

## Minutes of Westray Development Trust Board Meeting

Wednesday 22nd May 2019 in the Community Classroom at 19:30

**Present:** Helen Bain (HB), Anne Burgher (AB), Philip Bews (PB), Douglas Leslie (DL), Gill McEwen (GM), Louis Pottinger (LP), Andrew Seatter (AS) (Chair), William Turnbull (WT).

**Attending:** Clare Lucas (CL), Margo Makin (MM), Isobel Thompson (IT).

**1. Apologies:** Julian Barnett (JB), Alan Flint (AF).

### **Request for Financial Assistance**

WDT had received a request for financial assistance and after much discussion, including the consideration of advice from two independent advisors, the Board Agreed that it would be unable to provide help at this juncture.

**ACTION: Relevant party to be informed of the Board's decision.**

### **Bayview**

The Board agreed to a proposed entry date for Bayview of 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019.

There was an issue with a small area of land on the land title to Bayview which the council have occupied but do not actually own and would not be included in the sale unless WDT requested the title to this small portion of land through an application to the Registers of Scotland. On advice from Burness Paull the Board Agreed to simply exclude the area which would mean WDT would have no legal right to use this area. DL suggested exploring the possibility of lodging a claim to the land with the relevant body, which, if not countered within 10 years, the claim would be awarded and the land would revert to WDT ownership.

The Board Agreed to transfer the funds for the purchase of Bayview to Burness Paull and to the revised solicitor's fees associated with the purchase.

**ACTION: IT to inform Burness Paull of the Board's decision.**

**ACTION: MM to transfer funds to Burness Paull.**

### **Sailing Club Shed**

Shane Scott had had an informal meeting with OIC planning where several detailed concerns were raised concerning the planning application to erect the Sailing Club Shed at the back of Bayview. The Board Agreed that the best course of action would be to suggest that the Sailing Club discuss these concerns between themselves and make an informed decision as to how they would like to proceed.

**ACTION: LP to meet with the Sailing Club members.**

**AOCB**

**Succession Planning** – The Board Agreed to host a day long succession planning workshop on Westray at a cost of £750. The Board also asked that CL contact some of the other Westray based organisations to see if they would like to elect a representative to attend.

**ACTION: CL to contact Chessa at HIE and relevant Westray organisations.**

CL and MM and IT left the meeting at 20:30.

**2. WDT Board Only**

The meeting closed at 20:45.

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