

Island of Hoy Development Trust Meeting Minutes

OPEN
MEETING

DATE 12/04/2023 TIME 7:30PM

REVENGE, NAVAL HALL &
REMOTELY VIA ZOOM

Meeting Called By	Debs Jaques
Minute Secretary	Nicola Budge
Type of Meeting	Open Board
List of Board Members	Debs Jaques, Moira Cossar, Andy Dobrzynski, Kieran Sinclair (Zoom), Max Collop, Scott Johnston, Lindsay Hall (from 8.000pm)
NON BOARD	Liz Davidson, Nici Budge (Zoom), Brian Clegg
APOLOGIES	Denize Lace, Kim Dobrzynski, Alexander Sinclair

Topics

1	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING	DEBS
	<p>The Open Board meeting minutes from 1st March 2023 were circulated to the board prior to the meeting, these were proposed as correct by Moira Cossar, seconded by Andy Dobrzynski and signed by the Chair.</p> <p>The Closed Board meeting minutes from 1st March 2023 were circulated to the board prior to the meeting, these were proposed as correct by Moira Cossar, seconded by Andy Dobrzynski and signed by the Chair.</p> <p>The Closed Board and staff meeting minutes from 22nd March 2023 were circulated to the board prior to the meeting, these were proposed as correct by Moira Cossar, seconded by Andy Dobrzynski and signed by the Chair.</p>	

2	MATTERS ARISING	ALL
Summary of Discussion	There were no matters arising.	

3	YM	MOIRA
Summary of Discussion	<p>The two new windows have been fitted at the YM. Hire fees need to be discussed after the closed board meeting if still within IoHDT remit.</p> <p>Debs added that the Lease had been sent to YM Empower but nothing had been heard back yet.</p> <p>There were no questions from the board.</p>	
Conclusions	YM Empower to come back to the Trust about the Lease	
Action Items		

4	FINANCE	LIZ
Summary of Discussion	Liz reminded the board about the budgets set in January which showed that there are sufficient funds to retain operations until the end of September awaiting the next release of funds from HEL and recommended caution towards any additional spending. There was nothing further to report and no questions from the board.	
Conclusions	Board to be aware of budgets before committing to further expenditure.	

5	HEALTH & WELLBEING	MOIRA
Summary of Discussion	<p>Moira summarized Denizes report, the groups are running well and attended regularly. 18 households are now receiving goods from the community larder. Denize brought to the boards attention her Facebook post about a donation she received towards the larder whilst in Tesco. This was well received by the board.</p> <p>Liz asked Debs if she had received the signed MOU from VAO, Debs will check and let Liz know.</p> <p>Debs has a steering Group meeting with VAO, Chairs of other trusts, Chessa etc. for the H&W project. It was noted that Westray and Eday have now joined the project but will only benefit from advice rather than funding. There were no questions from the board.</p>	
Conclusions	Community Larder up and running and supporting 18 households so far.	
Action Items	Debs to let Liz know about signed MOU from VAO	

6	CDO	KIM
Summary of Discussion	<p>Debs read out Kims report. The CAP has been agreed and taken out of draft. Hard copies to be distributed to public places, but the document will be emailed wherever possible.</p> <p>The Community Garden is now a SCIO in its own right – next steps are to engage with the community over designs and look for funding for a Polycrub. The Playpark meeting had a good attendance from interested parties, a community group was set up and a SCIO outline created. Their next meeting is on 20th April.</p> <p>Orkney ferries have confirmed ticket prices are frozen until September with a 50-ticket book for young people priced at £56.25. Other trusts operate similar schemes like our T&L fund. Max asked what age children are able to travel for free to currently – this is 5. To be discussed further at another meeting.</p> <p>It had been requested that Kim ask the trust to consider funding a 2 day a week ranger position to cover the shortfall in the new Hoy Ranger hours. It was questioned whether it is within the Trusts remit to step in, insurance considerations, time management and lack of a trust project to require this role were all discussed. Any job created would have to be advertised which would not guarantee the requested outcome. It was unanimously agreed that this is a very unfortunate circumstance, however the request meets none of the Trusts Aims or Benefits. There is a meeting on 13th April to discuss an action plan. There were no questions from the board.</p>	
Conclusions	CAP to be printed and hard copies distributed.	

