

WDT Board Meeting via ZOOM on Tuesday 31st March 2020 at 19:00

Present: HB, AB, DL, GM, LP, AS (Chair).

Attending: JB, CL, JK, MM, IT.

The following meeting was held using a video conferencing online application during the 2020 Covid-19 crisis which saw strict restrictions put in place nationwide which meant WDT office staff were required to work from home and face to face Board meetings were unable to take place. The following is a record of the decisions made by the Board.

Fuel or Food Vouchers

The Board voted unanimously to do an early relaunch of the 2020 Westray Fuel Grant and against trying to issue food vouchers.

It was agreed that the food vouchers would mean a great deal of extra work for the shops when they are already under immense pressure. It would also be difficult to police and to ensure the scheme was fair. The Board Agreed to contact the Westray arm of the Foodbank to offer assistance if required.

The Board Agreed to increase the 2020 Fuel Grant from £150 to £200 and set the deadline for applications as the 30th April 2020.

Community Garden

The Board Agreed that, within the current working restrictions, if it is possible the gardeners could sow surplus vegetable seedlings which could be sold to the community to encourage grow your own at home.

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CL was unable to get a quorum to score CG06-2019, therefore this application will be assessed by the Board during the next Board meeting.

WRE

SSE did not transfer the outstanding FITS payments before the deadline for submitting WRE's gift aid payment to WDT. WRE are £30K short of being able to make the full gift aid payment, this could mean that WRE will be liable for corporation tax.

Next Board Meeting

The next official Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th April. This will also be conducted through ZOOM due to Covid-19 restrictions.

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