for disposal of equipment associated with projects no longer active (electric car, biofuels, waste recycling).
 - The decision was made for Orkney Biofuels to cease trading.
 - Acquisition of an old bus with hoist to provide transport for Kalisgarth prior to a new bus being obtained. The trust however was unable to get an agreement from OIC on how this was to be used or their responsibility for future costs, so the project was discontinued after considerable work by the CDO.
 - Negotiations to purchase Industrial Unit 1 in Pierowall as a WDT office to allow relocation from the small Hewison room in Westray Parish Church.
 - Renovations to the Hofn Youth Centre now 12 years old, in co-operation with the youth users.
 - Co-operation with Westray Golf Club on improvements to the golf course, land owned by WDT
 - A household survey regarding possibility of investment of an 80Kw wind turbine to lease to Westray Processors indicated approximately 80% approval. Negotiations are now in progress with a turbine supplier, land owner for a site and with WP for financial arrangements (assisted by a legal team provided by HIE).
 - Evaluation of several proposals for funding from the wind turbine community fund and co-operation with the Project Evaluation Group (PEG) to update practices and criteria involved in the processing of and criteria used for all proposals.
 - Several WDT members have shown interest in involvement in the work of the Trust. To broaden the experience base in Board discussions and give these people the chance to find if involvement was for them we have taken the opportunity to co-opt them as new Directors. All of these wishing to continue will be subject to the agreed election procedures at the AGM.
- More details of the activities of WDT can be obtained from the minutes of Board.

Projects funded through Westray Community Turbine funds up to 31st October 2011

Westray Heritage Trust was awarded £700 towards publication costs of Skello Skeul book

Westray Development Trust was awarded £500 into the community bus budget to top up the original grant from the Ronald Slater Trust to get the bus to Westray. However this funding was not used and so was returned to the small grant fund.

Westray Parish Youth Group was awarded £5557 towards the trip to London

Hofn user group was awarded £350 towards TV and other equipment for the Hofn

Play park (request from Westray Playgroup) – costs of materials for school pupils to make two picnic tables (approx £400)

Daniel Harcus Construction was awarded £937 towards course fees for an electrician certification course.

Approval in principal for half the fees (up to £225) for anyone needing to do the **mandatory sea goers courses** i.e. sea survival, fire fighting etc.

Senior Citizens Dinner – approved underwriting of expenses (if donations don't cover, and after any contribution from Community Council)

Projects funded through Westray Community Turbine funds from 1st November 2011 up to 30th April 2012

Westray & Papa Westray Tourist Association was granted £2800 for website development and advertising

Westray Heritage Trust was awarded £500 for Westray Walkabout book

Westray Heritage Trust was awarded £7612 matching funding from LEADER and in-kind contributions towards the digitisation project.

Tuesday Night Singing Group was awarded £221.50 for production of CD for sale to raise funds for CLAN

Westray Development Trust donated £1375 to **Westray Junior High School** in relation to the production of 'Oliver'

Westray Development Trust was awarded £200 towards the costs of a replacement zip line for the play park (matching £800 already obtained)

Papa Westray School (on behalf of Westray Pupil) was awarded £175 towards the costs of a school trip to Lagganlia.