	Community Garden now a SCIO in its own right. Playpark now has a Group and will work towards becoming a SCIO. Ferry Ticket Proposal to be discussed further. RSPB warden job shortfall is not within the remit of the Trust.
Action Items	Kim to distribute CAP

7	BUSES	DEBS
Summary of Discussion	<p>Debs reported that the electric minibus has arrived and that the next step is to work out the charging procedure – Brian to assist. EST has closed its funds for a charging point, so other funding avenues are to be investigated. It was noted that where EST required certain certifications and memberships, other funders like Motability may be less strict, Debs had contacted Barnies again. Investigations to be made into charging time on 7kW charger and range – it was noted that driving style has a big impact on range. Lindsay had recently attended a seminar about Dial a Bus receiving a lump sum from the council, he had raised the question about island bus services – which the attendees claimed they did not know existed. Debs mentioned that OIC want us to run a Hoy service and discussed the investigations which had been going on around timings and cost of this. OIC are due to confirm this years CTGS at their meeting on 3rd May. It was noted that the blue bus is out of action once again at Taits and has been there for a long time – Nici to chase. There were no questions from the board.</p>	
Conclusions	Electric minibus on island and investigations to begin into charging and range. CTGS to be announce shortly. Issues sourcing a new charger are ongoing.	
Action Items	Nici to follow up on status of the blue bus Debs and Brian to sort out the charging procedure for electric minibus	

8	TURBINE	BRIAN
Summary of Discussion	<p>Brian had circulated his monthly report around the board prior to the meeting. It was noted that March was a low wind month. HEL have a board meeting Tuesday 18th April. There was nothing further to add and there were no questions from the board.</p>	

9	LEGACY PROJECT	BRIAN
Summary of Discussion	<p>Brian reported that most of the equipment for the first 20 installs has arrived. The workshop is sorted with training and building underway. HEM was knocked back by the Lottery, despite arguments in person from a trustee it is not deemed a community project. 5 prior applications to innovation funders had also been refused, Energy companies do not want to back projects which reduce their profits. Debs suggested some of the cost of living grants may be viable, Liz mentioned that the banks often have funding for charitable projects – Max advised that this is normally channeled out to agencies, Eamon deals with these in his line of work so Brian is to speak to him shortly. The selection process has not begun as the £50k funding for installs needs to be in place before it begins to avoid negative press/false hope, however the</p>	

preparation works are moving forward as is the developmental works on technical solutions for French Road and St Colms so nothing is being held up. There were no questions from the board.

10 CORRESPONDENCE ALL

Summary of Discussion There was no correspondence.

11 AOB ALL

Summary of Discussion Debs reminded the board of the upcoming AGM on 10th May 2023 at 7.30pm being held at the North Walls Centre. Lindsay asked how it is advertised, Liz explained the process and legalities to the board. It was noted that four directors are due to step down by rotation, Liz will circulate the required information. Lindsay raised the issue of open meetings, he pointed out that if members of the public wanted to attend, the trust meeting room is too small. As discussed at a previous meeting, Debs confirmed that this is the last open meeting to be held at the office, though it was noted that members of the public do not join the meetings often it was advertised so that they could join via Zoom. Brian and Kieran to investigate the video conferencing equipment available at the YM. Lindsay asked why the AGM is to be held at North Walls Centre, this was due to the Indoor bowling Club having a booking at the YM, however Moira confirmed this has now ended and will restart in October.

Conclusions The AGM is to be held on 10th May 2023 at the North Walls Centre. Open Meetings will no longer be held in the Trust Office. Video Conferencing Equipment to be investigated.

Action Items Liz to circulate AGM step down by rotation information to the board. Brian and Kieran to investigate video conferencing equipment available at the YM.

The meeting closed at: 20:30
Date of next meeting: 10.05.2023 - AGM
Written by: Nicola Budge
Minute Secretary

Proposed for adoption by: MOIRA COSSAR Seconded by: ANDY DOBRZYNSKI

Signed (Chair) S. D. Jacques